

# C Line and Coordinated Improvements

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The C Line is a new kind of bus service for North Minneapolis and Brooklyn Center that delivers a faster trip and an improved transit experience. The C Line will connect the Brooklyn Center Transit Center to downtown Minneapolis, serving the major streets of Brooklyn Boulevard, Penn Avenue, Olson Memorial Highway (until 2021) and Glenwood Avenue (after 2021). More than 7,000 people use Route 19 each weekday. Ridership is expected to grow to 9,000 daily rides by 2030 with the C Line.

The C Line will run on Olson Memorial Highway when it opens in 2019. However, light rail transit is also planned on Olson Memorial Highway and is scheduled to open in 2021. Following a study process that began in response to stakeholder input, Metro Transit recommends that C Line move to Glenwood Avenue from Olson Memorial Highway when the light rail opens.

The C Line will provide an enhanced ride by shortening travel times, improving the wait at stations, and streamlining on- and off-boarding of the bus. Other projects are also planned to improve the streets the C Line will serve. Design for C Line stations and coordinated street improvements on Penn Avenue is underway in fall 2016.



## The New C Line Rapid Bus

### Faster transit is coming to the Penn Avenue corridor.

Rapid bus service is a package of transit enhancements that adds up to a **faster trip** and an **improved experience** where Route 19 runs today. The C Line will be the primary service in the corridor, with increased service on nights and weekends. C Line buses will run every 10 minutes throughout the day, making stops at enhanced stations every half mile. Local bus Route 19 will continue to run at a reduced frequency to serve local trips and off-corridor branches.

#### **Transit Enhancements**



Frequent service



**Station** amenities



Pre-board fare payment



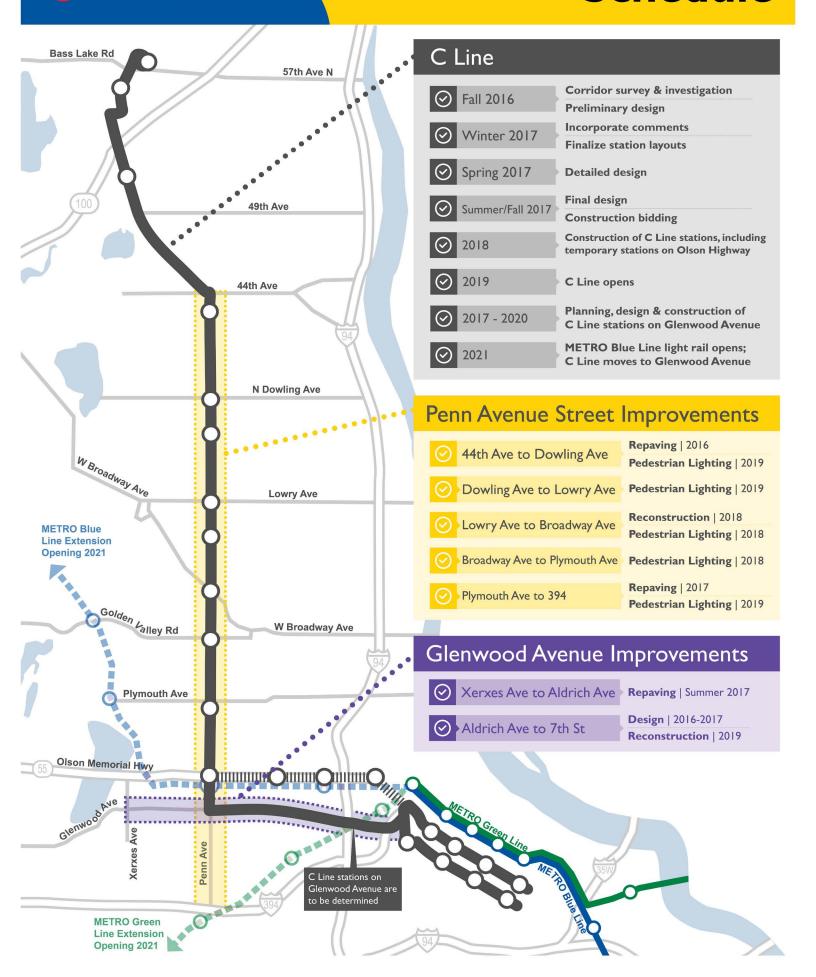
Signal priority



**Curb** extensions



# **Schedule**



## **Penn Avenue Community Works**

The Penn Avenue Community Works project was created to stimulate economic development, enhance beautification and livabilit, and promote job creation along the Penn Avenue corridor in North Minneapolis. As the major roadway along the C Line Route, many improvements are planned for Penn Avenue starting in 2016. These include:

- Penn Avenue reconstruction between Lowry and West Broadway
- C Line station intersection reconstruction (north of Olson Memorial Highway)
- Installation of enhanced pedestrian crossing signals at select intersections between West Broadway and Olson Memorial Highway
- Pedestrian lighting improvements
- Planned bike boulevards along parallel streets
- Repaving between the Minneapolis Boundary and Dowling Avenue and between Plymouth Avenue and I-394

More information about the Penn Avenue Community Works project can be found at: www.hennepin.us/penn













## **Penn Avenue Street Improvements**

The Penn Avenue Street Improvements are a large portion of the Penn Avenue Community Works project described above. Between 2016 and 2019, improvements such as enhanced pedestrian crossing signals, upgraded lighting, and updated pedestrian ramps (ADA-compliant) will be built in coordination with the C Line project.

Intersections will be fully reconstructed at the following locations on Penn Avenue:

- 43rd Avenue
- Dowling Avenue
- 36th Avenue
- Lowry Avenue
- 29th Avenue
- West Broadway Avenue
- Golden Valley Road
- Plymouth Avenue

## **Glenwood Avenue Improvements**

Hennepin County, in partnership with the City of Minneapolis and the Metropolitan Council, is planning improvements to Glenwood Avenue in coordination with the METRO Green Line Extension (Southwest LRT) project.

#### **Xerxes Avenue to Aldrich Avenue:**

- road repaying
- restriping to include bicycle lanes on both sides
- construction during Summer 2017

#### **Aldrich Avenue to Seventh Street:**

- full reconstruction between Aldrich to I-394
- Repaying from I-394 Bridge to 7th St
- pedestrian connectivity improvements
- · construction in 2019 (with light rail)

# Light Rail Projects: METRO Green Line Extension and METRO Blue Line Extension

Two light rail projects are in development near the C Line. Stations will be located for customers to make easy connections between the C Line and light rail.

The METRO Green Line Extension (Southwest LRT) will operate from downtown Minneapolis through the communities of St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka, and Eden Prairie. Heavy construction is scheduled to take place between 2017 and 2019. The line will begin passenger service as an extension of the METRO Green Line in 2021.

The METRO Blue Line Extension (Bottineau LRT) will operate northwest from downtown Minneapolis through north Minneapolis, Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, Crystal and Brooklyn Park. Heavy construction is set to occur from 2018 to 2020. Under this plan, passenger service would begin in 2021.

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