

# 2023 Construction Overview

June 2023



Gold Line

## About the Gold Line project

METRO Gold Line is a planned 10-mile bus rapid transit (BRT) line between St. Paul and Woodbury with bus-only lanes being constructed generally north of and near Interstate 94. Gold Line will provide frequent, all-day service in both directions through 16 stations with enhanced features and four Park & Rides, connecting new upgraded trails and sidewalks.

## 2023 Construction

Crews began construction activities for the METRO Gold Line bus rapid transit (BRT) in fall 2022 and will continue working through 2024. Gold Line service is anticipated to begin in 2025.

Property and business access will always be available. Alternate access points and detours may be used.

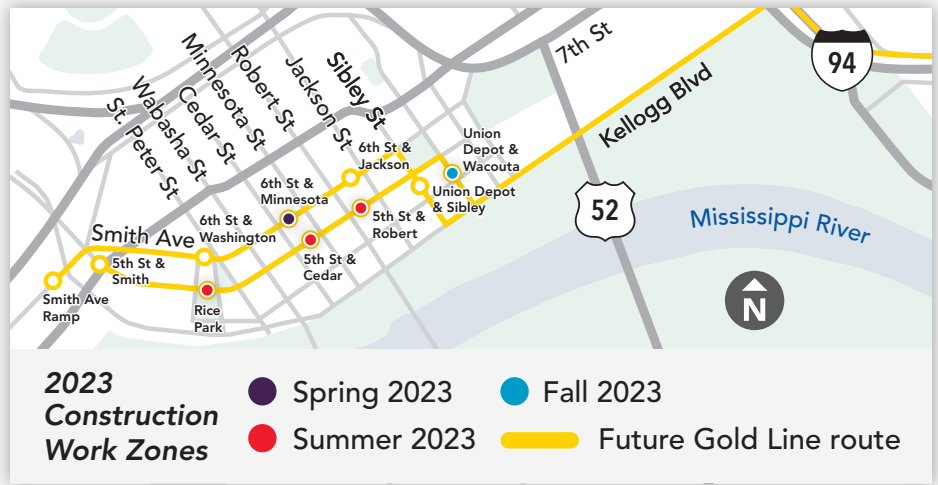


## Overview of Gold Line BRT construction phases

- 1 Site preparation**  
*Fall 2022-Ongoing*  
Remove trees, debris, buildings, and prepare site for construction.
- 2 Utility relocation**  
*Fall 2022-Ongoing*  
Relocate and install new public (water, sewer, etc.) and private (electric, gas, communications) utilities.
- 3 Infrastructure improvements**  
*Fall 2022-Fall 2024*  
Construct bridges, sidewalks, walls, and road along the route including new dedicated BRT lanes.
- 4 Station construction**  
*Spring 2023-Fall 2024*  
Construct station platforms, shelters, and Park & Ride areas.
- 5 Station area and final site cleanup**  
*Summer 2024-Fall 2024*  
Install station communication equipment, landscaping, amenities, and final site cleanup.
- 6 Operations testing**  
*Fall 2024-Early 2025*  
Test buses and station equipment.
- 7 Gold Line opens**  
*2025*  
Begin passenger service.

# Downtown St. Paul Construction

- Construction of downtown stations
- Construction of platforms: Rice Park, 6th St. & Minnesota, 5th St. & Cedar, 5th St. & Robert, Union Depot & Wacouta
- Lane and sidewalk closures around station areas
- Utility work near station areas



# St. Paul Construction

## St. Paul: Kellogg Boulevard to Etna Street/Highway 61

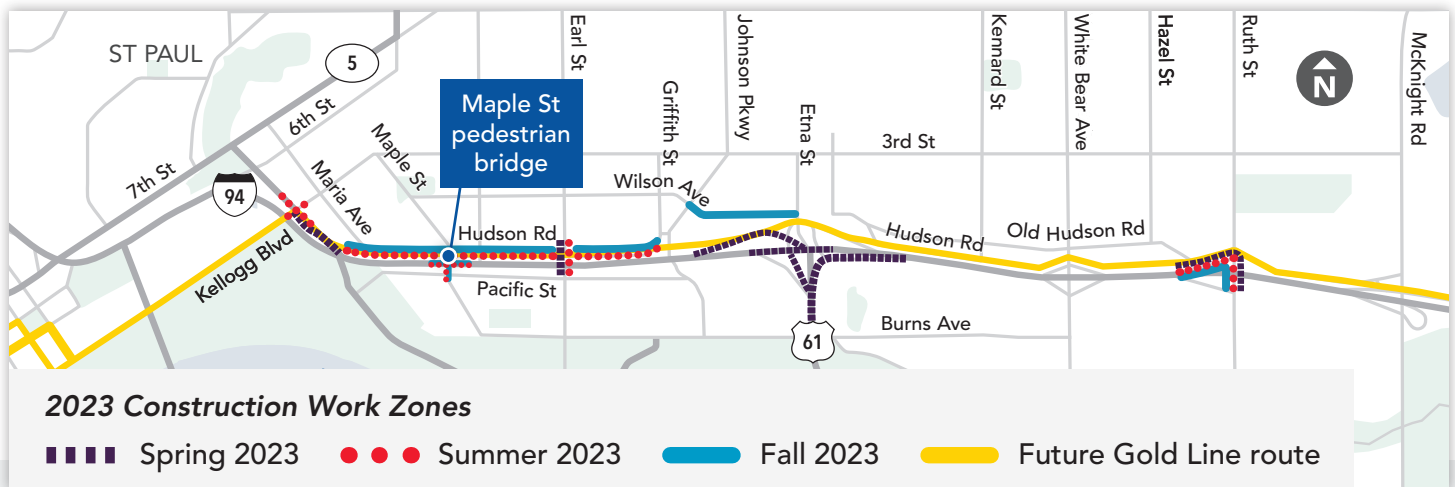
- Earl Street closed over I-94: spring-summer 2023
- Wilson Avenue lane closure between Johnson Parkway and Etna Street: fall 2023
- Hudson Road closed between Maria Avenue and Johnson Parkway: early summer-fall 2023
- Maple Street pedestrian bridge over I-94 closed: summer-fall 2023
- I-94: weekend closures in early summer 2023 and overnight closures in early fall 2023, and ongoing shoulder and off-peak lane closures during Maple Street pedestrian bridge reconstruction

## St. Paul: Etna Street/Highway 61 to White Bear Avenue

- I-94/Highway 61 interchange: ramp, lane, and shoulder closures: spring 2023
- Highway 61: northbound Highway 61 down to a single lane for one month: summer 2023

## St. Paul: Ruth Street

- Ruth Street closed over I-94: spring-fall 2023
- Ramp closed from Ruth Street to westbound I-94: spring-fall 2023



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- Si necesita esta información en un formato o idioma alternativo, póngase en contacto con:
- Yog koj xav tau cov lus no txhais uas lus hmoob lossis xav tau ib tus neeg pab txhais cov lus no rau koj, tiv tauj:
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# Maplewood, Oakdale, and Woodbury Construction

## Maplewood: McKnight Road to Century Avenue

- Hudson Road closed west of Century Avenue: spring-early summer 2023
- Century Avenue lane closures and week-long road closure: summer 2023

## Oakdale: Hadley Avenue, 4th Street and Helmo Avenue

- 4th Street bridge reconstruction rescheduled for 2024
- Lane closures on 4th street between Hadley Avenue and Helmo Avenue due to utility work: spring-summer 2023
- Helmo Avenue closed between 4th Street and Hudson Boulevard: spring-early summer 2023

## Woodbury: I-94, Bielenberg Drive and Guider Drive

- Overnight closures, and periodic lane and shoulder closures on I-94 near Bielenberg Drive/Helmo Avenue for construction of new Bielenberg Drive bridge over I-94: ongoing
- Road and lane closures on Bielenberg Drive between Hudson Road and Guider Drive: spring-fall 2023
- Guider Drive closure between Bielenberg Drive and Woodlane Drive: summer-fall 2023



# Gold Line Construction Schedule

| Work areas   | 2022 | 2023                    | 2024                    |
|--|------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Downtown platforms: Rice Park, Cedar, Minnesota, Robert, and Wacouta |      | Construction Activities |                         |
| Downtown platforms: Smith, Washington, Jackson, and Sibley           |      |                         | Construction Activities |
| Kellogg Blvd. to Hwy. 61   |      | Construction Activities |                         |
| Johnson Pkwy   |      |                         | Construction Activities |
| Hwy. 61 to White Bear Ave.   |      | Construction Activities |                         |
| White Bear Ave.  |      |                         | Construction Activities |
| White Bear Ave. to McKnight Rd.                                      |      | Construction Activities |                         |
| McKnight Rd.   |      |                         | Construction Activities |
| Ruth St.   |      | Construction Activities |                         |
| Oakdale: Century Ave./Hwy. 120 to Hadley Ave.                        |      |                         | Construction Activities |
| Oakdale: Hadley Ave. to Hudson Blvd. and Helmo Ave.                  |      | Construction Activities |                         |
| Woodbury: Bielenberg Dr. from I-94 to Guider Dr.                     |      | Construction Activities |                         |

\*Schedule tentative and subject to change. Site prep work in all areas may occur prior to construction activities.

# What to expect during construction

Metro Transit is committed to minimizing the inconveniences associated with construction and providing notification of upcoming work and impacts. Here's how you can stay updated:

- Learn about upcoming work and construction impacts. Visit the Gold Line website to sign up for email updates and view an interactive map: [metrotransit.org/gold-line-construction](https://metrotransit.org/gold-line-construction)
- Email or call project staff for questions and concerns: [goldline@metrotransit.org](mailto:goldline@metrotransit.org) or **651-602-1919**
- Project staff, as needed, will provide advance notification of impacts through mailings, emails, and flyers.

## Construction work hours

- Typical working hours for construction crews are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday
- Some Sunday and overnight work may occur

## Road closures, lane restrictions and detours

- Advance signage of road closures placed prior to a closure
- Detour routes identified, and detour signs installed during any closure
- Advance notice of road closures provided to nearby property owners
- Access to properties always available; alternate access points and detours may be used

## Sidewalk and trail closures and detours

- People who walk, bike, and roll provided a detour route during any sidewalk and trail closure
- Advance notice of sidewalk closures provided to nearby property owners
- Access to properties always available; alternate access points and detours may be used

## Bus service

- Existing bus routes may be detoured, and stops may be closed and/or relocated
- Check [metrotransit.org](https://metrotransit.org) for updates and sign up to receive rider alerts for bus routes

## Deliveries

- Access to properties for deliveries always available and visible; alternate access points and detours may be used

## Construction vehicle traffic

- Expect construction vehicles and trucks hauling materials in and out of the area
- Haul routes coordinated with cities and counties to minimize impacts to residents, businesses and drivers

## Noise and vibrations

- Noise and vibration levels may be higher than typical non-construction times
- On-site monitoring of noise and vibrations is occurring to ensure that they do not exceed acceptable levels

## Dust

- Construction activities can create dust
- Sweeping and water trucks used to minimize dust and dirt blowing from the work areas

## Site appearance

- Construction sites kept clean through regular waste removal and street sweeping

## Site safety and security

- Construction sites involve the movement of heavy equipment and activities
- Sites are secured; do not enter construction sites

## Property damage

- The contractor is committed to avoiding damage to surrounding properties. If you think damage to your property has occurred due to construction activities, call the project hotline as soon as possible

## Stay informed:



**Website:**  
[metrotransit.org/  
gold-line-construction](https://metrotransit.org/gold-line-construction)



**View an interactive map:**  
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Contact project staff with questions, comments, or concerns:



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