

What is the METRO Gold Line?

Fast, frequent service in bus-only lanes

The METRO Gold Line will be Minnesota's first Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line that operates primarily within bus-only lanes. BRT is a new enhanced service that will allow you to have a faster trip and an improved experience on Metro Transit's bus routes.

A bus service that offers unique features



Limited stops, more frequent service

Service so frequent you won't need a schedule because the next bus is coming in just a few minutes, along with fewer stops than local routes so you will get there faster



Faster ride

Train-like features: pay before you board so the bus leaves the station faster, easy and accessible boarding so you can easily step or roll on and off, bus-only lanes for more consistent travel experience



More green light time

To reduce delays, buses can "ask" traffic signals for early or extended green lights



Stations with improved features

Shelters with comfortable, secure waiting space and a variety of amenities: real-time departure information on high-tech signs, maps and signage, heat, lighting, bike racks, enhanced security with cameras and emergency telephones

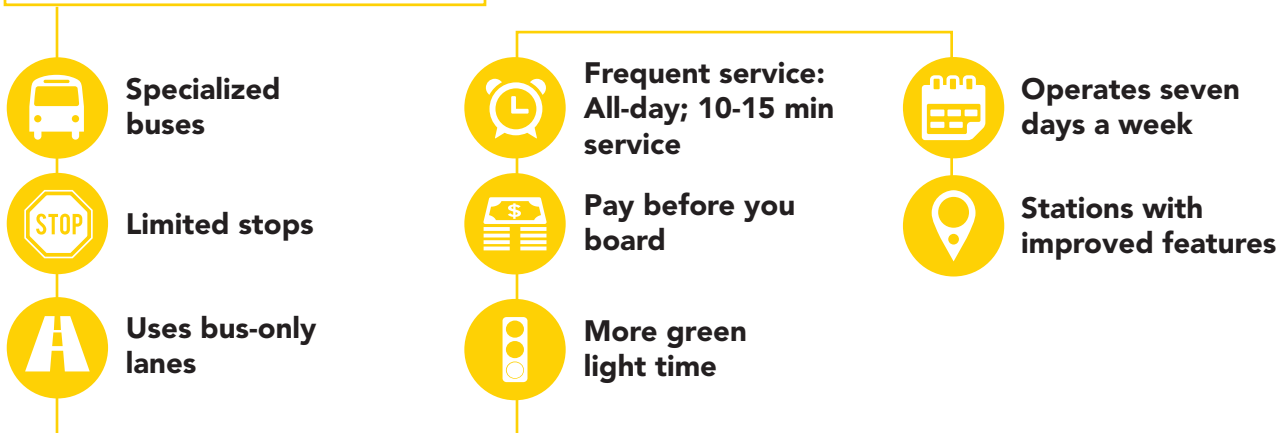


Specialized buses

Unique, recognizable buses with wider aisles and additional doors so more people can get on and off easily, folding seats making room for strollers, wheelchairs and people with loads of packages



BRT: Exclusive Bus-Only Lanes



The planned route is between Saint Paul and Woodbury, generally near Interstate 94, with bus-only lanes being constructed north of the freeway. The METRO Gold Line BRT will create new transit connections between people, jobs and destinations in the east metro.

- Five in Saint Paul neighborhoods
- Ten in downtown Saint Paul
- One in Maplewood
- Two in Oakdale
- Three in Woodbury

The map illustrates the METRO Gold Line and Green Line in Saint Paul, Minnesota. The Gold Line (yellow) is a Bus Rapid Transit line that runs from Union Depot in the center to Woodbury Theatre in the south, with a branch to Woodbury Park & Ride. The Green Line (green) is a Light Rail line that runs from Union Depot to the north. A detailed inset map shows the downtown Saint Paul area, highlighting the intersection of the lines near Union Depot. The legend identifies the Gold Line, Green Line, and Transfer Station.

Map Labels:

- Green Line (Light Rail):** Union Depot, Mounds Blvd, Earl St, Etna St, Hazel St, Sun Ray, Maplewood, Greenway Ave, 4th St, Helmo Ave, Tamarack, Tamarack Rd, Woodbury Theatre, Valley Creek Rd, Bielenberg Dr, Woodbury Park & Ride.
- Gold Line (Bus Rapid Transit):** Union Depot, Mounds Blvd, Earl St, Etna St, Hazel St, Sun Ray, Maplewood, Greenway Ave, 4th St, Helmo Ave, Tamarack, Tamarack Rd, Woodbury Theatre, Valley Creek Rd, Bielenberg Dr, Woodbury Park & Ride.
- Transfer Station:** Union Depot.
- Geographic Features:** ST. PAUL, MAPLEWOOD, OAKDALE, WOODBURY, MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Johnson Pkwy, White Bear Ave, Ruth St, McKnight Rd, Century Ave, Hadley Ave, Helmo Ave, Valley Creek Rd, Bielenberg Dr.
- Highways:** 94, 35E, 61, 52, 494.

Downtown Saint Paul detail:

- Green Line (Light Rail):** Union Depot, Robert St, Minnesota St, Rice Park/Hamm Plaza, Smith Ave, 7th St, Washington, Markets, St. Peter, Cedar, Minnesota, Robert, Jackson, Sibley, Wacouta, Kellogg.
- Gold Line (Bus Rapid Transit):** Union Depot, Robert St, Minnesota St, Rice Park/Hamm Plaza, Smith Ave, 7th St, Washington, Markets, St. Peter, Cedar, Minnesota, Robert, Jackson, Sibley, Wacouta, Kellogg.
- Transfer Station:** Union Depot.

Legend:

- METRO Gold Line (Bus Rapid Transit):** Yellow line with yellow circle markers.
- METRO Green Line (Light Rail):** Green line with green circle markers.
- Transfer Station:** Black circle with a white dot.

The prospect of the Gold Line is also attracting private investment for new housing, retail and office space near the line. Each of the cities being served by the Gold Line is developing their own plans for land use around stations.

Gold Line service is expected to begin in 2024.

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