What is the METRO Purple Line?

A new bus rapid transit (BRT) service
- Frequent, all-day service in both directions, seven days a week
- Buses will travel mainly within bus-only lanes
- Complements existing express and local service and connects major destinations

A new transit line connecting northeast metro communities and St. Paul
- The planned 15-mile route is between Union Depot in downtown St. Paul and White Bear Lake. (As of April 2022, the Metropolitan Council was considering a White Bear Lake City Council resolution asking that the METRO Purple Line not be built to their city.)
- 21 stations will serve the communities of downtown St. Paul, St. Paul East Side neighborhoods, Maplewood, Vadnais Heights, Gem Lake, White Bear Township, and White Bear Lake

Coming soon!
Purple Line construction is expected to begin in 2024, with service in 2026
New bus line, new features!

• Pay before you board so the bus leaves the station faster
• Raised platforms help you step or roll on and off easily
• Enhanced stations with shelters that provide comfortable waiting space and a variety of amenities: NexTrip real-time departure signs, maps, heat, lighting, bike racks, and added security with cameras and emergency telephones.
• Planners are working to bring quiet, electric buses to the Purple Line
• New sidewalks and trails to improve safety and access along the corridor, including reconstructing the Bruce Vento Regional Trail with smoother pavement and safer crossings

Key destinations include:

• Union Depot, Lowertown, and the St. Paul central business district
• More than 50 medical clinics and hospitals: Regions Hospital and Gillette Children’s Specialty Healthcare in St. Paul
• M Health Fairview St. John’s Hospital in Maplewood
• Payne-Phalen, Hmong Village, and Phalen Regional Park
• Maplewood Mall/North End District
• TCO Sports Garden
• Downtown White Bear Lake (As of April 2022, the Metropolitan Council was considering a White Bear Lake City Council resolution asking that the METRO Purple Line not be built to their city.)

These destinations include many businesses that employ essential workers who must be on site daily.

Access to opportunity on the growing METRO network

• More than a bus to downtown, the Purple Line will connect the northeast metro to the regional METRO network, including the METRO Green, Gold, and B lines
• When complete, the METRO network will connect more than 500,000 people to a 30-minute transit commute to/from work

More information on the METRO network: metrotransit.org/metro.

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