



METRO Gold Line Corridor Management Committee

November 6, 2024

Opening Remarks

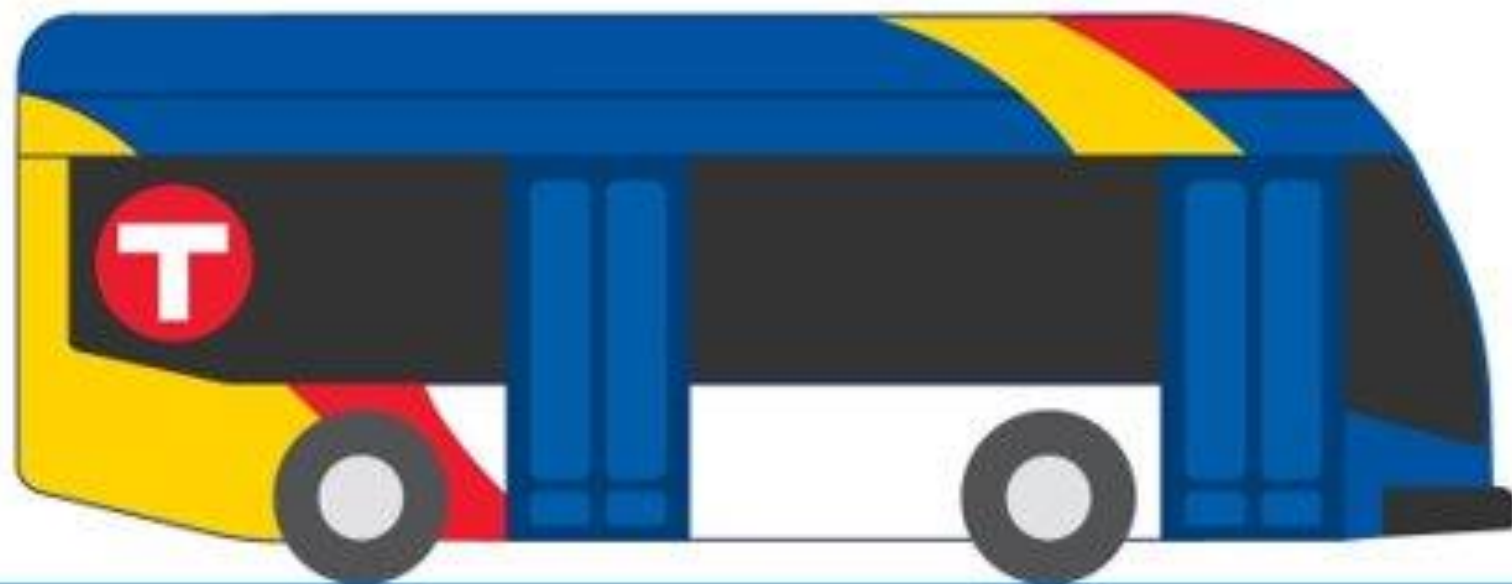
Today's Agenda and Discussion Topics

- Welcome and Introductions – Chair Zelle
- Construction Highlights and Update – Steve Barrett
- Metro Transit's Safety & Security Action Plan – Lesley Kandaras and Interim Police Chief Dotseth
- Prepare for Operations – Brian Funk
- Opening Day Planning – Liz Jones
- Gold Line Extension – Alicia Vap
- Next Meeting
- Adjourn



Welcome and Introductions

Gold Line BRT announcement!



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Construction Highlights & Update

Steve Barrett | Gold Line Construction Manager

Construction Updates – Civil Contract

- Scope of the Civil Contract
 - BRT guideway, bridges, roadways, sidewalks, utilities, stormwater
 - Station, traffic signals, fiber for stations, electrical
- Remaining 2024 work:
 - MnDOT I-94 Coordinated work in Oakdale
 - Systems Integration, station completion, landscaping, lighting, signals and TSP
- 2025 work:
 - Remaining landscape installation
 - Complete final spaces of Helmo Park & Ride
 - Pavement Restoration in Downtown St Paul



BRT Guideway, Woodbury

Construction Updates – Woodlane Park & Ride

- Scope of the Woodlane Park & Ride
 - Three level park & ride and small surface lot, BRT station, bus operator break room space, facility maintenance storage, stormwater, utilities, fiber, electrical
- Remaining 2024 work:
 - Substantial Completion 11-15-24
 - Systems integration
 - Installation of park & ride signage



Construction Updates – East Metro Garage

- Scope of East Metro Garage
 - Electrical capacity improvements for electric buses, electric bus chargers, vehicle hoist replacement, parts storage equipment
- Remaining 2024 work:
 - Installation vehicle hoist replacement
 - Prepping for installation of electric chargers
- 2025 work:
 - Installation of parts storage equipment
 - Complete installation of electric chargers, receive electric buses, testing and training



Electric Bus Chargers, East Metro Garage

Gold Line Construction Highlights



Queens Drive Station, Woodbury



Woodlane Park & Ride, Woodbury

Gold Line Construction Highlights



4th Street Bridge, Oakdale



Bielenberg Drive, Woodbury

Gold Line Construction Highlights



Century Bridge, Maplewood/Oakdale



Ruth BRT Underpass, St. Paul

Gold Line Construction Highlights



Rice Park Station, St. Paul



Mounds Blvd Station and BRT guideway, St. Paul

Safety & Security ACTION PLAN

Metro Transit Safety & Security Action Plan

Lesley Kandaras, Metro Transit General Manager

Interim Chief Joseph Dotseth, Metro Transit Police Department

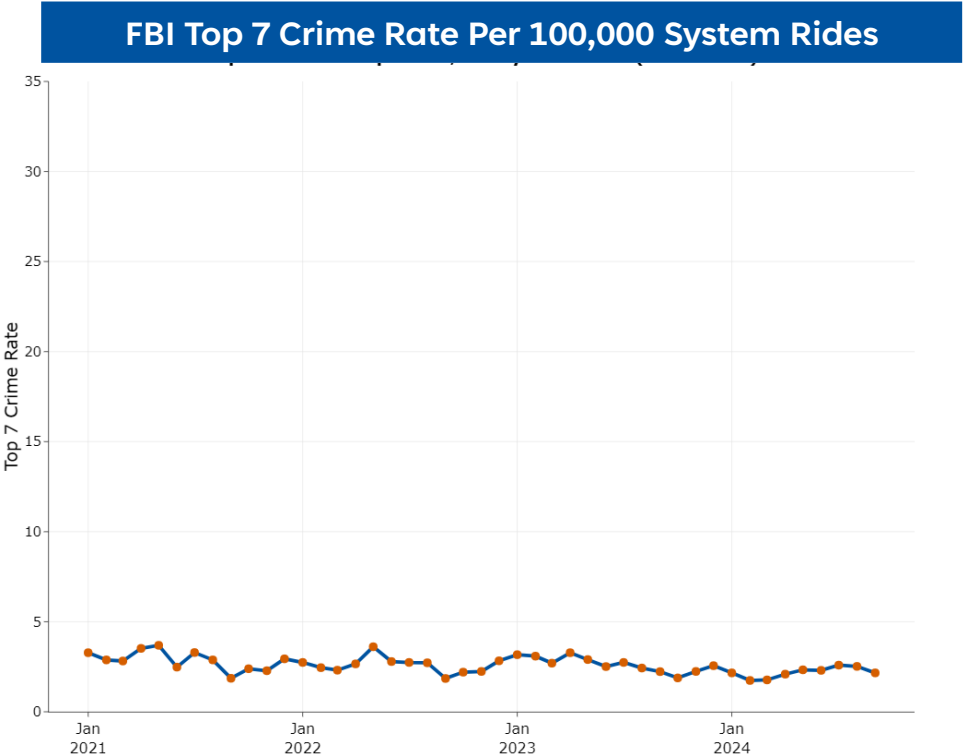
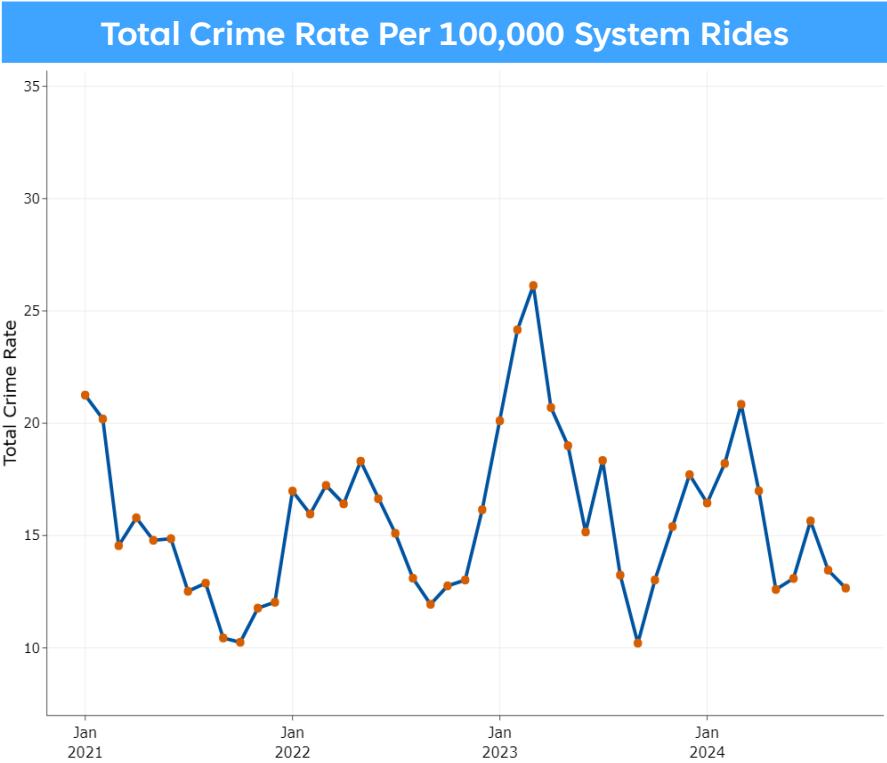
Safety & Security Action Plan: Background



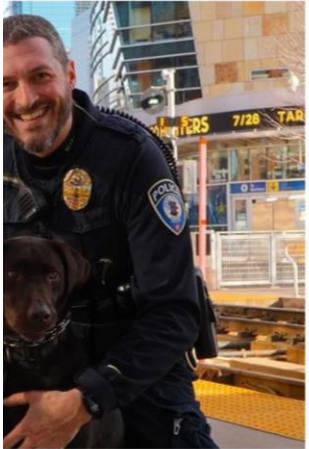
43 Action Items in 3 Areas of Work

Improving Conditions on the System 🤝 Training & Supporting Employees 🤝 Engaging Customers & Partners

Quarter 3 Crime Data: Crime Per 100,000 System Rides



Safety & Security Action Plan: Expanding Official Presence



Layers of presence include:

- Police Officers
- Community Services Officers
- Supplemental Security Officers
- Transit Rider Investment Program (TRIP) Agents
- Contracted social services providers

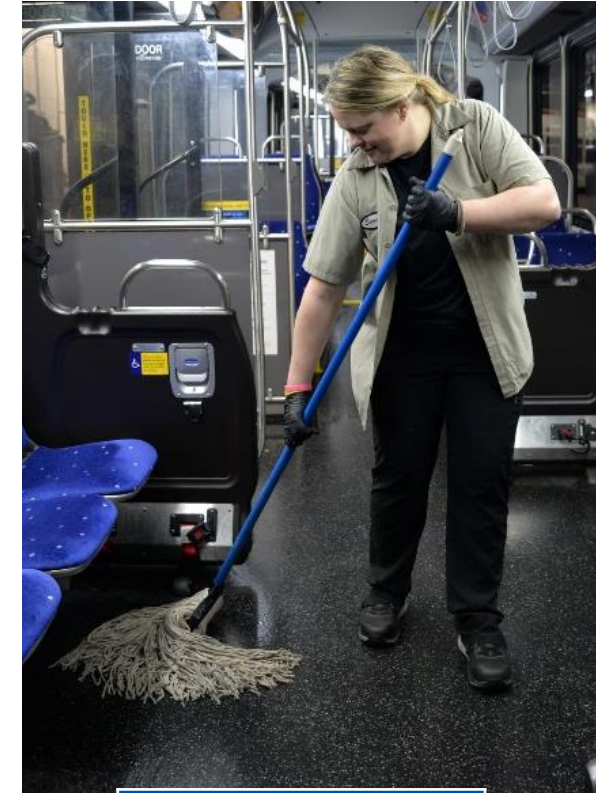
Safety & Security Action Plan: Implementing Cleaning and Repair Standards



LRT Shelter Cleaning



New Bus Seat Inserts



Layover Cleaning

Safety & Security Action Plan: Engaging Riders



Your Role as a Rider
(Code of Conduct + Illegal Activity)

Take Pride in Your Ride Campaign



Reporting problems



Call 9-1-1 to report a crime, text 612-900-0411 if you can't

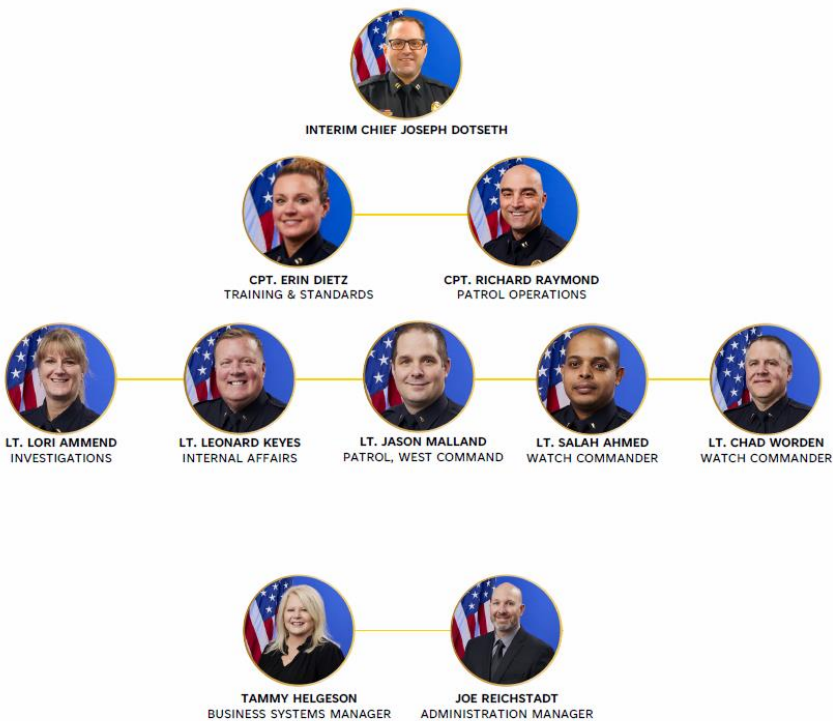
Everyone knows to call 9-1-1 to report a crime but what if you don't feel comfortable making that call due to concerns for your personal safety? Now you can contact Metro Transit by text for non-emergency situations to silently report something that doesn't look right on a bus, on a train or at a transit shelter. This service is also accessible via the [Metro Transit Mobile App](#).

TEXT 612-900-0411* to report suspicious or threatening behavior or anything else we should know about so we can send help.

*Messaging and data rates apply; refer to your wireless plan for more details.

Metro Transit Police Department: Who We Are

MTPD COMMAND STAFF



- **History:** Department created by state statute in 1993
- **Mission:** Safeguarding the transit community with integrity professionalism while building trust through community partnerships
- **Motto:** Mission First, People Always
- **Values:** Committed to our staff, training & education, community, trust & integrity, & technology

Metro Transit Police Department: Jurisdiction



CITIES SERVED	85+
COUNTIES SERVED	8
SQUARE MILES	900+

- **Respond to & investigate all crime** reported on buses, light rail, commuter trains, facilities, & right-of-ways
- **MTPD West Command**
560 Sixth Avenue North, Minneapolis
- **MTPD East Command**
677 Transfer Road, St. Paul

Metro Transit Police Department: What Makes Us Different



- **MTPD officers have the same authority as other city & county officers**
 - Same powers of arrest as other city & county law enforcement agencies
 - Officers receive state-required certification
 - Undergo continuous in-service training
- **MTPD officers can take enforcement action off Metro Transit property**
 - Traffic, petty offenses, or any other criminal act
 - If incident is not related to transit, MTPD will assist & defer to local agency
- **We have real-time surveillance video monitoring capabilities**
 - Network of 3,125+ cameras
 - Live video of buses, light rail trains, platforms, & transit centers
 - Monitored by our *Real Time Information Center*

Metro Transit Police Department: Partnerships



- Law Enforcement Partners Across Jurisdiction
- Mutual Aid Agreements, Joint Powers Agreements
- Joint Local, State, & Federal Crime Efforts
- Emergency Management Exercises

Metro Transit Police Department: By The Numbers

TOTALS FOR 2023



4,804 ARRESTS



89,686 CALLS FOR SERVICE

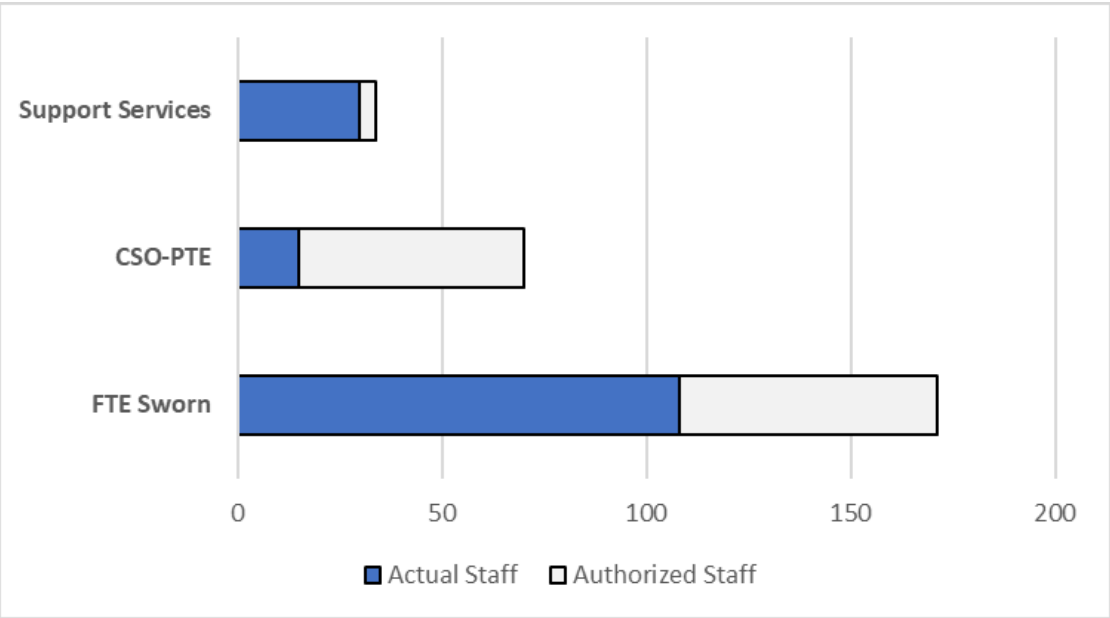


2,692 CALLS TO ASSIST



101 COMMUNITY EVENTS

Metro Transit Police Department staffing



Position	Count as of Oct. 2, 2024
Support services	30/34
Community Service Officers	15/70
Full-time officers	108/171





Prepare for Operations

Brian Funk | Metro Transit Chief Operating Officer

Kellogg Bridge Detour

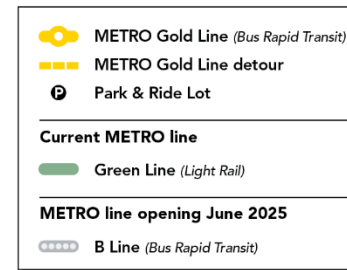
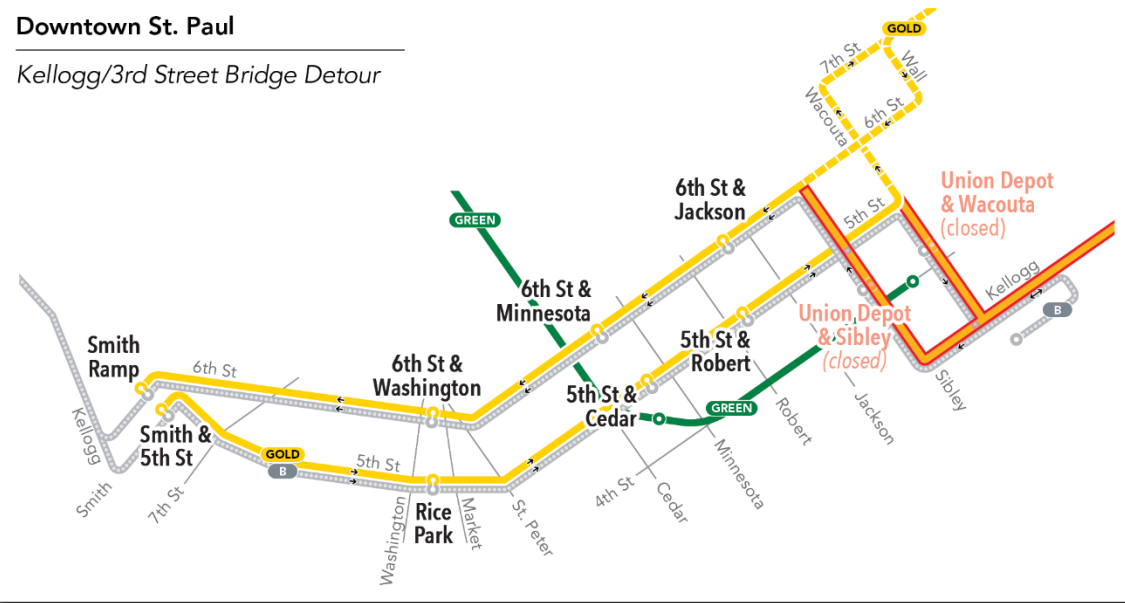


June 2024



Downtown St. Paul

Kellogg/3rd Street Bridge Detour



- Kellogg Bridge closed to traffic July 29, reopening late 2026/early 2027
- Serving the Union Depot stations challenging due to street network, special events, and travel time
- Both Union Depot stations will be served by local service until June 2025 when B Line opens

METRO Gold Line

Preparing for Operations

- Testing begins
 - Metro Transit begins a series of tests to ensure safe, reliable service along the BRT guideway
 - Metro Transit will also begin tests to finalize travel time for the creation of the route schedule
- Emergency planning
 - Coordination began this summer with first responders/police departments along the corridor
 - Emergency drill scheduled for Nov 12 with first responders
- Electric Bus
 - Long lead time for electrification equipment, electric buses to begin revenue service in August 2025

Preparing for Operations

- Hiring!
 - Many new positions are in process of being filled for this new service, including bus operators, facility technicians, bus mechanics (to name just a few)
- Training
 - Bus operators, facility technicians
- Snow plowing
 - Washington County will plow the guideway under an agreement with Metro Transit
 - Metro Transit will do snow removal at all stations and park and rides



Opening Day Planning

Liz Jones | Outreach & Engagement Lead

Goals for Opening Day Engagement

Goal	Timeframe
Thank public and stakeholders for patience and cooperation throughout construction and prepare for opening day	December 2024
Inform the corridor about Gold Line opening on March 22, 2025	December 2024 – March 20, 2025
Spread awareness about BRT and how to safely ride and interact with bus guideway	January – June 2025
Partner with agency stakeholders, corridor community organizations, businesses, school districts and colleges/universities	January – June 2025
Collaborate with Gold Line Partners/Washington and Ramsey Co.'s	January – June 2025
Increase efforts to reach BIPOC, non-English speaking and disability communities	January – June 2025
Celebrate and thank Gold Line staff	March 20, 2025
Host Grand Opening events that celebrate the opening of the line with communities and stakeholders, provide a forum for policymaker speeches and appreciation, and an opportunity for media coverage	March 21 and 22, 2025
Continue to spread awareness after opening day, once Gold Line is in service	March 23 – June 30, 2025

Opening Day Events and Activities

- Pre-Opening Day
 - Update, create and disseminate all materials, videos, print and digital communications
 - Contract with community organizations to reach diverse and disadvantaged communities
 - Attend community events
 - Pop-up's, bus hop-on's and canvassing throughout the corridor
 - Community and business organization/stakeholder presentations
 - Internal and agency partner tours
 - February CMC meeting
 - Staff appreciation event



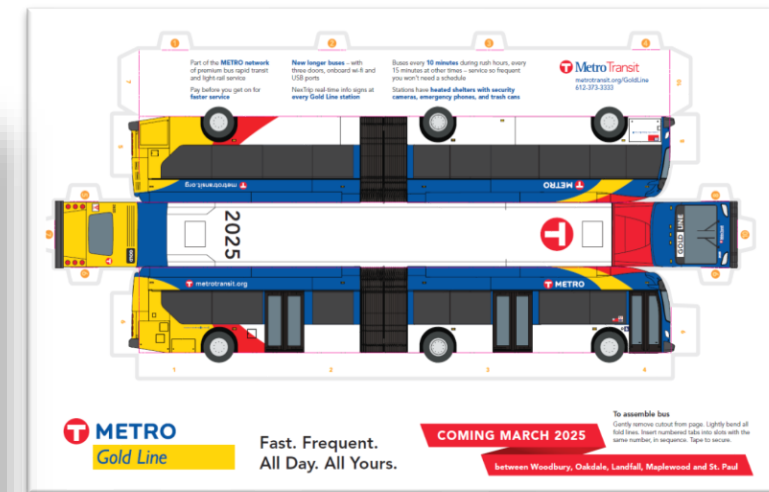
Opening Day Events and Activities



- Post-Opening Day
 - Contract with community organizations to reach diverse and disadvantaged communities
 - How to ride presentations with community organizations
 - Attend community events
 - Community and business organization/stakeholder rides on the Gold Line
 - Trade organization and agency partner rides on the Gold Line
 - Partner with Counties on TOD related events and activities

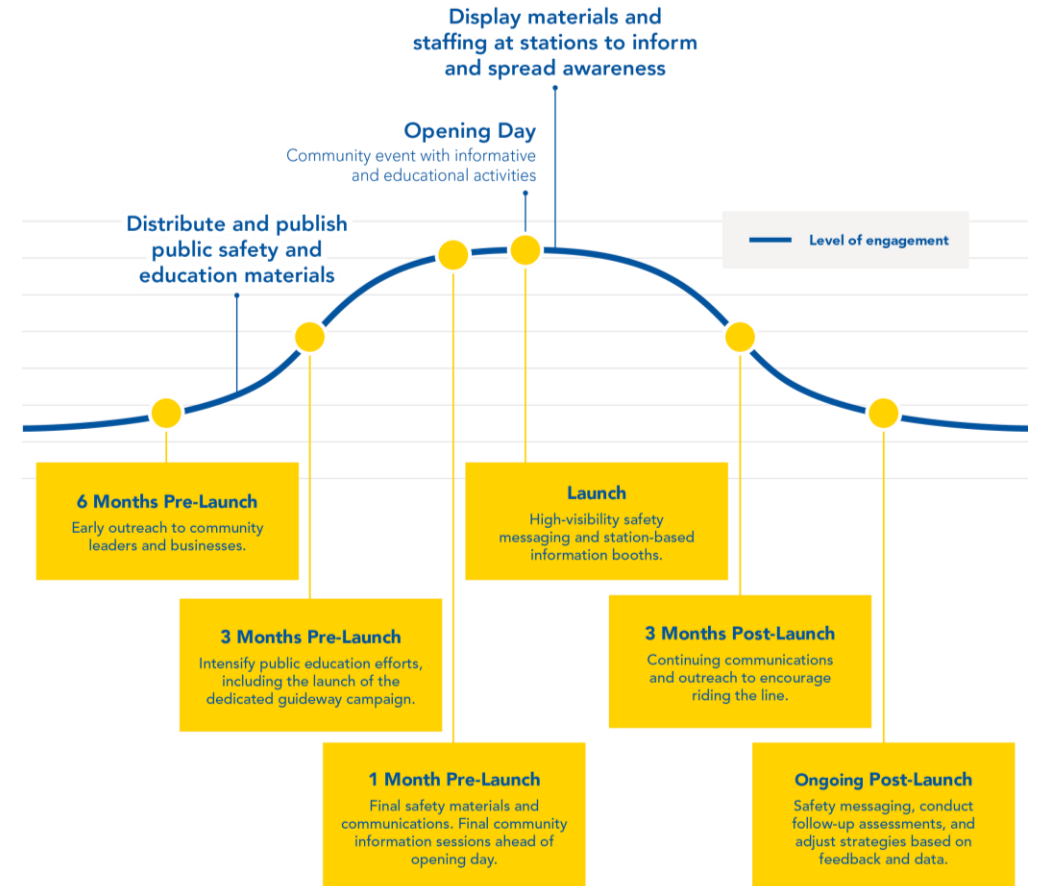
Opening Day Events and Activities – Grand Opening March 21 and 22, 2025 **DRAFT PLAN**

- Special event at Union Depot in St. Paul and bus tour for policymakers on 3/21
 - Media opportunity
 - First ride on Gold Line bus and route
- Ribbon-cutting ceremony at Woodlane Park & Ride in Woodbury on 3/22
 - Media opportunity
 - 3/22 bus ride with policymakers and community stakeholders
- Community celebration at Woodlane Park & Ride in Woodbury on 3/22
- Community celebration at Sun Ray Park & Ride in St. Paul on 3/22
- Community celebrations include:
 - Music/entertainment
 - Games and activities for kids and families
 - Gold Line swag and giveaways
 - Free rides on Gold Line for the day



Public Education and Safety Awareness Plan

- Website Updates
 - Safety content and graphics
 - Animated videos
 - Online quiz
- Digital Communications and Social Media
- Mailings and Flyers
- Meetings and Events
- Additional Materials
- Media Ads

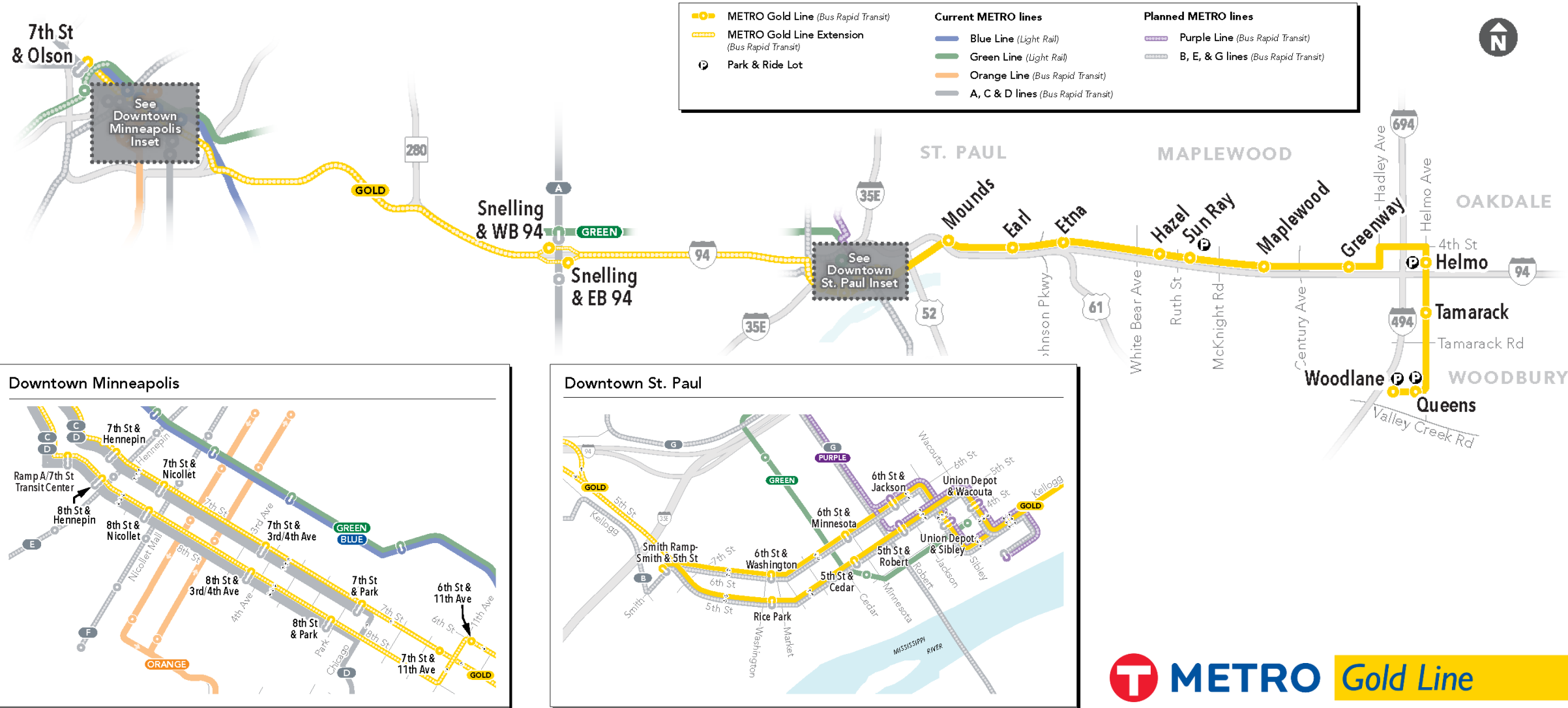




Gold Line Extension

Alicia Vap| Gold Line Project Director

Gold Line Extension



Gold Line Extension

- Replaces Route 94
- Extends beyond downtown St. Paul to downtown Minneapolis by using existing BRT stations on 7th and 8th Streets
- Enhances access to the METRO network
- Expected to open in 2027
- Includes interim stations at Snelling and I-94 and new shared BRT station near US Bank stadium
- Will match planned Gold Line service span and frequency
- When final decisions are made about transit solutions in the I-94 corridor through the Re-thinking I-94 project, Metro Transit will adjust the Gold Line Extension to meet project needs

Gold Line Extension – Next Steps

- 2025: Community engagement
- 2025-2026: Engineering
 - Work with design consultant for traffic modeling and station design/construction support
 - Finalize location for US Bank adjacent stations
 - Coordinate with Minneapolis, St. Paul, Hennepin County, Ramsey County, and internal Metro Transit stakeholders on design decisions and advancement
- 2026: Construction
- 2027: Anticipated opening

Next CMC Meeting and Next Steps

- February 2025 (if desired)
- *Save the Date for Gold Line Opening Day on **Saturday, March 22, 2025!***