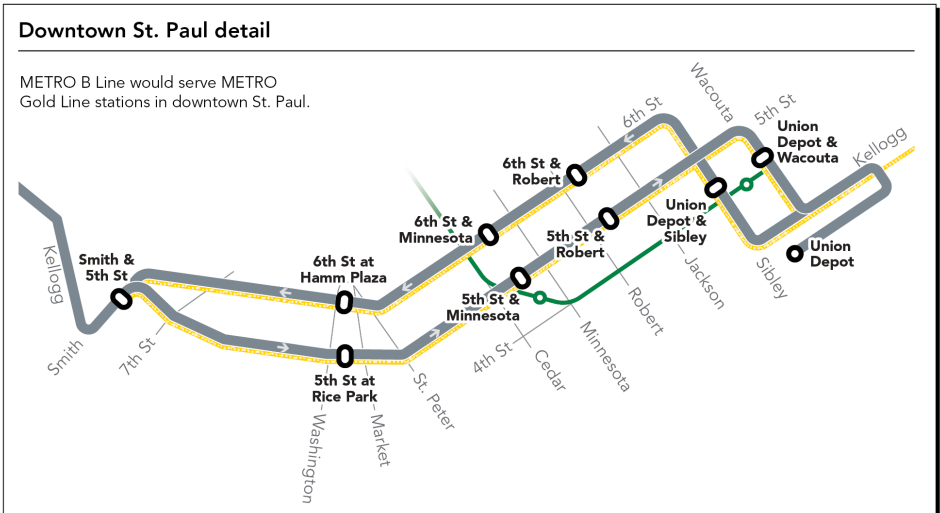
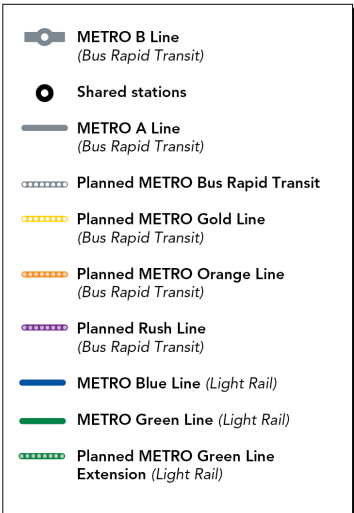
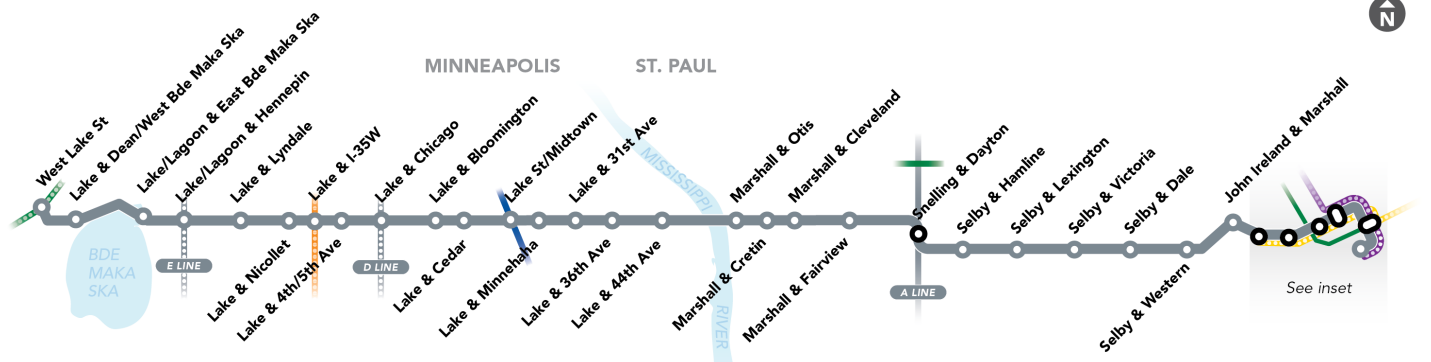


The METRO B Line

Faster transit is coming to the Route 21 corridor



The METRO B Line is a planned Bus Rapid Transit line that will provide faster and more reliable transit service in the Route 21 corridor. Bus Rapid Transit is a package of transit enhancements that adds up to a faster trip and an improved experience on Metro Transit's busiest bus routes.

CHANGES COMING TO ROUTE 21

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The METRO B Line will improve a busy transit route:

- Route 21 is the second busiest, with an average of over 10,000 riders per day before the pandemic
- Route 21 ridership remains strong, even during the pandemic
- One in five people traveling along Lake street are using transit
- Lake Street is one of the slowest transit corridors due to traffic lights, frequent bus stops and people lined up to board buses

PRELIMINARY PROJECT SCHEDULE (subject to change)



Limited stops, frequent service

Today, Route 21 serves the corridor with frequent service, stopping every other block for most of the route.

Today: Route 21



1/8 mile between stops

The B Line would be the primary service in the corridor with high frequency service all day, and on nights and weekends.

Local service on Route 21 is planned to operate every 30 minutes on the portion between Hennepin Avenue and Minnehaha Avenue. A new local bus, Route 60, is planned to run every 30 minutes along Selby Avenue and connect to the Midway area of St. Paul.

Future: B Line



1/3 to 1/2 mile between stations

Neighborhood-scale stations with amenities

Stations are equipped with features for a safe and comfortable experience, similar to light rail.

- NexTrip, real-time departure information
- On-demand heat, security lighting and emergency communications
- Near-level boarding - walk onto the bus without having to climb steps
- Bike parking and trash receptacles



Pre-boarding fare payment for faster stops

For faster boarding through all doors, B Line buses won't have fareboxes. Customers will purchase a ticket or tap a Go-To Card at the station, just like light rail. Police officers - not bus drivers - will ensure customers have paid.

New infrastructure to increase speed

In addition to the improved stations and wider stop spacing, we are exploring options to make the B Line even faster. Options include:

- More green time with signal priority - to keep the B Line moving, buses could "ask" for early or extended green lights at certain intersections
- Bus-only lanes along portions of the B Line corridor to keep buses out of traffic

