

# The METRO B Line

*Faster transit is coming to the Route 21 corridor*

The B Line will fully replace Route 21 with faster, frequent, all-day service. This 13-mile line will connect neighborhoods and destinations in Minneapolis and St. Paul with 33 high-amenity stations. Bus rapid transit is a package of transit enhancements that adds up to a faster trip and an improved experience.

The B Line will help deliver more equitable service in a corridor that has some of the region's highest ridership, even during the pandemic.

## A faster trip

The goal of the B Line is to make service approximately 20% faster. Here's how:

- Buses make fewer stops, significantly speeding up travel time.
- Ticket machines at stations allow customers to purchase tickets before boarding with cash or credit.

- Low-floor buses and raised curbs at stations, plus wider bus doors and boarding from the front and back, speed up boarding.
- Extending the curb at stations saves time; buses can merge more easily into traffic after serving a station.
- Signal priority and bus-only lanes in key locations allow buses to keep moving.

## Improved transit experience

Enhanced shelters at stations provide protection from the weather and a safe, comfortable and convenient customer waiting space. Features include:

- Bike racks
- Information about the route, transit system, and surrounding area
- Security cameras and emergency phones
- Enhanced lighting
- Push-button heating

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## Project Schedule

• 2020	• 2021-2023	• Spring 2023	• Spring 2024	• June 14, 2025
Project station locations approved	Design of stations and other improvements	Construction started east of Hiawatha Avenue	Construction started west of Hiawatha Avenue	<b>OPENING</b>

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## Related service changes

With the launch of the METRO B Line, transit service along the Lake Street/Selby Avenue/Marshall Avenue corridor between Minneapolis and downtown St. Paul will see improvements and service changes.

Route 21 will be replaced by the B Line, which will provide faster and more reliable service with larger buses and features such as all-door boarding, off-board fare payment, and transit signal priority.

To maintain local service along the corridor, Routes 17, 27, 38 and 72 will operate:

- **Route 17** will continue to serve the Minneapolis area and will connect with the B Line at these stations:
  - Eastbound 17 and B Line:
    - » West Lake St. Station
    - » Lake & West Bde Maka Ska Station
    - » Lake & East Bde Maka Ska Station
  - Westbound 17 and B Line:
    - » Lagoon & Hennepin Station
    - » Lagoon & East Bde Maka Ska Station
    - » Lake & Dean Station
    - » West Lake St. Station
- **Route 27** will support customers bound for the Abbott Northwestern Hospital area, operating between Lake & Minnehaha and Hennepin & Lake/Lagoon. It will travel west on 26th St. between Cedar and Portland avenues and travel east on 28th St. between 4th Ave. & Cedar.
- **NEW Route 38** combines routes 23 and 612. Once the B Line opens, Route 38 will travel via Lake-Lyndale-38th to offer local service in between B Line stations west of Lyndale (at places like Cub Foods at Lake & Dupont).
- **NEW Route 72** will connect Midway, Mac-Groveland, downtown St. Paul, and St. Paul's east side.

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