



Community & Business Advisory Committee

Meeting #15 | Friday, December 5, 2025

Welcome & Introductions

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Housekeeping

- Virtual meeting etiquette
 - Camera on
 - Microphone (muted when not speaking)
 - Raise hand (if you have a question)
 - Chat (feel free to ask questions in the chat)
- Meeting is being recorded
- Meeting agendas, summaries, and presentation materials are posted on the project website at metrotransit.org/bronze-line-project-public-engagement

Today's Topics

- Color Rebranding
- Project Overview
- Funding and Responsibilities
- Communications and Outreach
- Next Steps

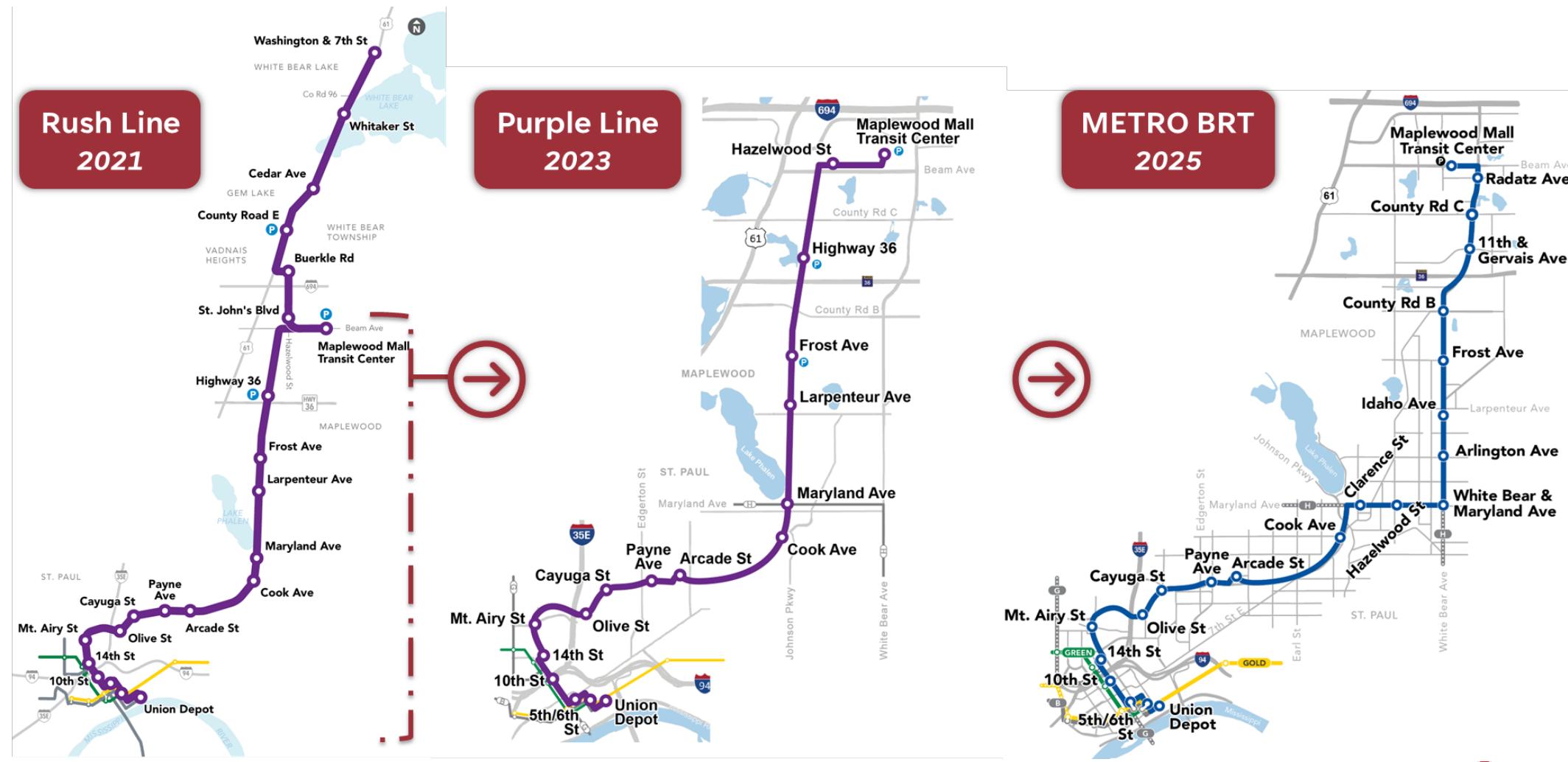
Project Rebranding

Stephen Smith | Deputy Project Manager

Liz Jones | Community Outreach & Engagement Lead



Project History



Color Rebranding

- 12/2 public announcement of new Bronze Line color
- Remarks by Commissioner Xiong, Chair Hutcheson, Mayor Carter, Mayor Abrams



Color Specifications

- CMYK: 0, 62, 100, 32
- Pantone: 160
- HEX: # b15c12
- 3M Vinyl: Terra Cotta



Project Overview

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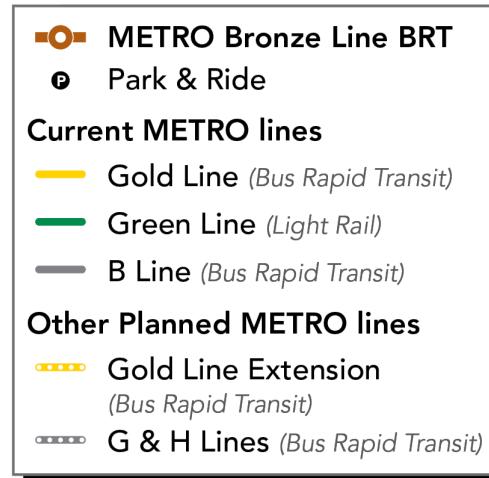
Craig Lamothe | Project Manager





METRO Bronze Line!

- A reimagined and community-responsive version of the former Purple Line BRT project
- Will improve transit reliability and enhance safety along key corridors
- 10-mile route between St. Paul's Union Depot and the Maplewood Mall Transit Center
- 22 stations and feature 5 miles of bus lanes and two new bridges





METRO Light Rail Transit

- Blue Line
- Blue Line Extension
Project in engineering
- Green Line
- Green Line Extension
Project under construction; opens 2027



METRO Bus Rapid Transit

- Bronze Line
Project in engineering
- Gold Line
- Gold Line Extension
Project in engineering; opens 2027
- Orange Line
- Red Line
- A Line
- B Line
- C Line
- D Line
- E Line
Opens 2025
- F Line
Project in engineering

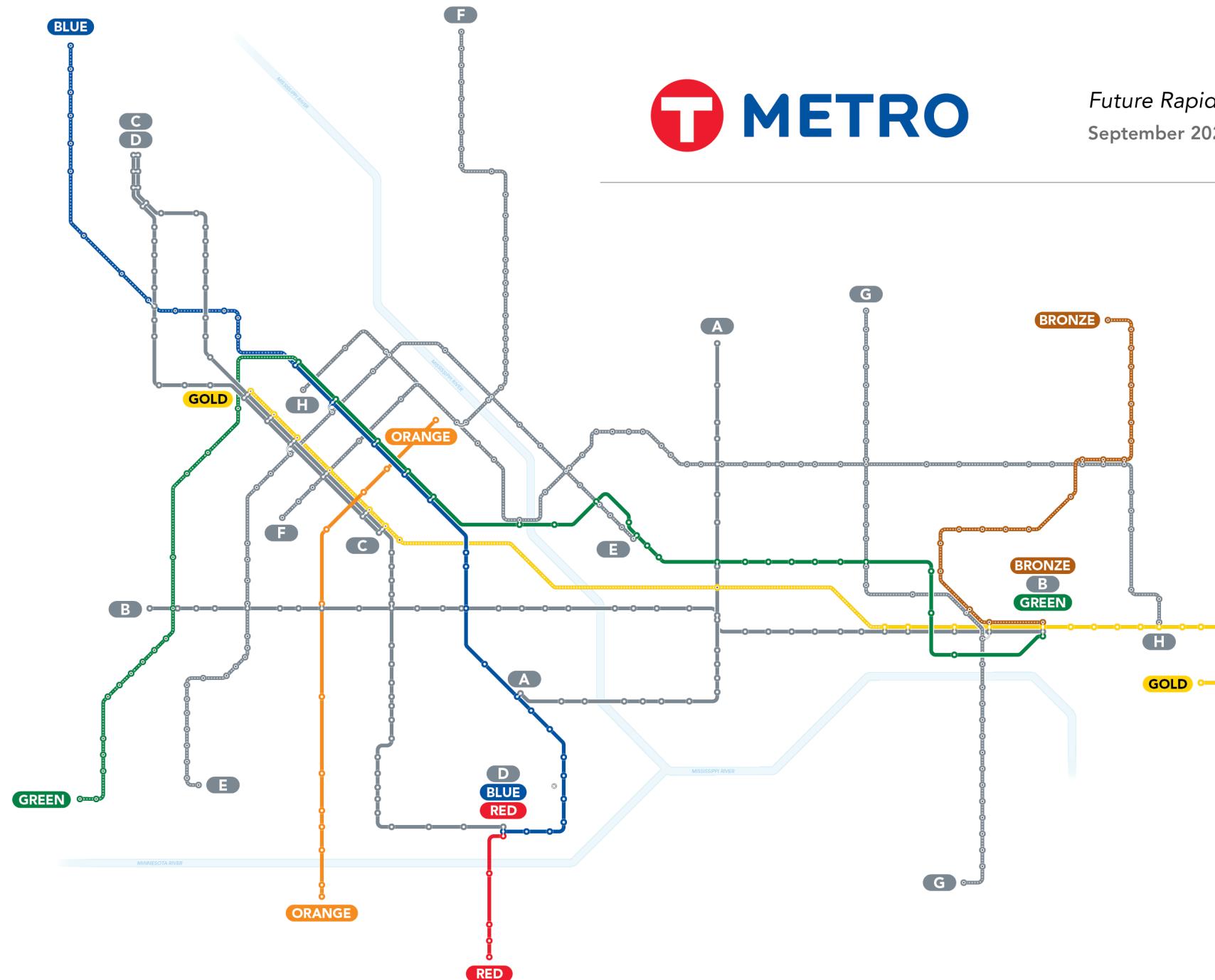
G Line
Project in engineering

H Line
Project in planning; stations subject to change

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) lines offer speed improvements of up to 25% over regular transit routes.

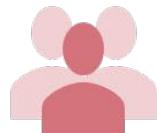
BRT lines named with a color operate primarily on bus-only lanes and freeways with transit advantages.

BRT lines named with a letter operate in mixed traffic with signal priority and other transit advantages like bus-only lanes.



Future Rapid Transit Network
September 2025

Who is the Project serving



- 61% BIPOC
- 17% 0-car Households
- 20% Population in poverty
- 11% Population over 65



- 38% Population under 25
- 13% Population with a Disability
- 18% Population with Limited English Proficiency

 12
Schools

 5
Healthcare
Facilities

 2
Libraries

Features of BRT

- **Enhance Stations:** Amenities include heat, lighting, bike racks, frequent cleaning and snow removal
- **Off-board Fare Collection:** Riders pay their fare payment at the station, instead of on the bus
- **Raised Platform Boarding:** Riders of all abilities can board easier with 10" high platform
- **Intersection Treatments:** BRT vehicles receive priority at intersections
- **Station Intersection Improvements:** Updates to pedestrian ramps and signals
- **Dedicated Guideway/Lanes:** Buses can travel faster and reliable with bus-only lanes

Features of a BRT Station



BRT in Saint Paul south of Maryland Ave

- Union Depot Station to Cook Ave. Station: Preliminary Engineering Complete
 - Major design features such as platforms and bridges are set.
- Union Depot Station through 10th St. Station have been or will be completed by other BRT projects



Pennsylvania Avenue

Project Area



RAMSEY COUNTY Residents Businesses Your Government Search...

Home / Residents / Roads & Transportation / Current Road Projects / Pennsylvania Avenue Reconstruction

Roads & Transportation

Pennsylvania Avenue Reconstruction

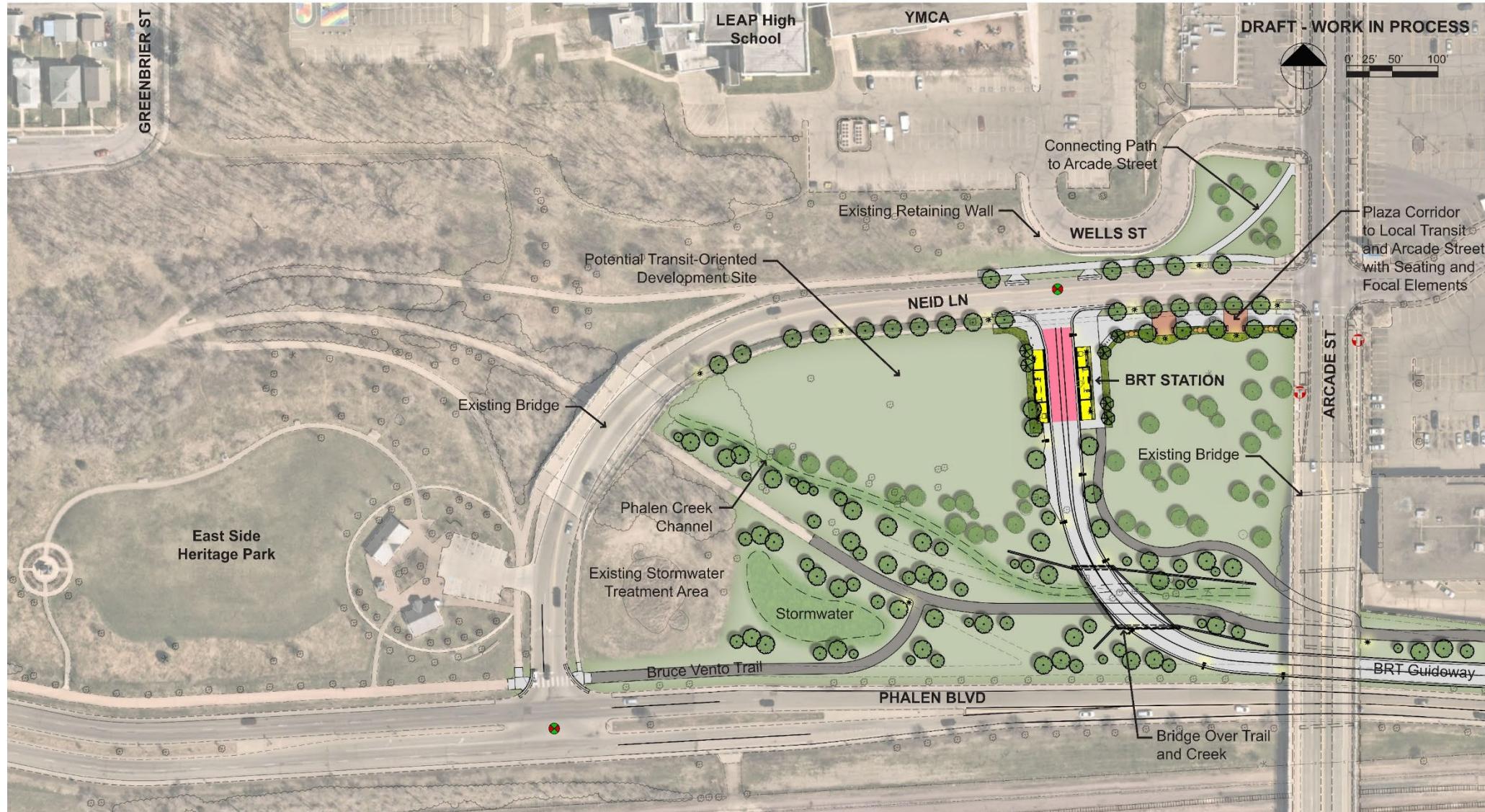
Ramsey County, in cooperation with the City of St. Paul, are developing preliminary design concepts for the reconstruction of Pennsylvania Avenue between Rice Street and Mississippi Street.

The Pennsylvania Avenue Reconstruction project aims to study existing conditions, engage the community, develop a future vision, and identify a preferred design layout for the corridor.

Subscribe to Pennsylvania Avenue Reconstruction project updates

- Currently under study by Ramsey County between I-35E and Rice Street.
- Part of the BRT alignment and will become part of the project to ensure design consistency and corridor operations.
- Includes multimodal improvements and dedicated transit lanes.
- Construction timing will align with corridor BRT delivery schedule.

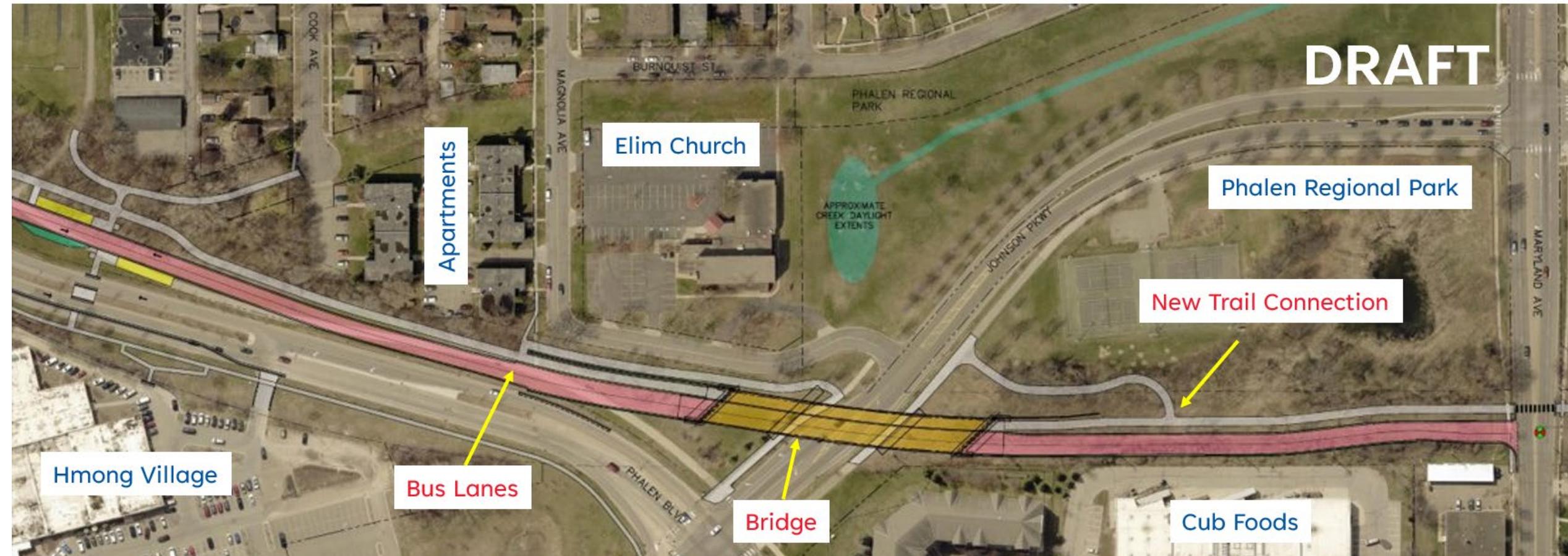
Arcade Station Location



Artist Rendering of the Arcade St Station Area



Bronze Line & Trail Bridge over Johnson Parkway



Johnson Parkway Bridge (Artist Rendering 2019)



Saint Paul on Maryland and White Bear avenues

- 5 BRT stations on Maryland and White Bear avenues
 - Clarence, Hazelwood, White Bear & Maryland, Arlington, Idaho
- Side-running bus lanes
 - General traffic to make right-turns onto local streets or into driveways
- Full roadway reconstruction

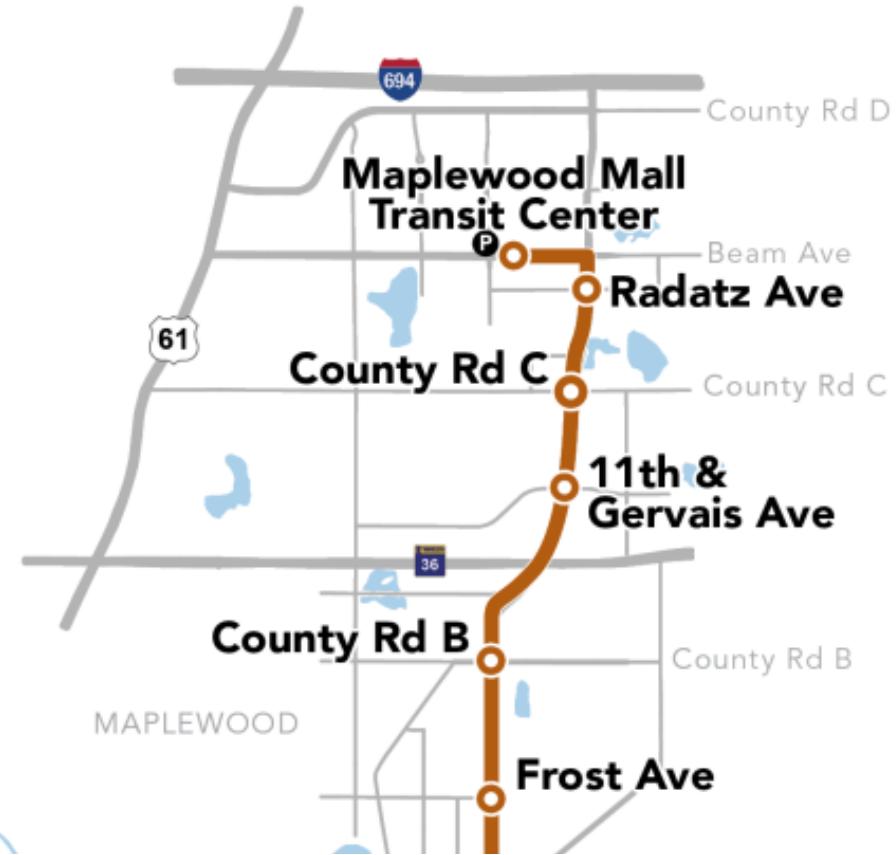


Bronze Line in Saint Paul (Maryland and White Bear)

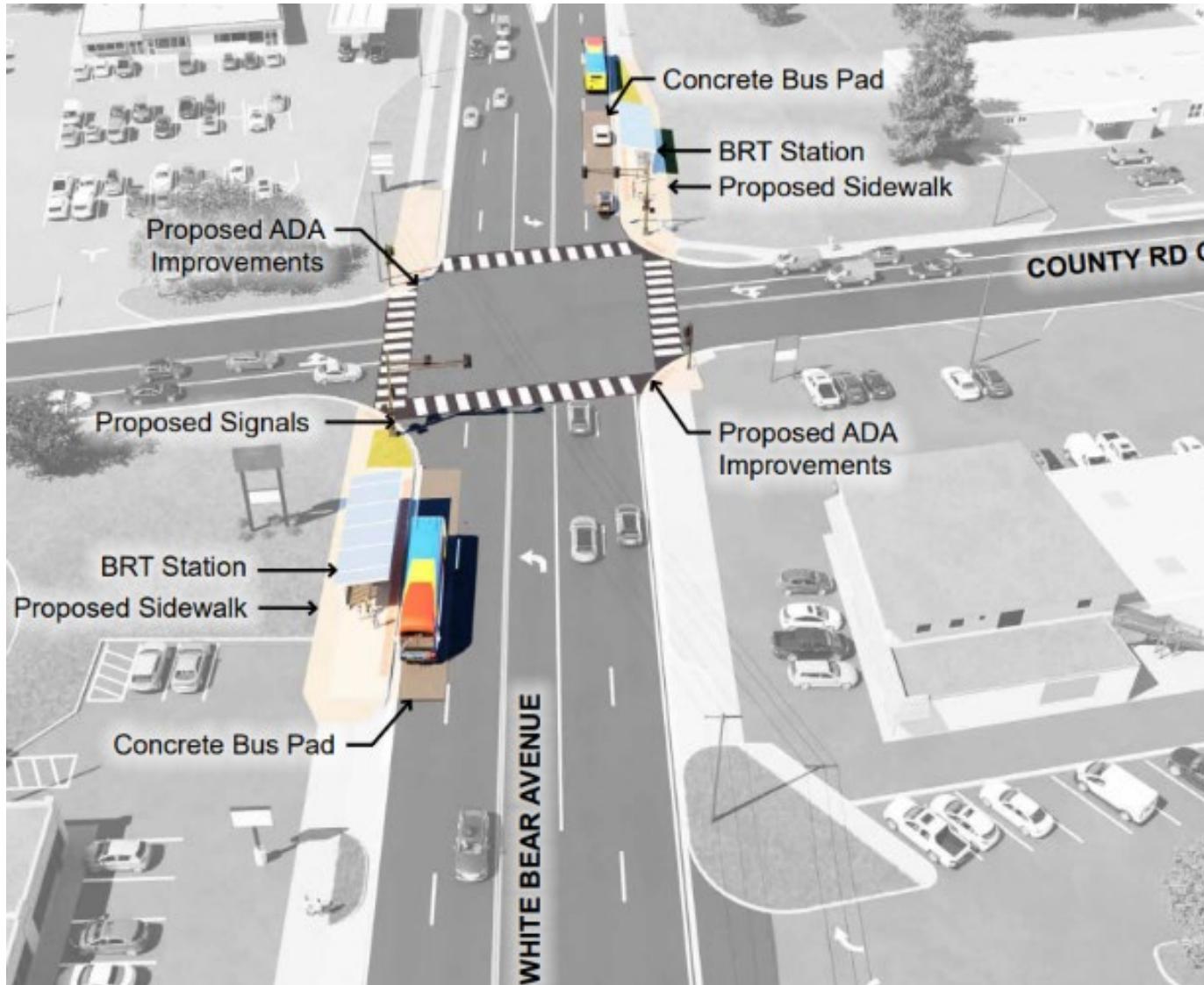


Maplewood – White Bear Ave north of Larpenteur Ave:

- 6 BRT stations
 - 5 new stations (Frost, County Rd B, 11th/Gervais, County Rd C, Radatz)
 - End-of-the-line station at the Maplewood Mall Transit Center



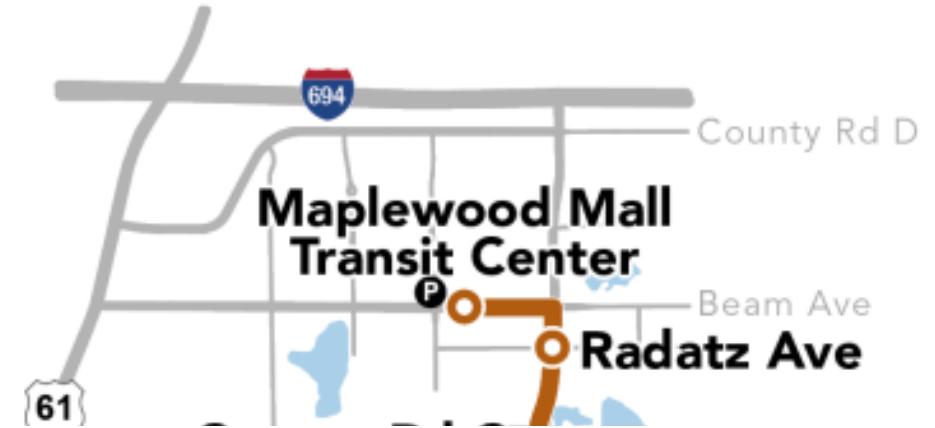
Bronze Line in Maplewood



- Limited right-of-way acquisition to accommodate station platforms
- No roadway reconstruction

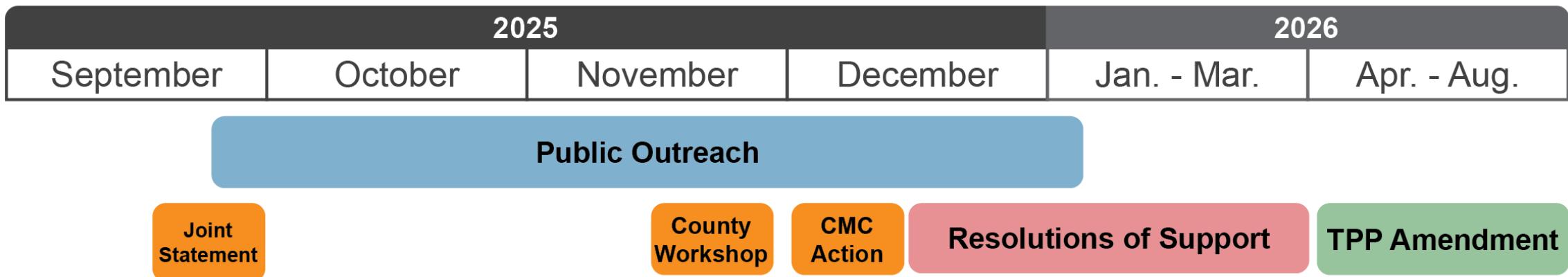
North Terminus

- New end of line station
- Maplewood Mall Transit Center improvements
- Connection to a new [Metro micro](#) service zone (coming September 2026)
- Connection to new and improved Route 219 and 223 service (by end of 2027 through [Network Now](#)).



Near Term Look Ahead

- December 11, 2025
 - Corridor Management Committee recommendation for a revised Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)
- January – August 2026
 - Council Action: Execute a Funding Agreement with County
 - Council Action: Execute a Contract for Environmental, Engineering & Project Management
 - Council Action: Amend revised LPA into the Transportation Policy Plan





CMC Actions

In support of implementing the stations, bus lanes, and bridges in the planned locations in Saint Paul and Maplewood, the CMC:

ACTION: Recommends METRO Bronze Line as the revised Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Project formerly known as Purple Line.

ACTION: Recommends the Cities of Saint Paul and Maplewood, and Ramsey County adopt Resolutions of Support for the recommended revised LPA.

ACTION: Recommends the Metropolitan Council amend the recommended revised LPA into the region's long-range transportation plan.

- METRO Bronze Line BRT
- Park & Ride
- Current METRO lines
 - Gold Line (Bus Rapid Transit)
 - Green Line (Light Rail)
 - B Line (Bus Rapid Transit)
- Other Planned METRO lines
 - Gold Line Extension (Bus Rapid Transit)
 - G & H Lines (Bus Rapid Transit)



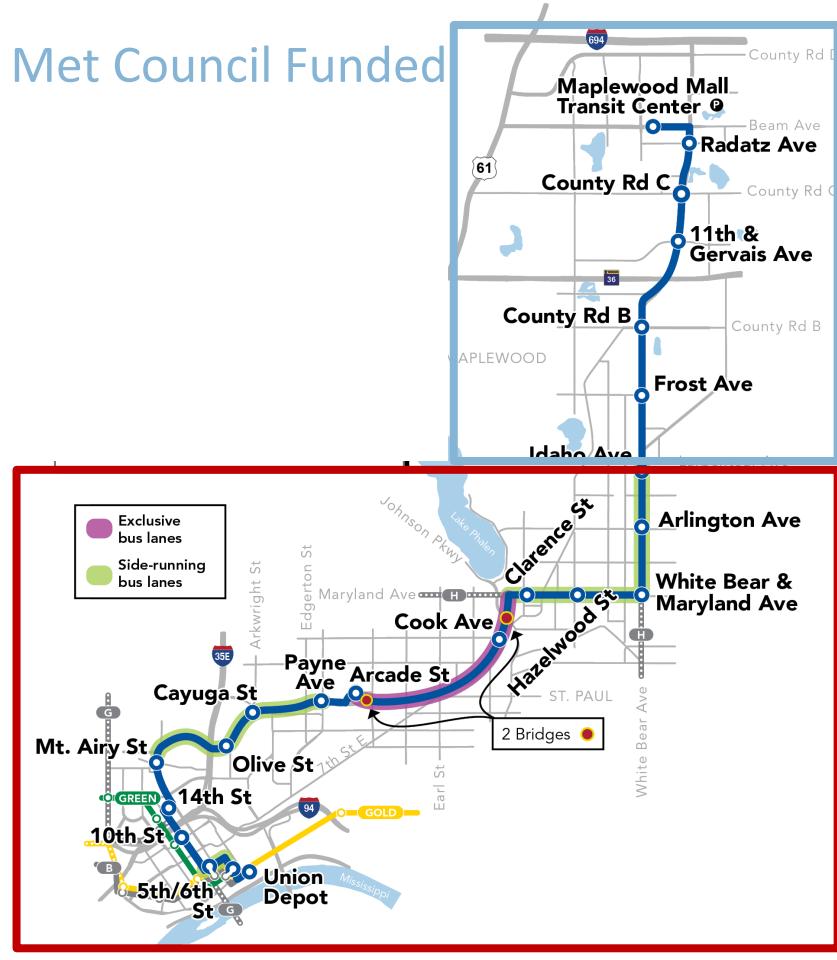
Funding and Project Delivery

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Capital Financing Responsibility Split

Met Council Funded



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- **Ramsey County (\$340 million):**
 - All project costs in Saint Paul
 - Labor and expense costs for Ramsey County staff
 - Some labor and expense costs for select Met Council staff
 - Cost to complete state environmental review process
 - Bus propulsion type could reduce funding commitment
- **Met Council (\$35 million):**
 - All project costs in Maplewood
 - Labor and expense costs for most Met Council staff
 - Bus propulsion type could increase funding commitment

Contracting Approach

- “Separate but Coordinated” Engineering & Design Phase
 - Council and County to each procure consultant services contracts.
 - County design contract focuses on reconstruction of county roads (Pennsylvania, Maryland, White Bear) plus mill and overlay on Phalen
 - Council design contract focuses on all stations, intersection improvements in Maplewood, Maplewood Mall Transit Center and Union Depot improvements, two new bridges, and exclusive bus lanes.
 - County procures and manages Strategic Communications, Public Outreach & Engagement, and Community Relations contract with Metro Transit overseeing daily work direction
- Single Construction Package
 - Council or County to issue a single construction package encompassing both design packages

Communication, Coordination, & Collaboration

- Project committees, as currently constituted, are ending in December 2025.



- Overall project committee structure, including committee charter and membership, is under evaluation.
 - Focus on distinguishing between effective communication/information sharing vs. meaningful engagement on issues needing input

Public Outreach

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Outreach Plan

- Timeframe:
 - Stakeholder/Committee outreach began Sept. 23
 - Broad community outreach began Dec 2.
- Purpose:
 - Message rebrand of project
 - Notify community about upcoming CMC to provide an update on project alignment and scope
 - Meet with public and stakeholders to allow time for questions and understanding

Outreach Activities & Materials

- Activities:
 - Host virtual community meeting
 - Attend community events and conduct pop-ups
 - Develop & distribute project materials to display or use at libraries, community centers, etc.
 - Presentations to stakeholders
 - Meetings with businesses
- Materials:
 - Project factsheet
 - Newsletter
 - Social media
 - Display board
 - Interactive feedback map (virtual)
 - Corridor-wide postcards

METRO
Bronze Line Project
December 2025

Project Overview
The METRO Bronze Line is a planned bus rapid transit line that will provide faster and more reliable transit service to the cities of Saint Paul and Maplewood and will connect with existing and future light rail and bus rapid transit services of the METRO system, including direct connections to the Green Line, Gold Line, B Line, G Line, and H Line, as well as local and regional buses. The line will run from Union Depot to downtown Saint Paul to Maplewood Mall Transit Center, generally along Robert Street and Phalen Boulevard south of Maryland Avenue. The line will replace Route 54 along White Bear Avenue and a portion of Maryland Avenue with enhanced service and facilities. The line will increase accessibility to jobs, housing, and services, improving the appeal and competitiveness of the east metro area.

Project Schedule
The Corridor Management Committee (CMC) is anticipated to make a recommendation to advance the project during its Dec. 11 meeting. Afterward, the Metropolitan Council would seek resolutions of support from Ramsey County and the cities of Maplewood and Saint Paul. The schedule for the project's design, construction, and opening is under development. More information about the project schedule will be shared once available. Construction is not anticipated to begin before 2028.

September	October	November	December	January	February
Public Outreach			Resolutions of Support		
County Workshops	CMC Action				

METRO
Bronze Line
MASHRUUCA KHADKA METRO BRONZE LINE
DISEEMBAR 2025

Isku dubariidka la-hawgalayaasha mashruuca ayaa keentay qeeidda soo socota:

Gudaha Maplewood, mashruuca waxaa ka mid ah:

- Hagaajinta bootojeedaa dharmada waddada ee Maplewood Mall Transit Center
- Meelo kor ka dadan oo u rakaabku ku sugoo oo istareex ah oo leh tas-hilaad kala duwan oo ay ku jiraan iftiminta iyo ku u qadista bilidka
- Wax ka dadan oo u rakaabku ku sugoo oo istareex ah oo leh tas-hilaad kala duwan oo ay ku jiraan iftiminta iyo ku u qadista bilidka
- Hagaajinta legeedooda bootojeedaa, sida:
 - Taagega dacka lugnaya iyo calaamada
 - Bodoleedka suurtacapilka ah ee naliika tarafiga ee gaboobay
- Basadda waxay adeegsan doonan seedidka ujeedeyoonyinka guud ee waqayriga Larpenet ee Avenue

Gudaha Saint Paul, mashruuca waxaa ka mid ah:

- Nakhaddha mashruuca waxaa ka mid ah BRT cusub iyo habbo buundo oo waxayabdo badan loo istiimmoa oo duul sare John Parkway (intu u dhaxayso Cook Station iyo Maryland Avenue)
- Meelo kor ka dadan oo u rakaabku ku sugoo oo istareex ah oo leh tas-hilaad kala duwan oo ay ku jiraan iftiminta iyo ku u qadista bilidka
- Basadda waxay mari doonan seedidka giesha ah ee wadwooyinka Maryland iyo White Bear ee koontur Larpentur Avenue taasoo u oggolaaanayaa gaadidka guud midig ugu leexdaan wadwooyinka ama darrigaad maxaalaha
- Hornumarida kale oo Saint Paul waxaa ka mid ah:
 - Seedidka iyo baabkaa bule u leexaantoo iyo meelo u dhaweyn wadwooyinka oo labub
 - Taagega dacka lugnaya iyo calaamada
- Wax ka beedleedha muudhaanta calaamada tarafkaada gaadidka
- Hanashada dhulka durigaa si ay boos u siiso duu-dhishka wadda yoo gombaalo bootojeedaa

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English Factsheet (front side)

METRO
Bronze Line

PROJECT UPDATE!

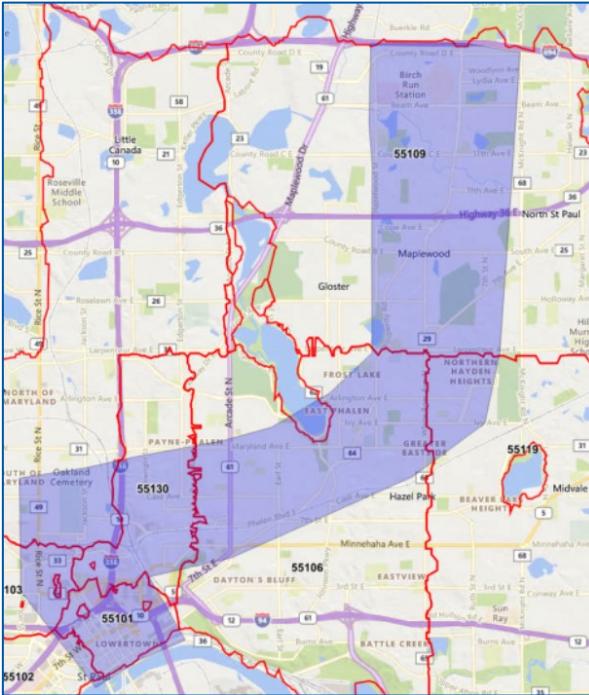
The Metropolitan Council, Ramsey County and the cities of Maplewood and Saint Paul announce the **METRO** Bronze Line bus rapid transit project.

metrotransit.org/bronze-line-project

METRO
Bronze Line
Maplewood Mall Transit Center
County Rd C
County Rd B
County Rd A
Frost Ave
Idaho Ave
Arlington Ave
White Bear & Maryland Ave
Cook Ave
Payne Arcade St
Cayuga St
14th St
10th St
Union Depot
Mt. Airy St
Stevens St
16th St
Oliver St
18th St
16th St
14th St
12th St
10th St
8th St
Union Depot

UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10

Social Media



Postcard Mailer Radius

METRO
Bronze Line

The Metropolitan Council, Ramsey County, and the cities of Maplewood and Saint Paul are excited to announce the METRO Bronze Line, a reimaged version of the former Purple Line bus rapid transit (BRT) project.

The Bronze Line will span about 10 miles, with 22 stations, five miles of bus lanes, and two new bridges. Stations will have near-level platforms, real-time arrival info, lighting, security cameras, and seasonal shelter amenities. BRT vehicles will allow all-door boarding with off-board fare collection. It will operate in mixed traffic in Maplewood and a mix of exclusive lanes and mixed traffic in Saint Paul.

To learn more about the project, share your feedback on an interactive map, and find meeting and pop-up event details:

metrotransit.org/bronze-line-project

METRO
Bronze Line
Maplewood Mall Transit Center
County Rd C
County Rd B
County Rd A
Frost Ave
Idaho Ave
Arlington Ave
White Bear & Maryland Ave
Cook Ave
Payne Arcade St
Cayuga St
14th St
10th St
Union Depot
Mt. Airy St
Stevens St
16th St
Oliver St
18th St
16th St
14th St
12th St
10th St
8th St
Union Depot

STAY CONNECTED!
Attend a virtual community meeting on Dec. 10 to learn more about the trajectory of the METRO Bronze Line and how it will move forward in Saint Paul and Maplewood.

VIRTUAL MEETING
Wednesday, Dec. 10 | Noon – 1:30 p.m.
Visit the website for the meeting link.

If you are interested in having Bronze Line staff come to your neighborhood groups, community organization, business, or event, please reach out.

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Postcard



Display Board Locations

- Maplewood
 - Maplewood YMCA
 - Ramsey County Library
 - Maplewood City Hall
 - Cochran Recovery Services
 - Emma's Place
- Saint Paul
 - Mt. Airy Community Center
 - Phalen Recreation Center
 - Hayden Heights Recreation Center
 - Arlington Hills Community Center
 - CLUES Teen Tech Center
 - Ramsey County Library - North St. Paul
 - St. Paul Public Library - Hayden Heights
 - St. Paul Public Library – Dayton's Bluff
 - St. Paul Public Library – George Latimer Central
 - Iowa Hi-Rise
 - Mt. Airy High Rise

METRO Bronze Line Bus Rapid Transit Overview



RAMSEY COUNTY

Project Schedule

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White Bear Avenue and County Road C in Maplewood



Maryland Avenue and Clarence Street in Saint Paul



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In Maplewood, the project includes:

- An improved end-of-the-line station at the Maplewood Mall Transit Center
- Comfortable shelters with a variety of amenities including lighting and landscaping enhancements
- Traffic signal transit priority modifications
- Limited right-of-way acquisition to accommodate station platforms
- Improvements at station intersections, such as:
 - » Pedestrian ramps and signals
 - » Potential replacement of older traffic lights.
- Buses will operate in general purpose lanes north of Larpenteur Avenue

In Saint Paul, the project includes:

- A new BRT and multi-use trail bridge over Johnson Parkway (between Cook Station and Maryland Avenue)
- Comfortable shelters with a variety of amenities including lighting and landscaping enhancements
- Buses will operate in bus lanes along the route, including side-running bus lanes on Maryland and White Bear avenues south of Larpenteur
- Additional improvements include:
 - » Dedicated left-turn lanes and new medians
 - » Pedestrian ramps and signals
- Traffic signal transit priority modifications
- Right of way acquisition to accommodate roadway reconstruction and station platforms

For more information, visit:
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METRO Bronze Line

Current METRO lines

- METRO Bronze Line
- Park & Ride

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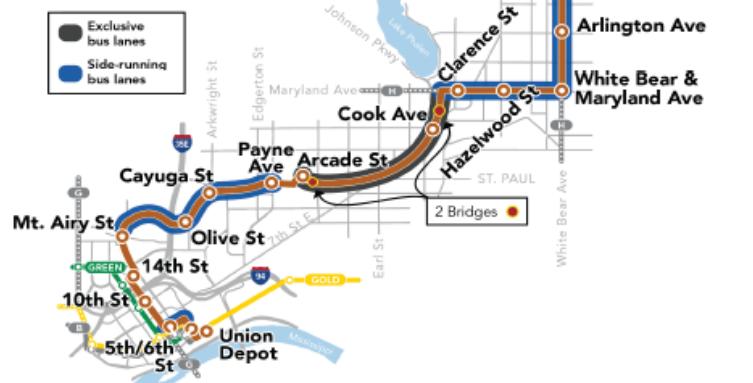
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Other Planned METRO lines

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Exclusive bus lanes

Side-running bus lanes



Bronze Line

Recent Meetings & Community Events

Date	Type	Event Name
Sept. 23	Committee Meeting	Payne-Phalen (D5) Community Council
Oct. 4	Tabling/Pop-up	Greater East Side (D2) Community Council Neighborhood Block Party and Annual Elections
Oct. 23	Committee Meeting	Purple People
Nov. 17	Committee Meeting	Dayton's Bluff (D4) Community Council
Nov. 19	Committee Meeting	Greater Eastside (D2) Community Council
Dec. 4	Presentation	Friends of the Parks & Trails
Dec. 4	Tabling/Pop-up	Centromex Supermercadeo – Saint Paul
Dec. 5	Committee Meeting	Community and Business Advisory Committee
Dec. 5	Tabling/Pop-up	Maplewood Mall Transit Center
Dec. 5	Tabling/Pop-up	Maplewood Mall
Dec. 8	Tabling/Pop-up	Ramsey County Service Center – Saint Paul
Dec. 10	Virtual Open House	Via Teams to share project information, Q&A
Dec. 10	Committee Meeting	Met Council Committee of the Whole

Upcoming Meetings & Community Events

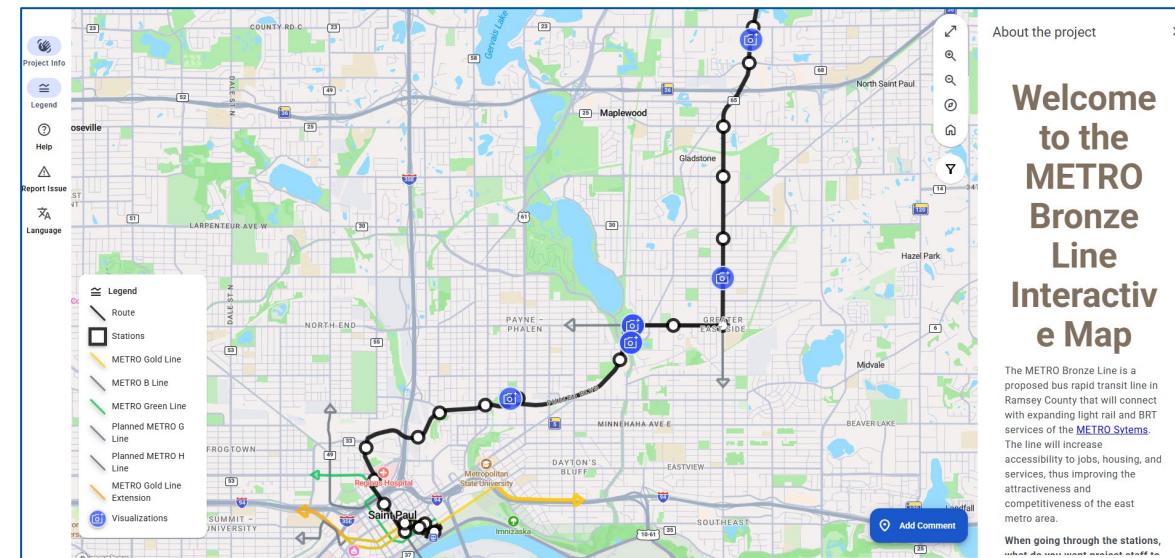
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Dec. 11	Tabling/Pop-up	Sun World Supermarket	3-6p
Dec. 13	Tabling/Pop-up	European Christmas Market	5-7p
Dec. 15	Tabling/Pop-up	Ramsey County Services – Maplewood	10a-1p
Dec. 15	Committee Meeting	Saint Paul Planning Commission's Transportation Committee	4:30p
Dec. 18	Tabling/Pop-up	Hmong Village	12-3p
Jan. 7	Committee Meeting	Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee	12:30p

Leave a comment and/or question

- Feedback will be shared with project staff and included in the project record
- Comments and questions can be directed to the project team by email: BronzeLine@metrotransit.org
- To leave a comment/question online, visit: surveymonkey.com/r/BronzeLine
- To leave a comment on our interactive map, visit: engage.publiccoordinate.com/project/metro-bronze-line



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Interactive Map & QR Code



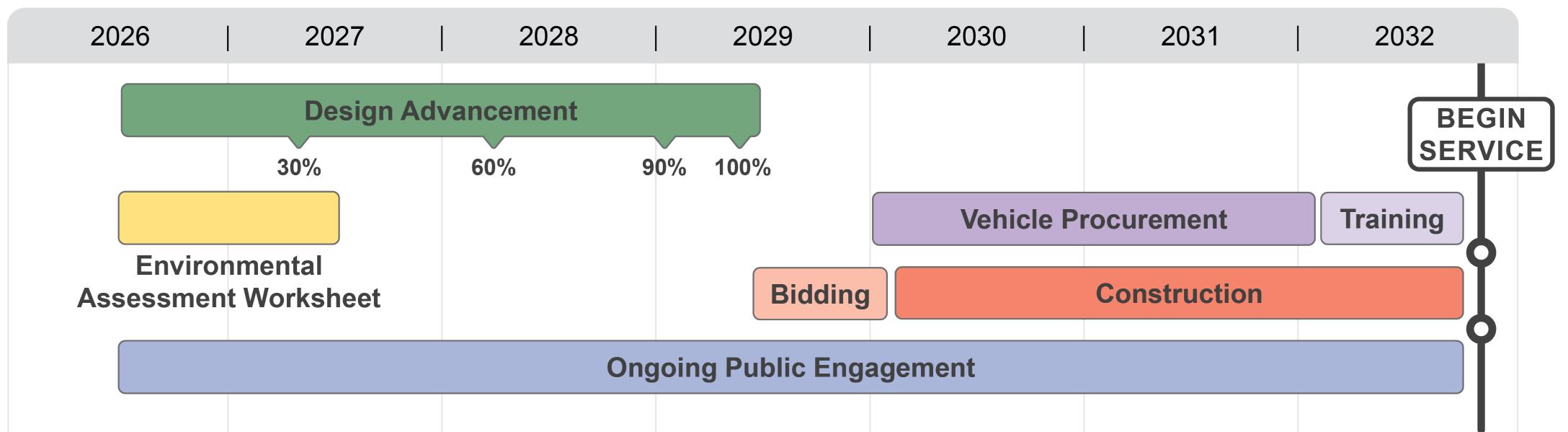
Next Steps

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Longer Term Look Ahead

- New consultant teams onboard by mid-year 2026
- Decision on bus propulsion type in 2028
- Construction staging and maintenance of traffic planning beginning in 2028



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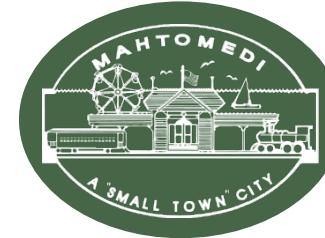
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City of
Gem Lake

