

WHAT IS THE PURPLE LINE BRT?

The Purple Line is a proposed bus rapid transit (BRT) line in Ramsey County that will connect with expanding light rail and BRT service of the METRO system. The line will increase accessibility to jobs, housing, and services, improving the appeal and competitiveness of the east metro area. Purple Line will operate primarily in exclusive or semi-exclusive lanes, providing for a more reliable and faster transit trip. Project staff are seeking input on the preferred route alternative between the Bruce Vento Regional Trail Corridor and White Bear Ave Corridor.

CORRIDOR COMPARISON

Purple Line staff have studied several aspects of the White Bear Ave and Bruce Vento Regional Trail corridors to help inform the preferred route alternative. Below are some key characteristics of both corridors.

BRUCE VENTO REGIONAL TRAIL CORRIDOR

Maryland Ave to Maplewood Mall via Bruce Vento Regional Trail and Beam Ave

9.5 miles

17 stations

15 minute frequency



3,800 projected riders



\$370 million estimated cost

- ✓ Eligible for federal funding
- ✓ Fewer impacts to future traffic operations
- ✓ Fewer property impacts and quicker construction
- ✓ Shorter transit travel times from end to end
- ✓ Fewer destinations within a 10-minute walk or roll of stations
- ✓ Less transit-supportive development
- ✓ Change of trail character that include some pedestrian improvements at trail crossings and roadway intersections

WHITE BEAR AVENUE CORRIDOR

Johnson Pkwy to the Maplewood Mall area via Maryland Ave, White Bear Ave, and Beam Ave

11 miles

24 stations

15 minute frequency



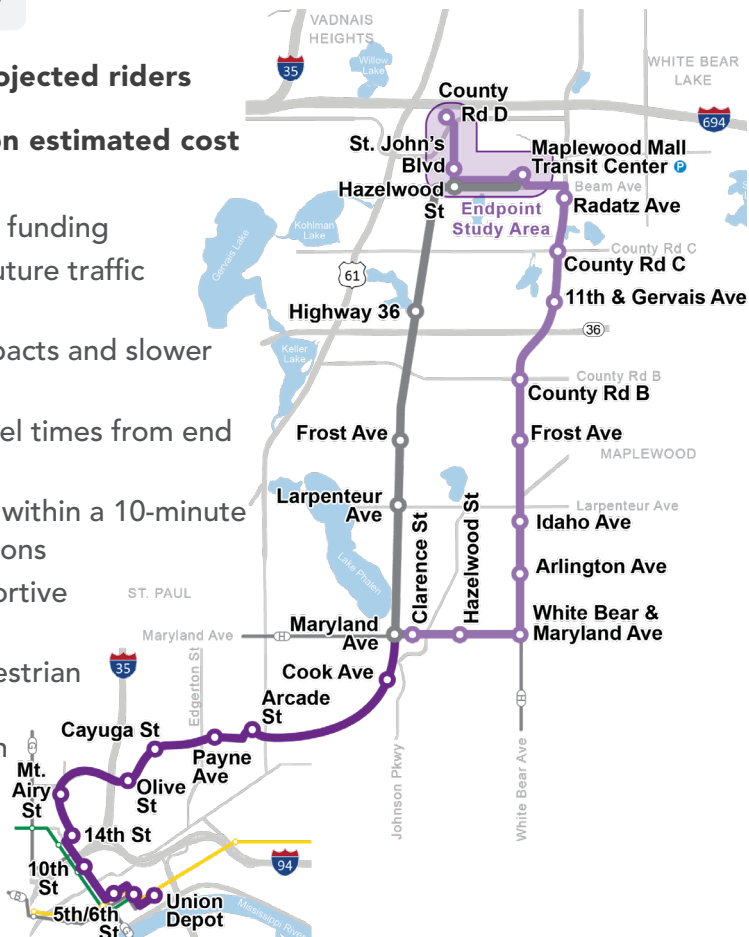
3,900-4,900 projected riders



\$420-450 million estimated cost

- ✓ Eligible for federal funding
- ✓ More impacts to future traffic operations
- ✓ More property impacts and slower construction
- ✓ Longer transit travel times from end to end
- ✓ More destinations within a 10-minute walk or roll of stations
- ✓ More transit-supportive development
- ✓ Roadway and pedestrian infrastructure improvements with full roadway reconstruction

- Defined Corridor
- White Bear Ave Corridor
- Bruce Vento Regional Trail Corridor
- METRO Gold Line
- METRO Green Line
- Planned METRO BRT
- Park & Ride



Visit metrotransit.org/purple-line for upcoming ways you can engage with the project and to sign-up for updates.

PURPOSE AND NEED

Serving the needs of people who rely on transit

Supporting those that can't afford, are unable, or choose not to drive.

Meeting increasing demand for reliable, high-frequency transit

Ridership on existing Bus Rapid Transit service was strong throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and has gained riders more quickly than other service types, reflecting a demand for more all-day, all-purpose service.

Fast and reliable BRT lines now carry 15% of regional trips.

Planning for sustainable growth and development

Tackling traffic congestion by expanding reliable transit services and guiding transit-oriented, walkable development.

Expanding multimodal travel options

Addressing air quality and greenhouse gas emissions by shifting independent car trips to transit trips.

UPCOMING FEEDBACK OPPORTUNITIES

July & August 2024

Join us at community meetings and pop-up events, engage in door-knocking conversations, or connect virtually to provide feedback on:

Whether Purple line should run along the Bruce Vento Regional Trail Corridor or the White Bear Ave Corridor.

Purple Line bus lane options, including a new center-running bus lane option in the Saint Paul section of the White Bear Ave Corridor.

Scan the QR code or visit the project website to provide feedback virtually.
metrotransit.org/purple-line



September 2024

Provide additional feedback on the preferred route alternative or White Bear Ave Corridor design through the project website, email, or phone.

OVERALL PROJECT SCHEDULE

2027-2029

2024-2026

Advance Engineering and Design

Construction and Start-Up

Late 2029

Begin Service

BRT projects are complex and unforeseen challenges arise. Schedules and timelines are subject to change.

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

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