The Blue Line (2004), was the region’s first light-rail transit (LRT) corridor. The Blue Line connects Target Field to Mall of America, linking downtown Minneapolis, U.S. Bank Stadium, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and Bloomington’s South Loop district along the way. Multiple regional transit routes converge at the terminal hubs of Target Field Station and Mall of America Station.

The Blue Line serves these areas:
- Downtown Minneapolis
- Hiawatha Avenue corridor
- Airport
- Bloomington
- Mall of America

**By the Numbers**

- 12 miles long
- 40 minutes from end to end
- 19 stations
- 55,000+ population within 1/2 mile of stations
- 180,000+ approximate jobs within 1/2 mile of stations
- 30,000+ average weekday ridership
- 4 transitway connections (Green Line, Northstar Commuter Rail, Red Line and A Line Rapid Bus)


**Featured Projects**

- **Hi Lake Triangle:** Affordable senior housing at Lake Street Station. Image from collegearchitects.com
- **38th Street Station:** A mixed use development that improves pedestrian access and public space at 38th Street Station.
The METRO Blue Line connects downtown Minneapolis with the airport and Mall of America.

Existing Transitways through 2015
- METRO Blue Line
- METRO Green Line
- METRO Red Line
- Northstar Commuter Rail
- Arterial BRT Line
- Bus route
- Hi-Frequency Service Network

Planned Transitways
- METRO Blue Line Extension
- METRO Green Line Extension
- METRO Orange Line
- Planned Arterial BRT Lines
- Half Mile Station Area

1. Image from ryancompanies.com

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