METRO Gold Line Extension: November Updates

Work to extend the METRO Gold Line to downtown Minneapolis began in August and will continue through the end of 2026. Construction crews are making progress on the construction of two new stations with heating and lighting, real-time signs, and ticket machines near the intersection of I-94 and Snelling Avenue. When construction is complete, staff will test station amenities over the winter and complete any remaining landscaping work in 2027.

METRO Gold Line opened in March 2025 and currently serves stops in Woodbury, Oakdale, Landfall, Maplewood, and St. Paul. Beginning in 2027, the extended Gold Line will replace express Route 94, which travels between St. Paul and Minneapolis. This will eliminate the need to transfer in St. Paul, making the commute between the east metro and Minneapolis more seamless.

What's taking place this month?

St. Anthony Avenue

- The I-94 westbound entrance ramp at Snelling Avenue and St. Anthony Avenue is reduced to one lane
- Through mid-November, crews will fill trenches after completing underground utility work and preparing the station foundation
- Through mid-November, crews will install curbs and a concrete boarding area and pave the roadway near the station
    - Crews may temporarily move the concrete barrier on St. Anthony Avenue to complete this work
- Crews expect to install the steel framework and pylon, a tall structure with real-time bus information, by the end of November

Concordia Avenue

- Crews have installed the steel framework and roof panels for the station
- Through mid-November, crews will install the back of curb concrete and wood flats
- Throughout November, crews will conduct electrical work to connect digital signage
- By end of November, crews expect to install the station's metal roof and pylon



Figure 1. Concordia Ave Station on November 6, 2026

What does this mean for residents and nearby businesses?

- Temporary traffic control zones are in place at the construction sites on St. Anthony Avenue and Concordia Avenue
- Crews may temporarily move the concrete barrier on St. Anthony Avenue to install the bus stop pad
- Sidewalk closures on St. Anthony Avenue and Concordia Avenue will continue. Pedestrians may follow posted signs to access nearby properties and the temporary Route 94 bus stops
- Expect construction equipment, like concrete mixers and screeds, and sawcutting work along St. Anthony and Concordia avenues
- Construction work will occur Monday – Saturday from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. and includes noise, vibration, dust, and crew presence in the area

If you are interested in connecting about the Gold Line extension project, please reach out to Sia Bell, Community Outreach Coordinator, at 763-358-0219 or email goldline@metrotransit.org

Scan the QR code or visit metrotransit.org/gold-line-extension to learn more.