

METRO Gold Line Extension: September 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 building 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?

- Temporary traffic control zones are in place at the construction sites on St. Anthony Avenue and Concordia Avenue to reorient traffic and protect pedestrians and crews
- Xcel Energy crews will be moving existing utility lines on St. Anthony Avenue through mid-September to prepare for station construction
- Crews will continue digging trenches to prepare for concrete pouring on St. Anthony Avenue later this month
- Crews are conducting underground electrical work on Concordia Avenue, followed by refilling the trenches in the area, through the end of this month

What does this mean for residents and nearby businesses?

- Nearby residents can expect short-term interruptions to utilities (i.e. water and gas) and sidewalk access
- Expect ongoing digging, equipment, and open trenches across areas on 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

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