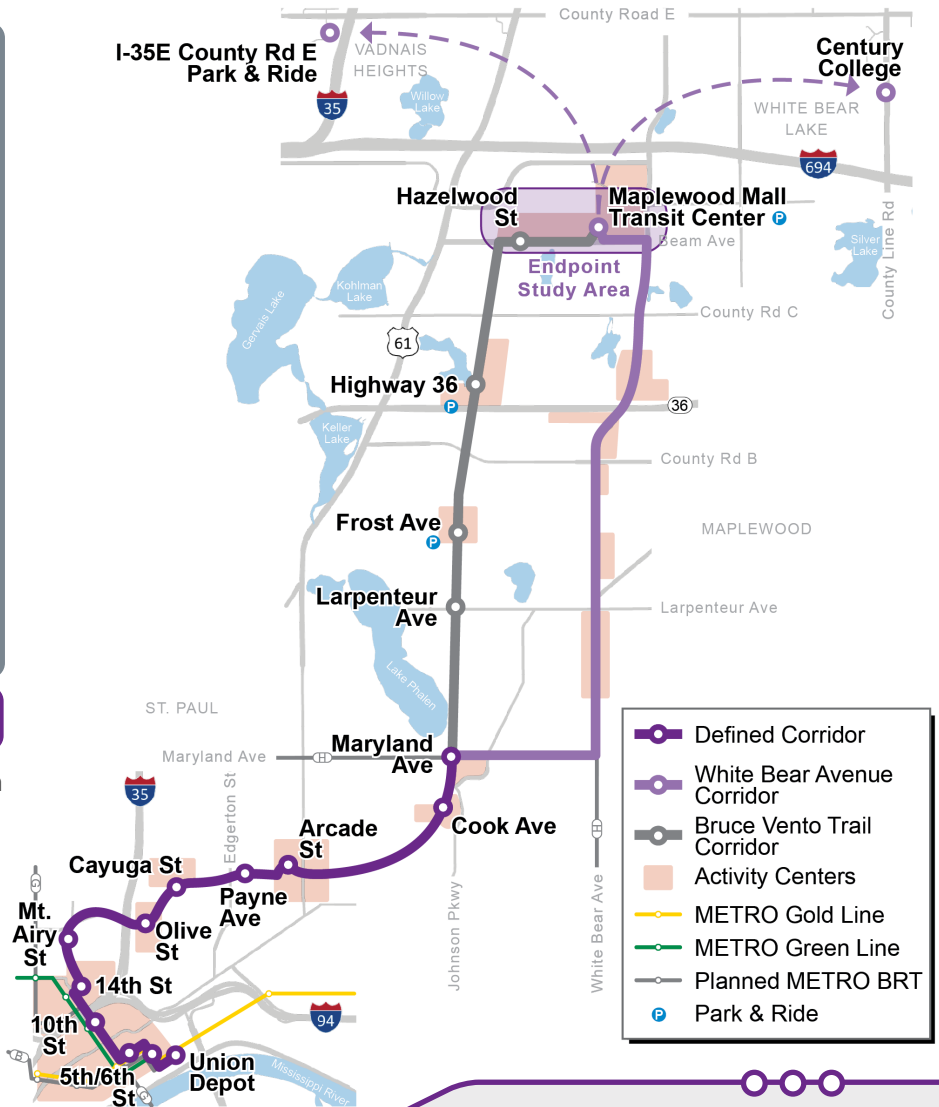


ROUTE MODIFICATION STUDY PHASE II

The METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project is studying an alternative route that will use Maryland and White Bear avenues to travel to the Maplewood Mall area instead of the route through the Bruce Vento Regional Trail Corridor, north of Maryland Avenue. The Project will compare these two routes to determine which provides the greatest benefit to area residents and businesses.

ROADWAY DETAILS

- Maryland and White Bear avenues are both owned and maintained by Ramsey County
- Purple Line would occupy one lane in each direction for a dedicated bus lane
- The project will evaluate the location of parking, vehicle lanes, crosswalks, sidewalks, trails, and transit connections on both roadways.



WHAT IS BUS RAPID TRANSIT?

A package of transit enhancements that create a **better, more reliable, and faster trip experience** compared to typical bus service. These include:

- Frequent, all-day service in both directions, seven days a week
- Fewer stops, dedicated bus-only lanes, and green light priority keep the bus moving
- Pay before you board and raised platforms help you board and exit the bus easily
- Large shelters, real-time departure signs, heat, lighting, and security features create a more comfortable waiting space
- Buses with wider aisles, more doors, and more room for wheelchairs and strollers create a more comfortable ride



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.

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.

HOW ARE STATION LOCATIONS DECIDED?

- Housing, jobs, activities distribution along the corridor
- Public feedback
- Distance between METRO stations
- Existing bus stops along the corridor
- Land use planning
- Right-of-way and technical considerations

NEXT STEPS

- Evaluate the potential of Purple Line along Maryland and White Bear avenues to the Maplewood Mall Transit Center
- Evaluate potential to extend the Purple Line to Vadnais Heights or Century College
- Compare this new alternative to the Bruce Vento Trail alignment to inform final recommendation
- Community engagement on station locations, route alignments, and concept design will occur throughout all next steps

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