

The METRO B Line

Faster transit is coming to the Route 21 corridor

Construction of the METRO B Line bus rapid transit project began in 2023. The B Line will substantially replace Route 21 with faster, frequent, and all-day service. This 13-mile line will connect neighborhoods and destinations in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Bus rapid transit is a package of transit enhancements that adds up to a faster trip and an improved experience.

The B Line will help deliver more equitable service in a corridor that has some of the region's highest ridership, even during the pandemic.

A faster trip

The goal of the B Line is to make service approximately 20% faster. Here's how:

- Buses make fewer stops, significantly speeding up travel time.
- Ticket machines at stations allow customers to purchase tickets before boarding with cash or credit.

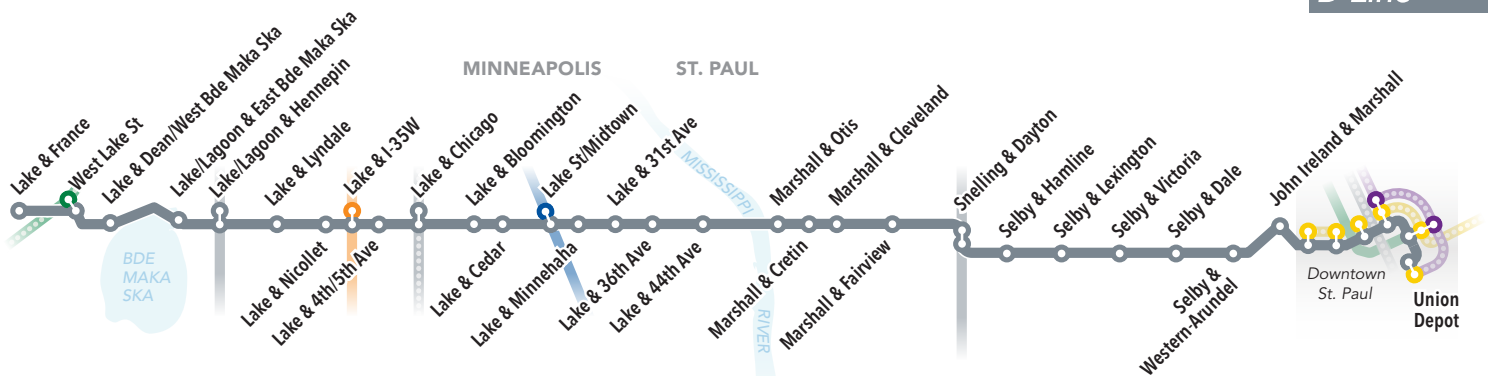
- Low-floor buses and raised curbs at stations, plus wider bus doors and boarding from the front and back, speed up boarding.
- Extending the curb at stations saves time; buses can merge more easily into traffic after serving a station.
- Signal priority and bus-only lanes in key locations allow buses to keep moving.

Improved transit experience

Enhanced shelters at stations provide protection from the weather and a safe, comfortable and convenient customer waiting space. Features include:

- Bike racks
- Information about the route, transit system, and surrounding area
- Security cameras and emergency phones
- Enhanced lighting
- Push-button heating

[View a detailed map at metrotransit.org/b-line-project](https://metrotransit.org/b-line-project)



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Project Schedule

• 2020	• 2021-2023	• Spring 2023	• Spring 2024	• June 14, 2025
Project station locations approved	Design of stations and other improvements	Construction starts east of Hiawatha Avenue	Construction starts west of Hiawatha Avenue	OPENING

What to expect from construction

Metro Transit thanks residents, businesses and customers for their patience as crews work to get the B Line ready for opening. People should anticipate the following impacts:

- Updates to traffic signals and street light repairs along the B Line corridor.
- To improve transit speed and reliability, bus-only lanes will be implemented on portions of Lake Street, Lagoon Avenue, and Marshall Avenue.
- Crews will install underground conduit for a fiber optic network along the length of the corridor to link technology at stations.
- Outreach staff will communicate with residents, businesses, and property owners within one block prior to construction starting at each new location.
- Sidewalk access will be maintained on at least one side of construction zones at all times.
- Pedestrian access to homes and businesses will be maintained.
- Buses will experience detours during construction. Up-to-date information can be found at metrotransit.org/alerts. [Subscribe to Rider Alerts](#) to keep up to date with bus detours and temporary stop locations.
- Work to finalize station amenities including, but not limited to fare collection equipment and NextTrip signs.

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