

Changes are coming to the Lake Street/Midtown Station!

Lake Street/Midtown Station is the busiest METRO Blue Line station north of the airport, with nearly 800,000 boardings annually. As the station approaches 20 years in service, a series of improvements will enhance the experience for customers and the surrounding community. These upgrades aim to improve accessibility, safety, and sustainability, while creating a welcoming environment for all.

Route 21 connects with METRO Blue Line at the station and serves as the highest boarding location for the route. The light rail station is a key connection point for the METRO B Line.

Station renovation goals

- **Accessibility:** Ensure reliable access between Lake Street and the light rail platform for people of all abilities. Removal of escalators, widening of staircases, addition of a pedestrian ramp, and stair relocation to improve visibility and lighting.
- **Customer Experience:** Including safety, additional decorative lighting, transit service center, wayfinding, enclosed canopy, and other amenities.
- **Sustainability:** Use long-lasting materials that are easy to maintain and offer energy savings.
- **Integrated Design:** Seamlessly connect the station with surrounding spaces, including Market Square and nearby trail connections.

Timeline

• 2022-2023

PLANNING

• 2024-2025

DESIGN & ENGINEERING

• 2026-2027

STATION CONSTRUCTION

In 2026 – 2027, the station will undergo a major renovation. This project follows recently completed roadway and landscape improvements to the Hiawatha-Lake intersection and the development of the METRO B Line. Planning began in 2022, and we are currently in the design phase.

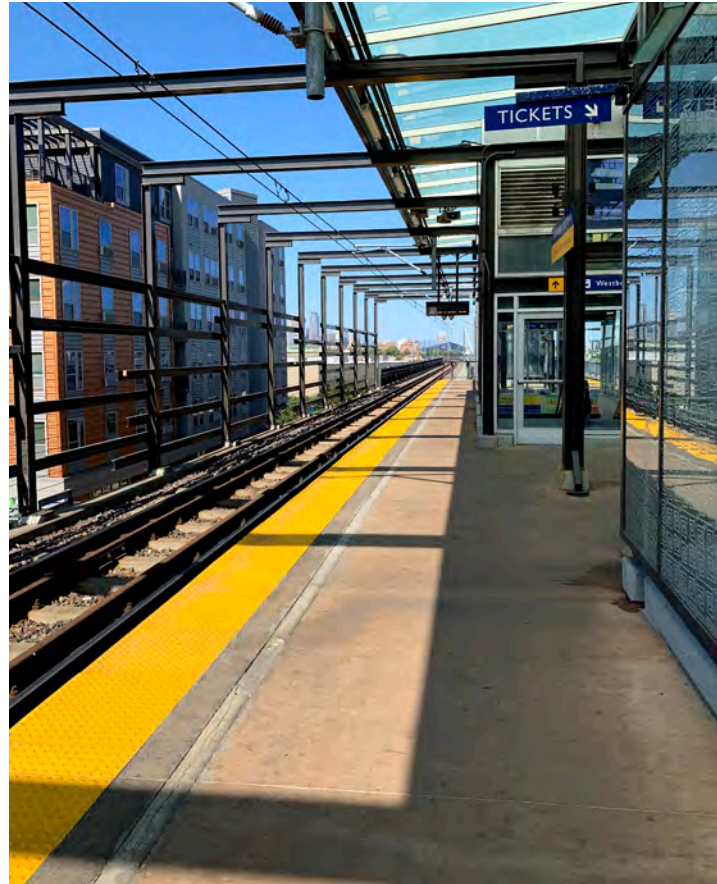
Recent and Future Engagement

Metro Transit conducted a survey in the summer of 2024 that provided valuable feedback on station amenities and at our first Open House in October of 2024 (see metrotransit.org/hi-lake). The input gathered will guide decisions as we move through the design phases.

Ongoing Station Improvements

While the larger renovation is scheduled for 2026 – 2027, several improvements are already underway:

- Elevator and escalator repairs
- Public art installations
- Platform security enhancements
- Glass and concrete repairs
- Deep cleaning and maintenance
- Bicycle access ramps on staircases



Project updates

Get more information about the project, including project updates and opportunities to be involved with the design at metrotransit.org/hi-lake.

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