

Communities in Motion: The Role Transit Plays in Creating Connected, Vibrant and Thriving Cities

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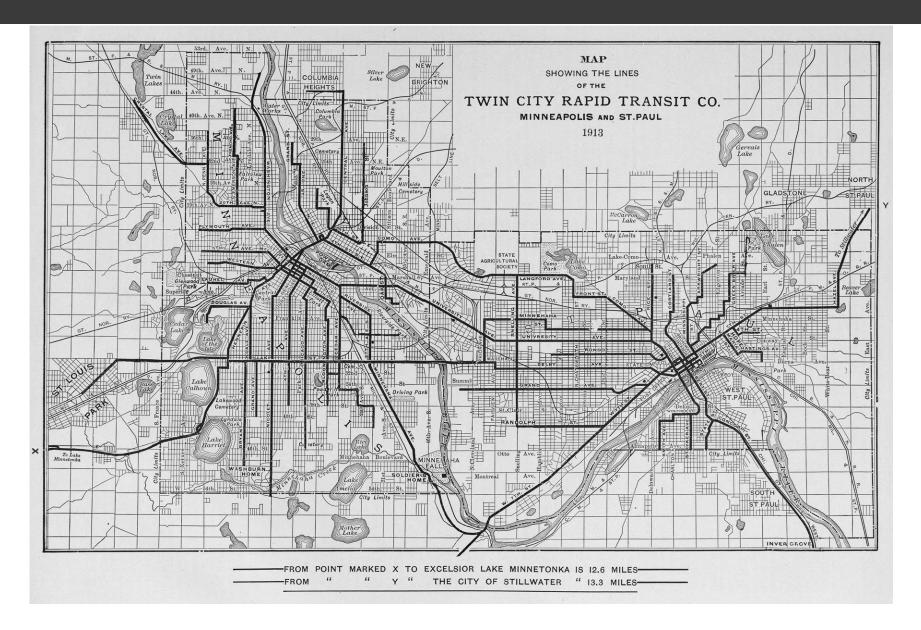
### **Metro Transit**



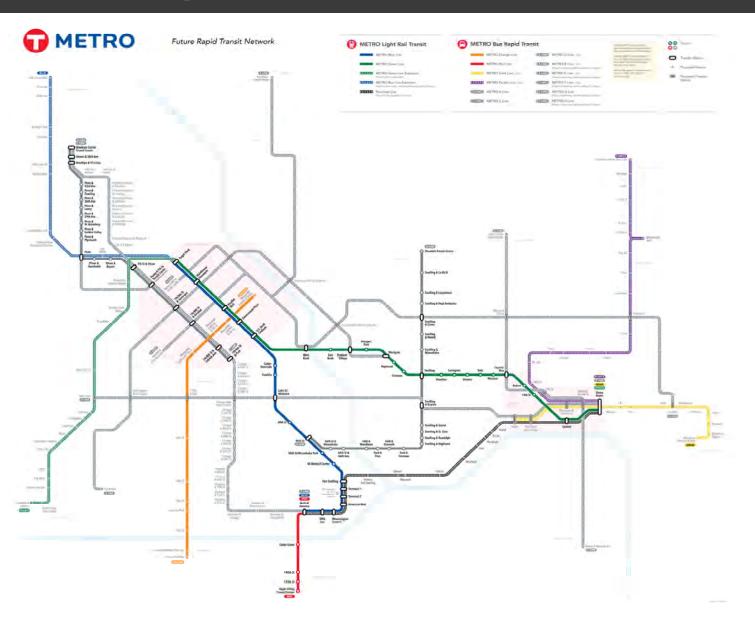


 Metro Transit is the transportation resource for the Twin Cities, offering an integrated network of buses, light rail and commuter trains as well as resources for those who carpool, vanpool, walk or bike

### Where we came from.....



## Where We're Going: Regional Transit Network



- 2022: D Line
- 2024: B Line
- 2025: Gold Line BRT
- 2025: E Line
- 2026: Purple Line BRT
- 2026: F Line
- 2027: Green Line Ext.
- 2027: G Line
- 2028: Blue Line Ext.
- 2028: H Line

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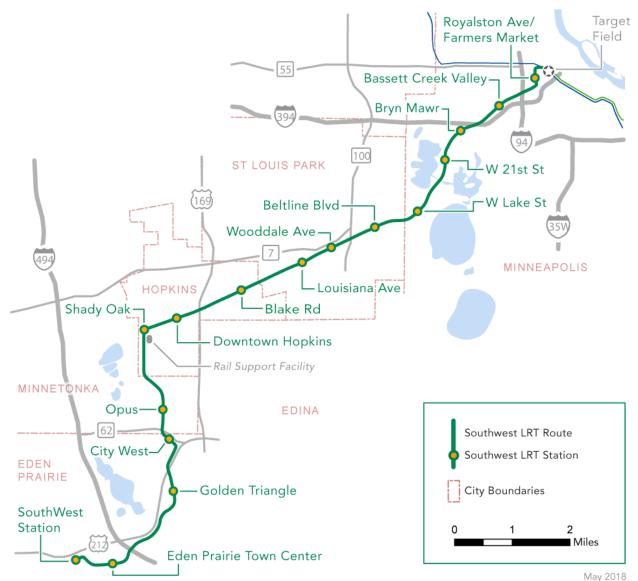
### **Transit Priorities**



- The system is funded from construction, to revenue service and through ongoing maintenance
- The customer experience is safe and comfortable
- Transit routes support creative, vibrant neighborhoods and communities

## **METRO Green Line Extension Update**

- 16 new stations
- 44 structures
  - 29 new bridges: LRT, pedestrian, roadway, freight
  - 7 existing bridges with modifications
  - 6 pedestrian tunnels
  - 2 cut and cover tunnels:
    - TH 62 582 ft., Kenilworth 2,236 ft.
- 15 at-grade LRT crossings
  - Includes 5 shared crossings w/freight rail
- 7.8 mi shared LRT and freight rail corridor



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## LRT Construction Sequencing and Status

✓ Done!

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60% Complete

Initiated

Prior to revenue service



#### **Utilities**

- Excavation
- Relocation / installation



#### Site Prep

- Clear buildings
- Establish work zones, detours



### Structures, track, stations

- Track beds
- Track
- Buildings
- Roadwork
- Trails



#### Systems

- Overhead catenary
- Safety & security
- Ticket vending



#### Testing

- Safety
- Comms
- Operator training

Outreach & Communications

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## **How Do Costs Compare?**

- Compared to our peer group of metropolitan areas including Seattle, Portland, and Houston, our costs are currently at or below their similar projects
  - Previous Green Line Extension: ~\$152
     million per mile
  - Revised Green Line Extension: \$180 million to \$190 million per mile
  - Peer projects: between \$200 million and \$500 million per mile



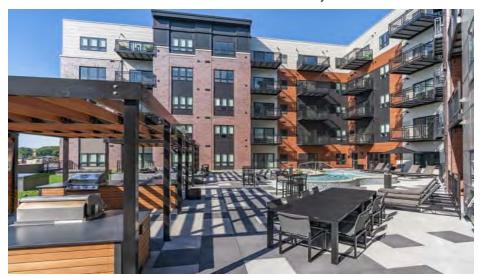
## **National Comparisons**

LRT Project	Length in Miles	Number of Stations	Cost Per Mile
Twin Cities METRO Green Line Extension	14.5	16	\$180 - \$190 million
Pittsburg: North Shore	1.2	3	\$560 million
Seattle: U-Link	3.2	2	\$511 million
Seattle: East Line	13.9	10	\$259 million
Portland: Orange Line	7.3	10	\$243 million
Los Angeles: Expo Line Phase 2	6.6	7	\$225 million §
Houston: Green Line	3.2	7	\$223 million

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## \$2+ Billion in Permitted & Planned Community Development

**Elevate At SouthWest Station, Eden Prairie** 



**Minnetonka Station at Opus Station** 



The Moline at Downtown Hopkins Station



**Beltline Station Development, St. Louis Park** 



## Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

Construction Contract Description: DBE Goal	DBE Billed to Date	DBE Percentage Achieved*
Civil: 16%	\$144.7 Million	20.5%
Systems: 12%	\$13.1 Million	17%
Franklin OMF: 15%	\$7.7 Million	18.9%
OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT: 15%	\$171.5 Million	19.9%

## **Development + Transit = Success**

#### **Development Trends Along Transit: 2021 TOD Report Findings**

- Along existing and planned high frequency transitways between 2003 2020
  - \$15 billion in development has been permitted
  - 41% of the region's multifamily development by permit value (39,200 multifamily units)
  - Of these units:
    - 61% are near LRT, 40% are near BRT and 30% are served by high frequency local bus routes
  - Another **\$9.5 billion** in development is planned, representing **67%** of the planned development for the region; adding another 35,200 multifamily units

## Building a Regional Transit Network



#### **Transit can transform**

- Our places where we work, live and gather
- Our growing economy
- Our diverse lives



