



Metropolitan Council

2023 Transportation Recommendations



February 2023 – Chair Charlie Zelle

Sustainable, reliable transit funding

Dedicated sales tax

Governor Walz recommends a 0.125% regional sales tax for transit operations and capital beginning in October of 2023

- Ongoing investments for the regional transit system
- Assists with operating and capital needs of regular route and transitways, along with other federal, state and local resources
- Reduces the structural deficit for transit operations estimated at \$260M over the 2026-27 state fiscal year biennium
- Estimated revenue collections between 2024 – 2027 state fiscal years are \$350M



Regional sales tax

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2024 (starting in October)	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
General Fund				
Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Other Funds (Met Council)				
Expenditures	\$60,046	\$93,196	\$96,272	\$99,448
Revenues	\$60,046	\$93,196	\$96,272	\$99,448
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	0	0	0	0

Busway capital improvement program



Arterial Bus Rapid Transit

Governor Walz recommends \$72 million in general obligation bonds to support faster, more frequent and reliable service in our busiest corridors

- For environmental work, right-of-way acquisition, design, construction, and other potential bond-eligible uses to help advance upcoming lines
 - **F Line** (Central /53rd /University Avenues downtown Minneapolis to Northtown)
 - **G Line** (Rice/Robert Street West St. Paul to Little Canada)
 - **H Line** (Como/Maryland Minneapolis to Sun Ray)
- Expands network of fast, frequent, all-day transitway service

Bus Rapid Transit



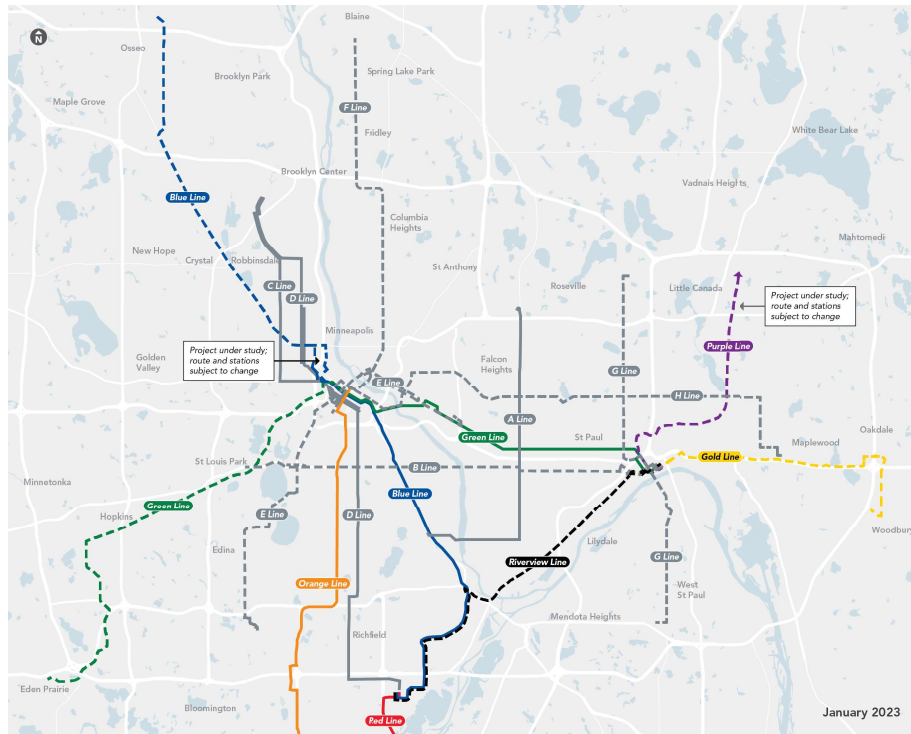
Faster, more reliable service

- Off-board fare payment
- All-door boarding
- Wider stop spacing

Enhanced stations

- Off-board fare payment
- Heat, light, real-time signs

State, local and federal funding



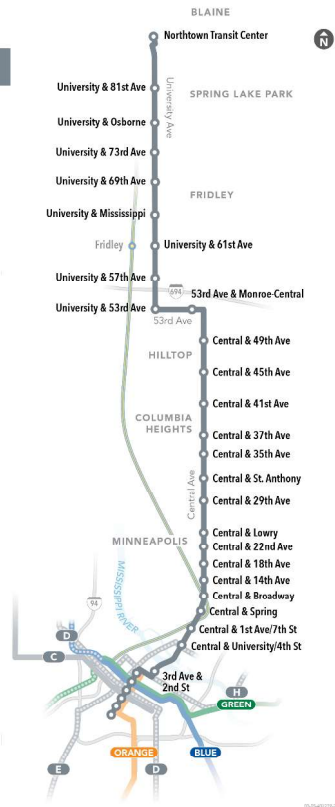
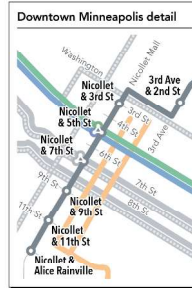
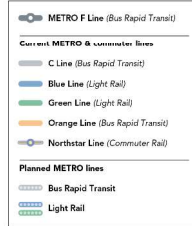
Current METRO network		Planned METRO network	
— A Line	— Green Line	--- Planned BRT	--- Green Line Extension
— C Line	— Orange Line	--- Gold Line	--- Blue Line Extension
— D Line	— Red Line	--- Purple Line	--- Riverview Line
— Blue Line		--- Riverview Line	

METRO F Line

- Route 10 corridor from downtown Minneapolis to Northtown Transit Center
- Project schedule
 - 2022-2023: Corridor plan development
 - 2023-2024: Design of stations and other improvements
 - 2025-2026: Construction
 - 2026: F Line service begins

METRO F Line

August 2022

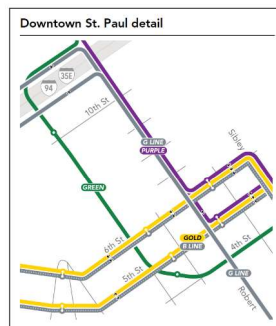


METRO G Line

- Rice / Robert corridor served by Route 62 and 68
- Project schedule
 - 2022-2024: Planning
 - 2024-2025: Design of stations and other improvements
 - 2026-2027: Construction (pending full funding)

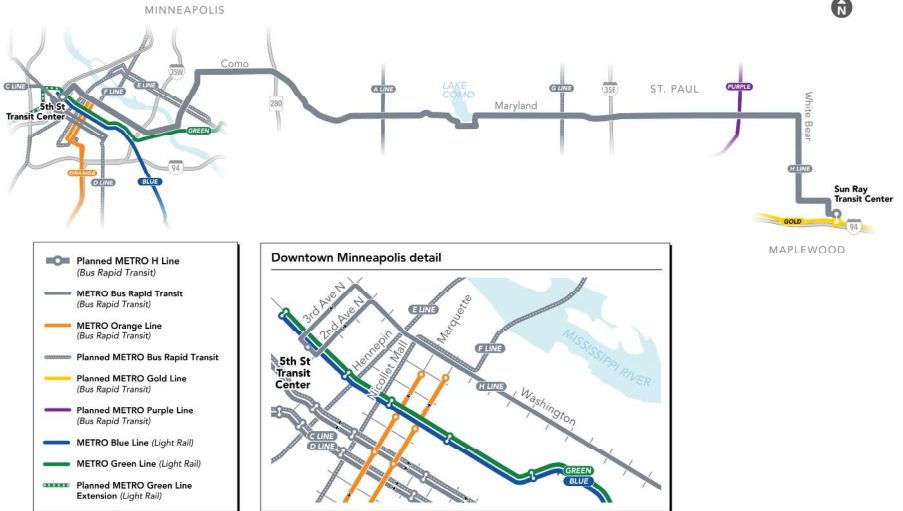
METRO G Line

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METRO H Line

- Como/Maryland corridor served by Route 3
- Project schedule
 - 2023-2024: Planning
 - 2025-2026: Design of stations and other improvements
 - 2027-2028: Construction (pending full funding)



January 2022

Accelerating zero emissions public transit bus transition

Electric bus and charging system

Governor Walz recommends \$29.2 million in one-time, general fund dollars to:

- Purchase up to 30 battery electric buses with charging infrastructure
- Help cover the extra cost above the typical price tag for a diesel bus
- Provide a potential state match to tap into competitive greenhouse gas reduction dollars from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
- Move past the goal of at least 20 percent of bus replacements be zero emission by 2027



Regional transit bonding authority

Primarily used to replace regional bus and paratransit vehicles

Governor Walz recommends a one-time increase in the Metropolitan Council's authority to issue bonds under Minnesota Statute § 473.39

- Current authority is \$98.4 million over two years
 - FY 2024 would increase to \$51.5 million
 - FY 2025 would increase to \$53.045 million
 - Total for FY 2024 and FY 2025 would be \$104.545 million
- Replacing aging vehicles will:
 - Increase efficiency
 - Provide safe rides
 - Keep residents of the region connected to work, school, shopping, events, and more



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