



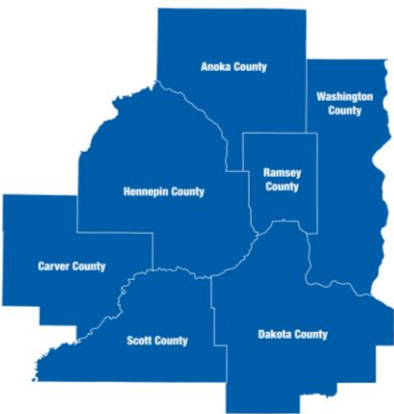
GREEN LINE EXTENSION STATUS REPORT

JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 2024

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Project Description

The METRO Green Line Extension (Southwest LRT) Project is approximately 14.5 miles of new double track proposed as an extension of the METRO Green Line. The proposed line includes 16 new stations and will operate from downtown Minneapolis through the communities of St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka, and Eden Prairie, passing in close proximity to Edina (see Figure 1). The Green Line Extension LRT (GLE) project also includes approximately 1,890 additional park-and-ride spaces, accommodations for passenger drop-off, bicycle and pedestrian access, and new or reconfigured local bus routes connecting stations to nearby destinations.

The Green Line Extension will operate primarily at-grade and with structures providing grade separation of LRT crossings, roadways, and water bodies at specified locations. It will operate in an LRT tunnel in a portion of the Kenilworth Corridor and under Trunk Highway 62 at the Minnetonka-Eden Prairie city line.

A total of 27 light rail vehicles (LRVs) will be added to the Green Line fleet for the operation of the Southwest LRT line. These additional LRVs will be stored and maintained at the Franklin Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Facility on the Blue Line. A Rail Support Facility will be centrally located in Hopkins.

Sec. 106. Laws 2022, chapter 39, section 2, is amended to read:

Sec. 2.

(c) On a quarterly basis, the Metropolitan Council must submit a summary of expenditures since the last quarterly report for review and comment to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance and to the members of the Legislative Commission on Metropolitan Government. A summary must include the following for each expenditure or for a subtotal of related expenditures:

- (1) the expenditure or subtotal amount;
- (2) the specific standard cost category; and
- (3) identification or a brief summary of the nature of the expenditure.

Table 1. Summary of Expenditures for Green Line Extension for January through March 2024

GREEN LINE EXTENSION	Project Cost Estimate as of March 2024	Forecasted Revenue Service		
Status Report March 2024	\$2.862B	12/31/2027		
As of: 2024-03-31				
		For the Period January - March 2024		
FEDERAL STANDARD COST CATEGORIES (SCC)	Cost Description	FORECASTED	ACTUALS/ACCRUALS 1/1/2024-03/31/2024	DELTA
SCC 10-50 CONSTRUCTION	Construction Costs	\$ 50,859,927	\$ 38,818,710	\$ (12,041,217)
SCC 60 ROW	Right of Way Acquisition	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 51,828	\$ (4,448,172)
SCC 70 VEHICLES	Light Rail Vehicles	\$ 78,000	\$ 374,713	\$ 296,713
SCC 80 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Consultant Contracts, Staff, Office	\$ 13,583,750	\$ 6,990,565	\$ (6,593,185)
TOTALS		\$ 69,021,677	\$ 46,235,816	\$ (22,785,861)
*Expenses paid with SCC 90 (contingency) are included in actuals				
** March 2024 amounts are not finalized. Actuals are subject to change.				

Project Cost Estimate reflects capital funding commitments from the Council and Hennepin County outlined in Council Resolution [2023-18](#)



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