

GREEN LINE EXTENSION STATUS REPORT

OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER 2023

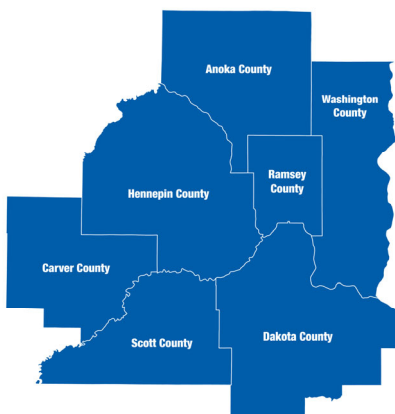


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Project Description:

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.

(a) Annually by January 1 and July 1, the Metropolitan Council must provide status updates on the Southwest light rail transit project to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance. Each status update must include:

- (1) total expenditures on the project during the previous six months as compared to projections;
- (2) total expenditures on the project anticipated over the next six months; ~~and~~
- (3) total expenditures on the project to date;
- (4) the total project cost estimate; and
- (5) any change in the date of anticipated project completion.

Table 1. Summary of Expenditures for Green Line Extension for October through December 2023

GREEN LINE EXTENSION **Project Cost Estimate as of December 2023** **Forecasted Revenue Service**
Status Report December 2023 **\$2.862B** **12/31/2027**
 As of: 2023-12-31

		For the Period July - December 2023			For the Period January - June 2024	Life To Date
FEDERAL STANDARD COST CATEGORIES (SCC)	Cost Description	FORECASTED	ACTUALS/ACCRUALS 10/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	DELTA	FORECASTED	LTD (as of December 31, 2023)
SCC 10-50 CONSTRUCTION	Construction Costs	\$ 141,887,438	\$ 125,282,445	\$ (16,604,993)	106,419,926	\$ 1,409,615,826
SCC 60 ROW	Right of Way Acquisition	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 1,909,068	\$ (4,090,932)	9,000,000	\$ 185,888,121
SCC 70 VEHICLES	Light Rail Vehicles	\$ 1,689,685	\$ 2,848,530	\$ 1,158,845	156,000	\$ 115,120,719
SCC 80 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Consultant Contracts, Staff, Office	\$ 21,319,518	\$ 24,190,007	\$ 2,870,489	27,019,000	\$ 411,802,656
TOTALS		\$ 170,896,641	\$ 154,230,050	\$ (16,666,591)	\$ 142,594,926	\$ 2,122,427,322

*Expenses paid with SCC 90 (contingency) are included in actuals

** December 2023 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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