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## Transportation Committee Staff Report for Projects

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**Project Name:** Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit

**Geographic Scope:** Downtown St. Paul to Woodbury, from Smith Avenue parking ramp to Valley Creek/494

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**Project Webpage:** <https://www.metrotransit.org/gold-line-project>

**Project Description:** New Bus Rapid Transit primarily within bus-only lanes, with frequent all-day service in both directions.

**Project Stage & General Timeline:**

- 60% plans out for public comment until 11/16/20
- Engineering Phase: 2021-22
- Construction: 2022-24
- Opening: 2024

**Public Hearing Date & Location:** n/a

**Cost & Primary Funding Source(s):** \$400+ million (cost to be updated in Dec. or Q1 2021);  
Funding sources: 45% federal (Federal Transit Authority's New Starts) and 55% local (Ramsey County, Washington County).

**Transportation Committee Role:**

- Inform project scope & approach       Inform design       Inform implementation
- Make recommendation

**Explanation** Project is looking for public feedback on 60% plans.

**Attachments include:**

60% plans: <https://www.metrotransit.org/gold-line-design-and-engineering>

Staff recommendation	None
Action item requested of the Committee	Informal feedback on Gold Line 60% plans

# What is the METRO Gold Line?

## Fast, frequent service in bus-only lanes

- Gold Line will be Minnesota's first bus rapid transit (BRT) line that operates primarily within bus-only lanes
- Gold Line will provide frequent, all-day service in both directions, seven days a week

## A new transit line that connects the east metro

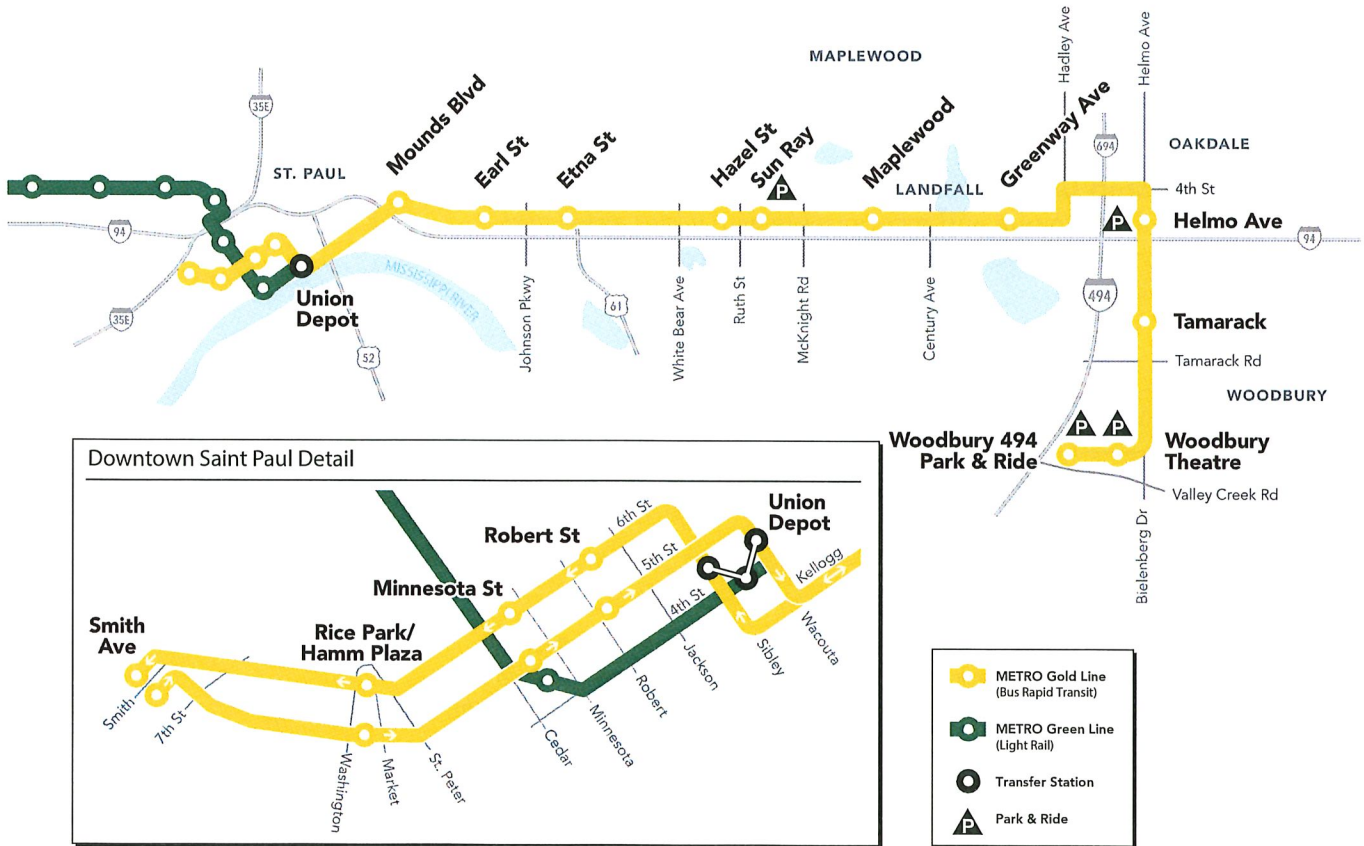
The planned 10-mile route is between Saint Paul and Woodbury with bus-only lanes being constructed generally north of and near Interstate 94

**21**

**Full-amenity stations**

- 10 Downtown Saint Paul
- 5 Saint Paul East Side Neighborhoods
- 1 Maplewood
- 1 Landfall/Oakdale
- 1 Oakdale
- 3 Woodbury

### Gold Line is expected to begin service in 2024



## Improves transit service to the east metro

Gold Line will connect people across the region to job centers, housing options, other transit lines and key destinations in the I-94 corridor

### A bus service that offers unique features



#### More frequent service

METRO Gold Line will provide all-day service that operates seven days a week with buses arriving every 10-15 minutes – so frequent, you won't need a schedule



#### A faster ride

Features that will allow a faster ride:

- Pay before you board so the bus leaves the station faster
- Raised platforms help you step or roll on and off easily
- Fewer stops than local routes and bus-only lanes that help keep the bus moving
- Buses can “ask” traffic signals for early or extended green lights



#### Stations with enhanced amenities

Shelters will provide comfortable waiting space and a variety of amenities: NexTrip real-time departure signs, maps, heat, lighting, bike racks and enhanced security with cameras and emergency telephones



#### Specialized buses

Buses will be unique and recognizable with wider aisles and additional doors and folding seats to make room for wheelchairs and strollers

### Part of a larger transit network

- More than a bus to downtown, Gold Line will connect the east metro to the regional METRO network
- When complete, the METRO network will connect over 500,000 people to a 30-minute transit commute to/from work

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