Network Now: 2025 Year-in-Review & 2026, 2027 Look-Ahead

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Adapt | Prepare | Maintain | Build on Success | Provide Access

40% **more** transit service

27% increased access to jobs

70+ routes will have frequency or span improvements

26 routes will have 15 minute or better service

LRT service will be back to **10-minute frequency**

8 **new micro zones** and routes with new coverage will be operating

50 routes officially discontinued and the resources reinvested into other service

12 suspended routes will be restored, among other improvements

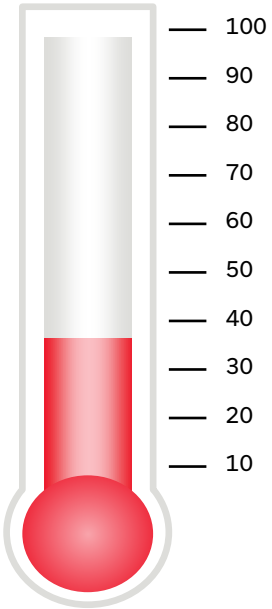
More options for **greener travel** as people reduce their carbon emissions by choosing transit

Network Now

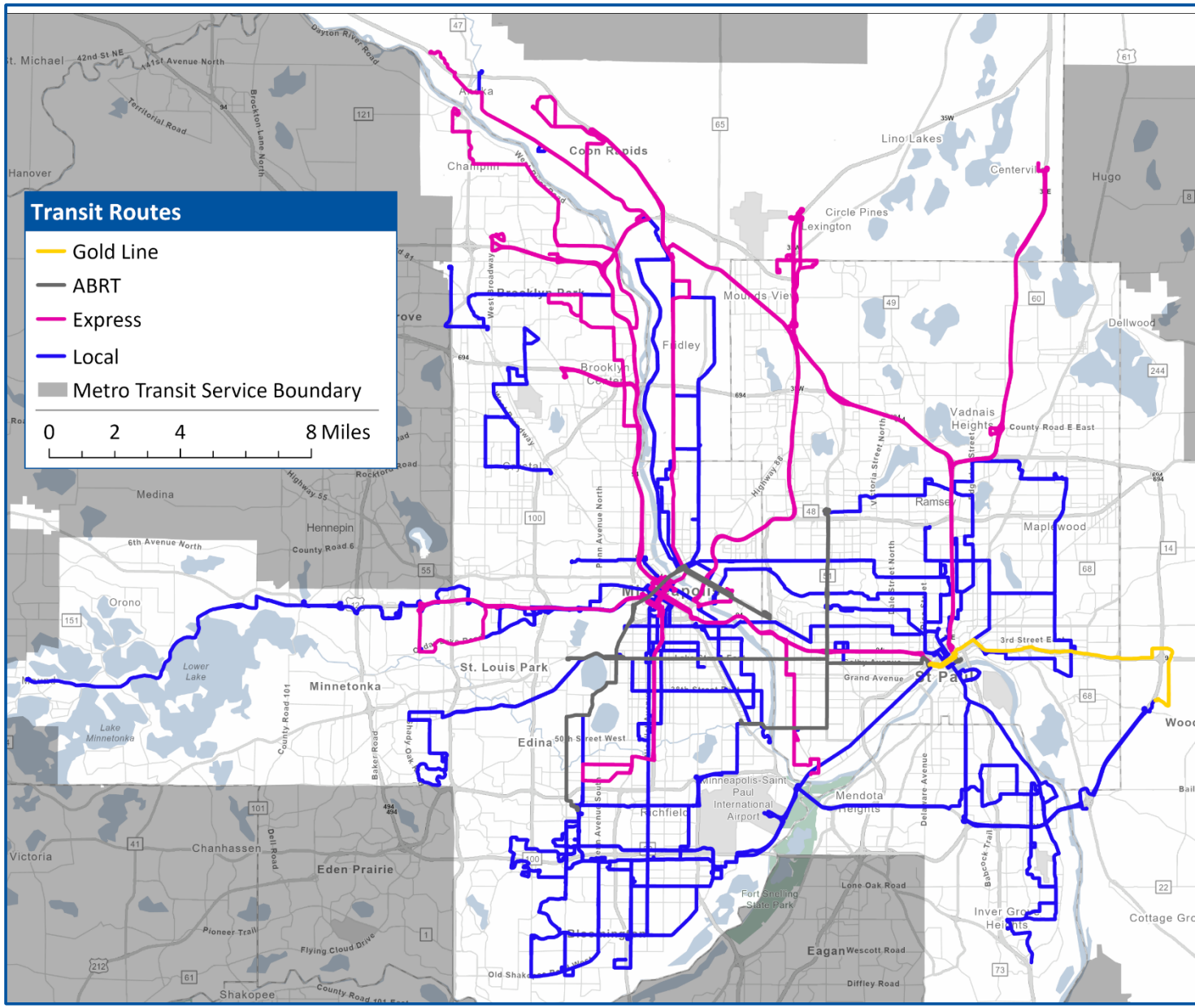
2025: What we did

2025 Network Now Service Improvements

- **35%** of improvements implemented on 54 routes
  - Strengthening the network frequency
  - All-day express network
  - New route coverage
  - New Metro micro coverage



- Gold, B and E Lines



March 2025

- Gold Line
- Implement skip stops in downtown Saint Paul

June 2025

- B Line
  - New Routes 27, 38, & 72
  - Restored Route 860
- Route 7 Better Bus Routes
- 10-min service improvements on A Line, Route 2, Route 10
- New weekend and evening service on Rt 94

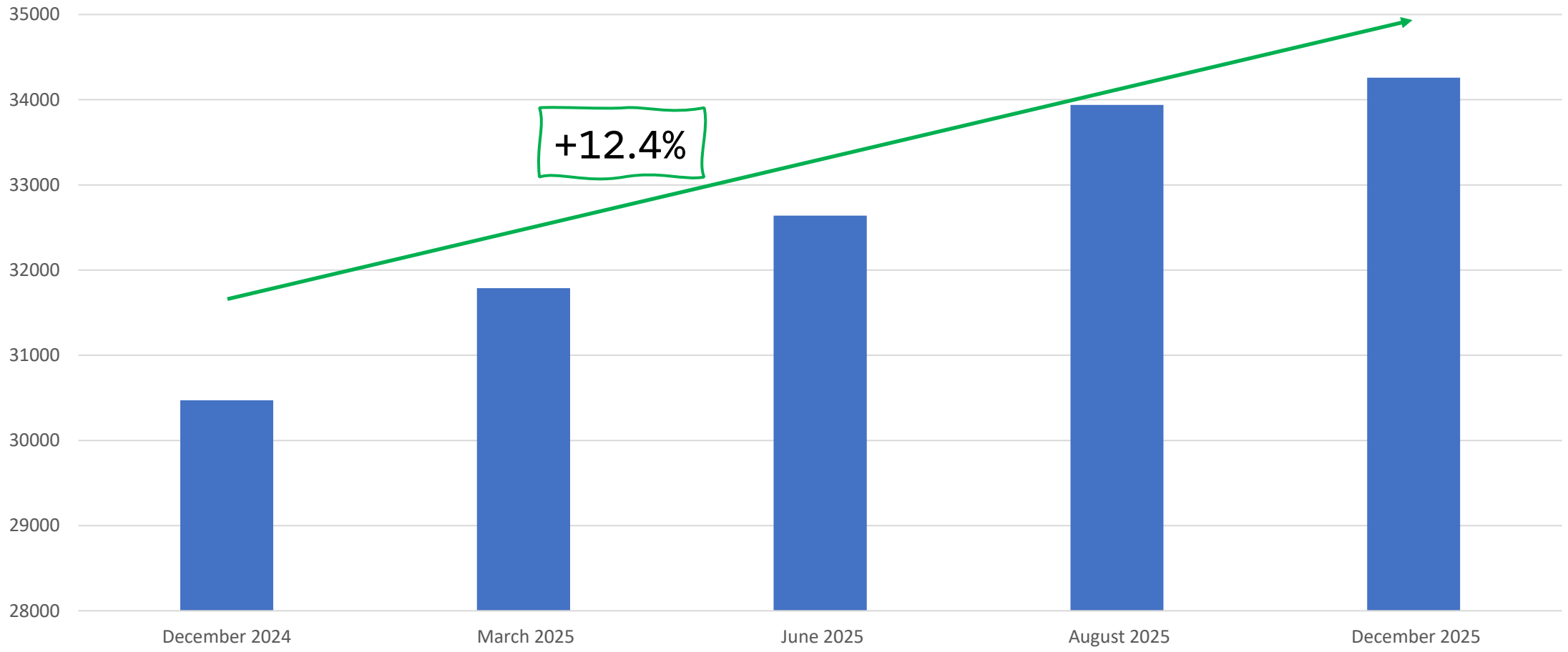
August 2025

- Route 61 Better Bus Routes
- Restored Routes 134 and 765
- Route 68 frequency improvements
- Bloomington service improvements
- Bloomington, Blaine Metro micro
- Implement KEN
  - 250, 673, & 768

December 2025

- E Line
  - New route 36
- Northstar bus launch (882, 888 in Jan 2026)
- New Routes 156, 345, 725, and 827
- Alignment adjustments on Routes 27, 67, 72, and 645
- Route 9 frequency improvement Sunday

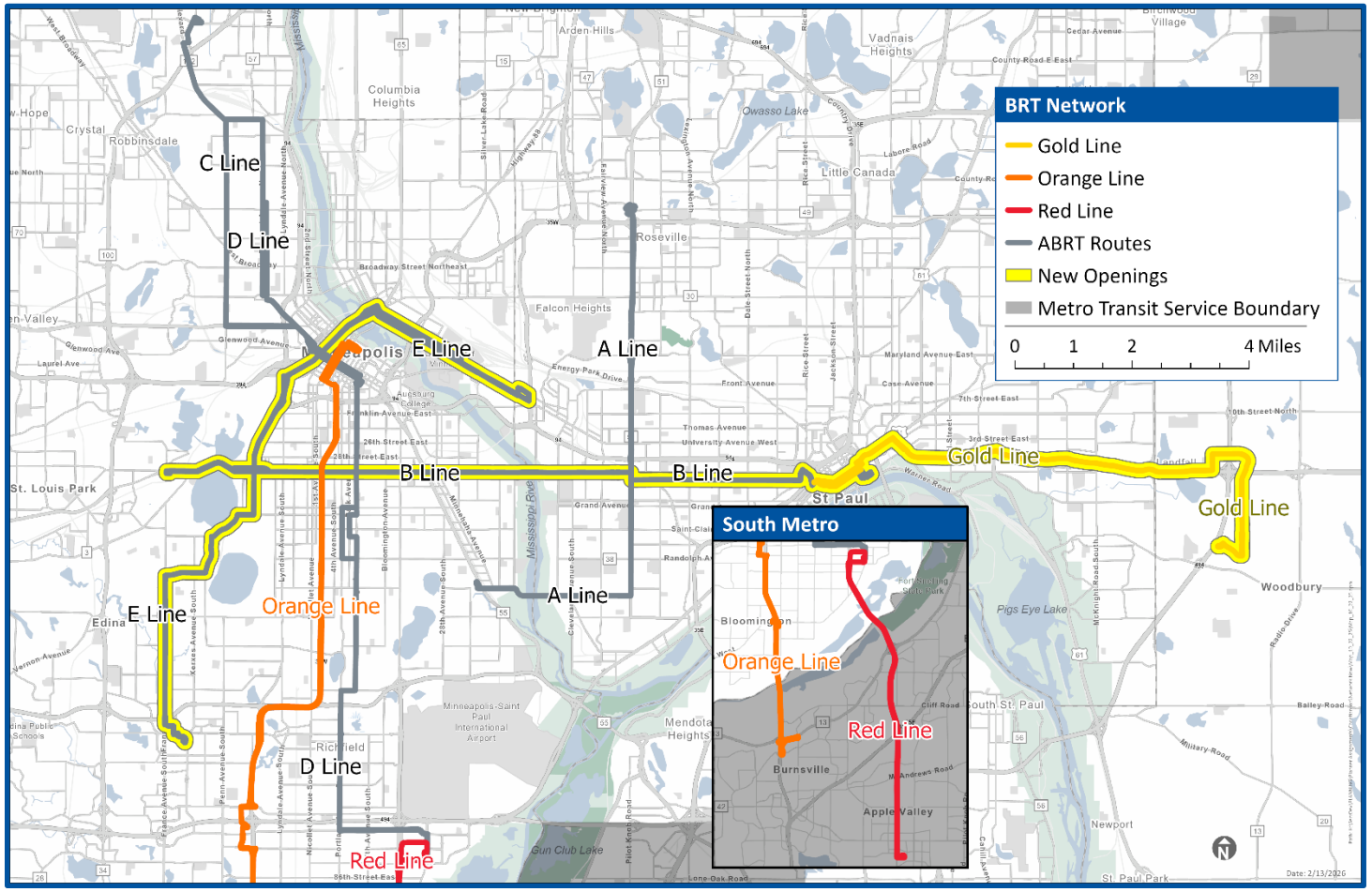
Maintaining service delivery and System Growth



Weekly Service Hours

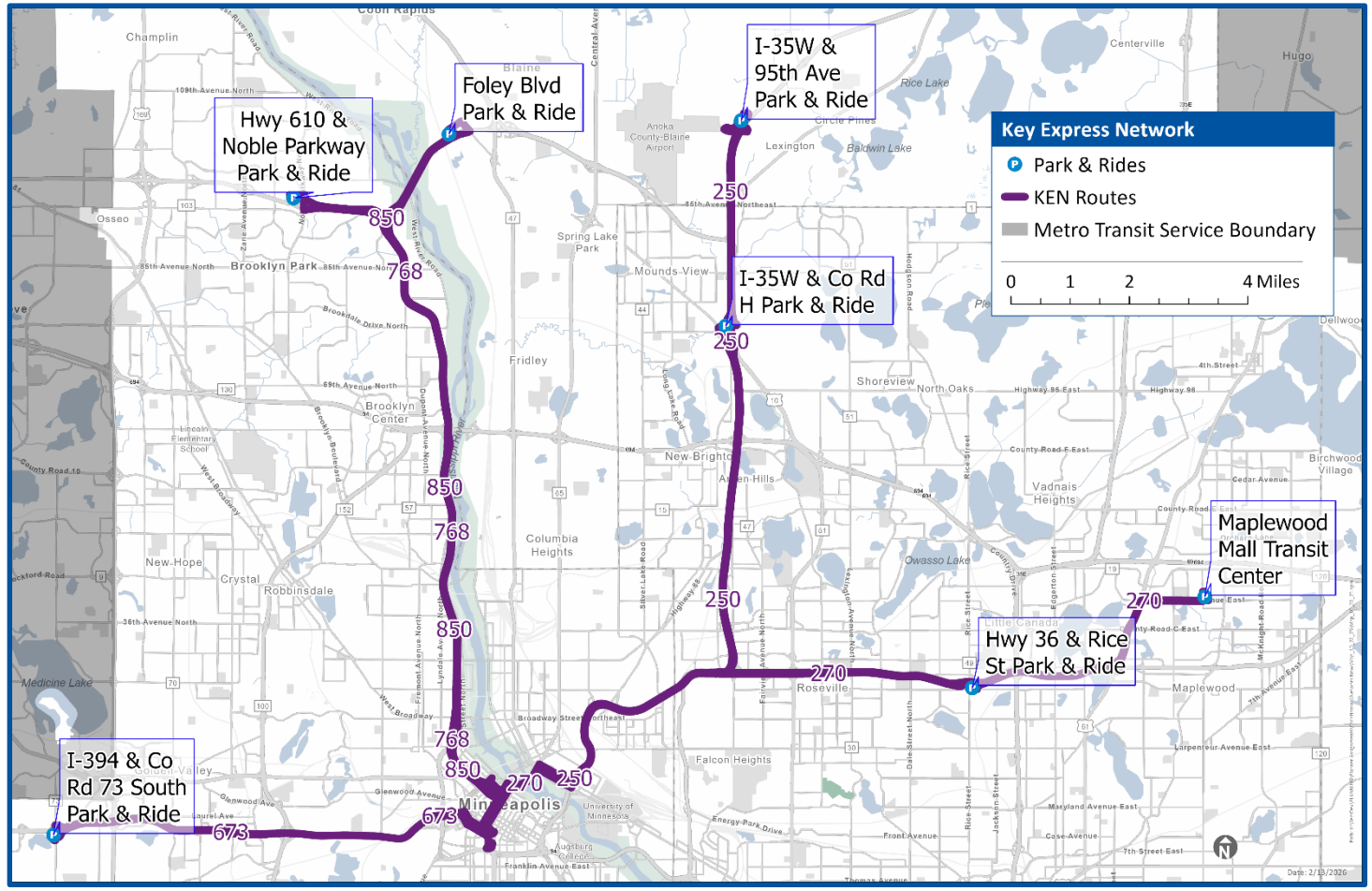
METRO lines Implemented

- Gold Line – March
- B Line – June
- E Line - December



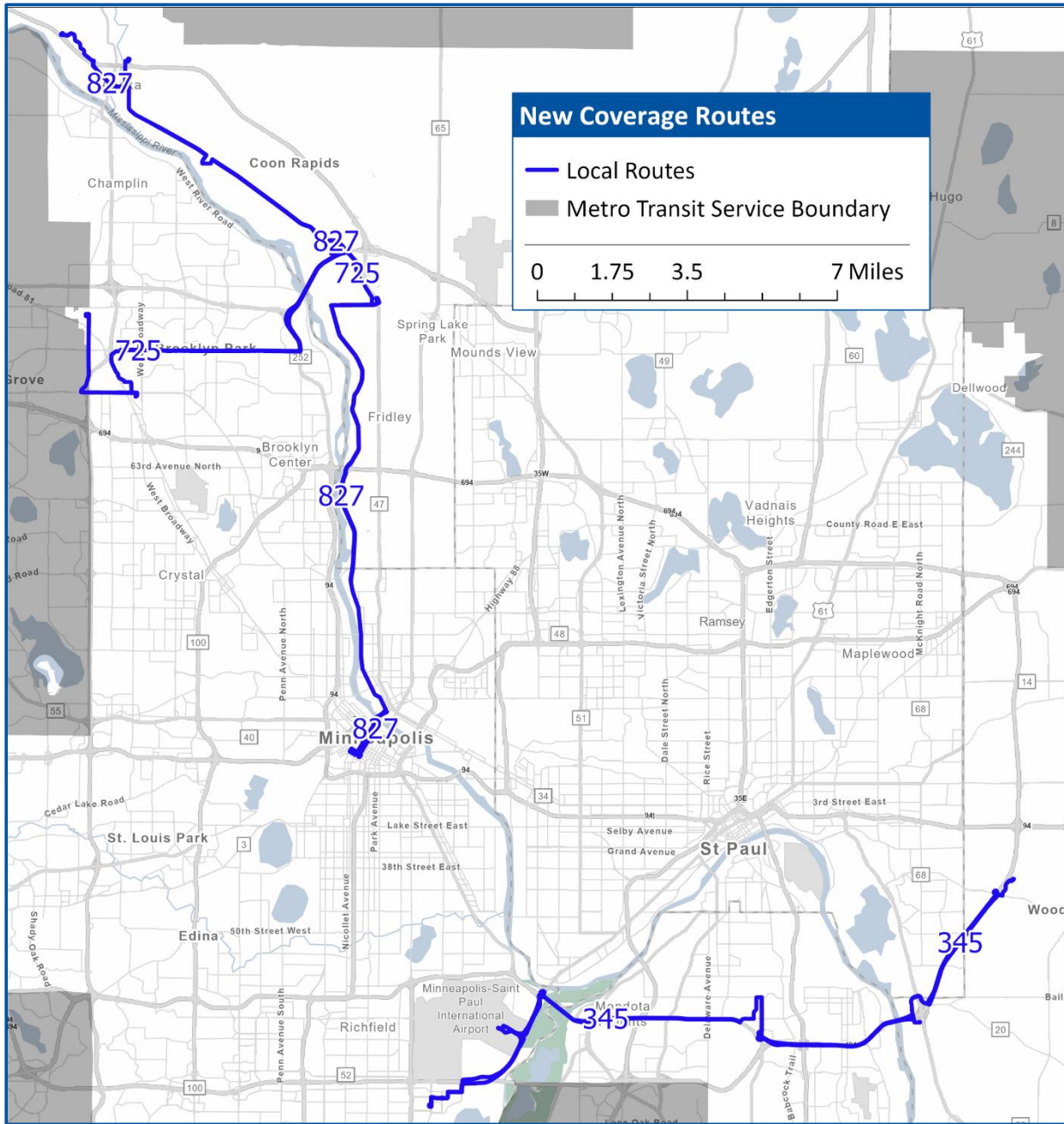
Adapting to market – New Express service

- Key Express Network
  - Every 15 minutes 7-8:30am, 3:30-5pm
  - **Hourly midday**
- 2025: Routes 250, 673, and 768
- 2026: Routes 270 and 850



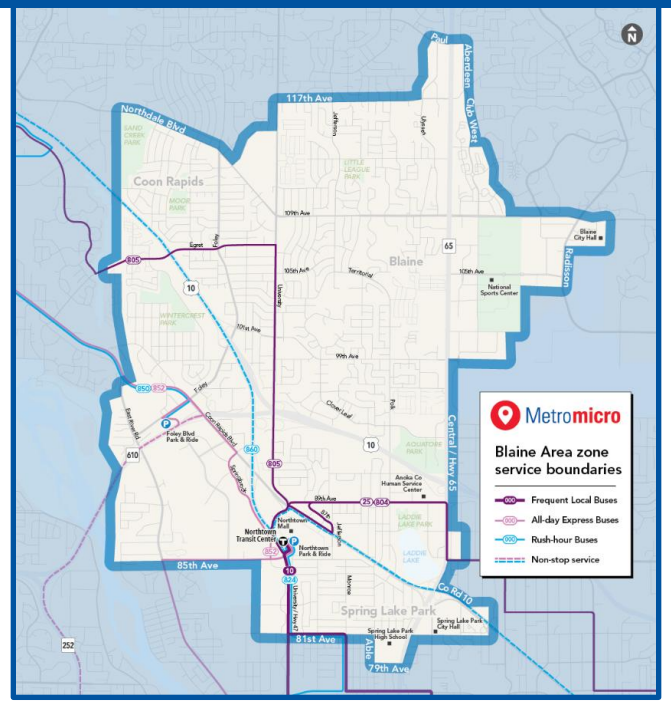
New Access Dec 2025

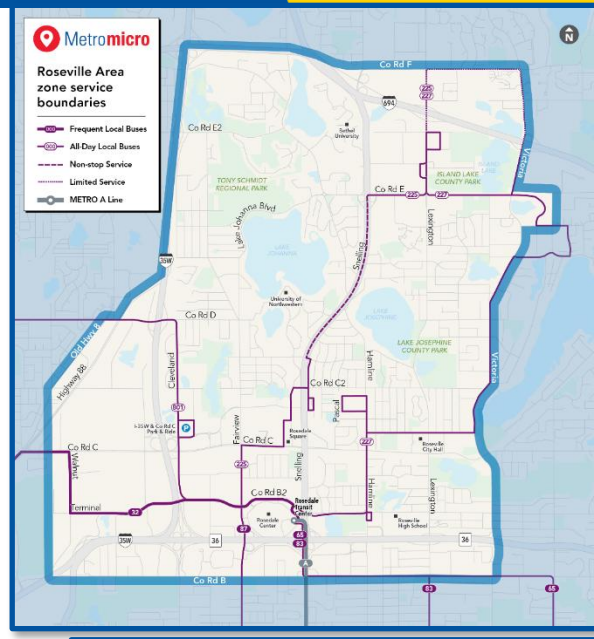
- Route 725
  - Crosstown to Osseo, Brooklyn Park, Coon Rapids, and Blaine
  - Hourly trips, all days
- Route 345
  - Serving Mall of America, MSP Airport, West. St. Paul, Newport, Woodbury
  - Hourly trips, all days
- Route 827
  - New routing along East River Rd / Marshall St south of 694
  - 30-minute service during peak, hourly during middays and Saturdays

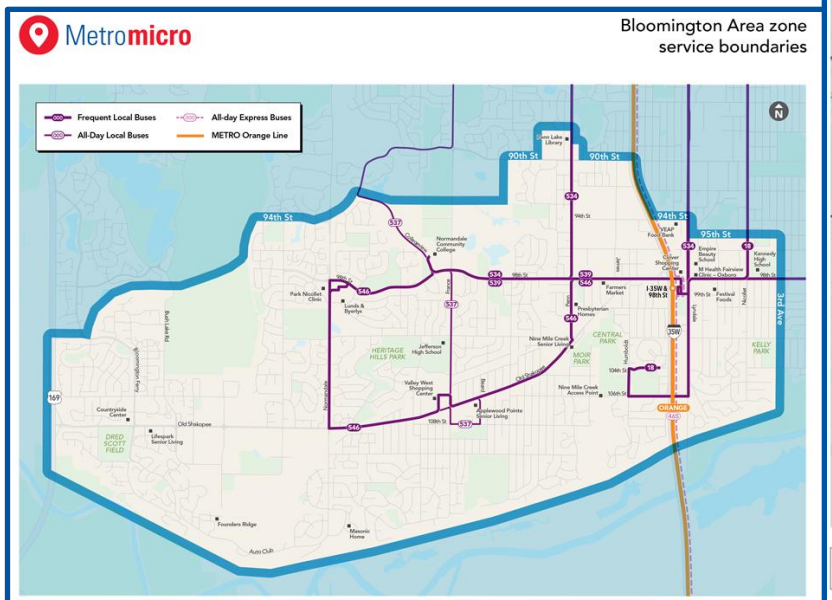


4 new Metro micro zones

- **Roseville**, **Woodbury** Area zones in January 2025
- **Bloomington**, **Blaine** Area zones in Fall 2025
- 155,000+ completed boardings
- 10,500+ new riders created
- Almost 60 square miles of coverage
  - Majority of service areas which previous had no regular transit access



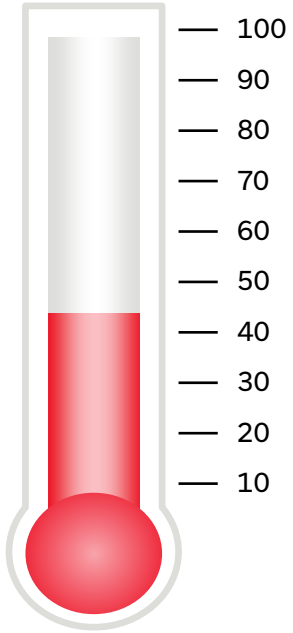


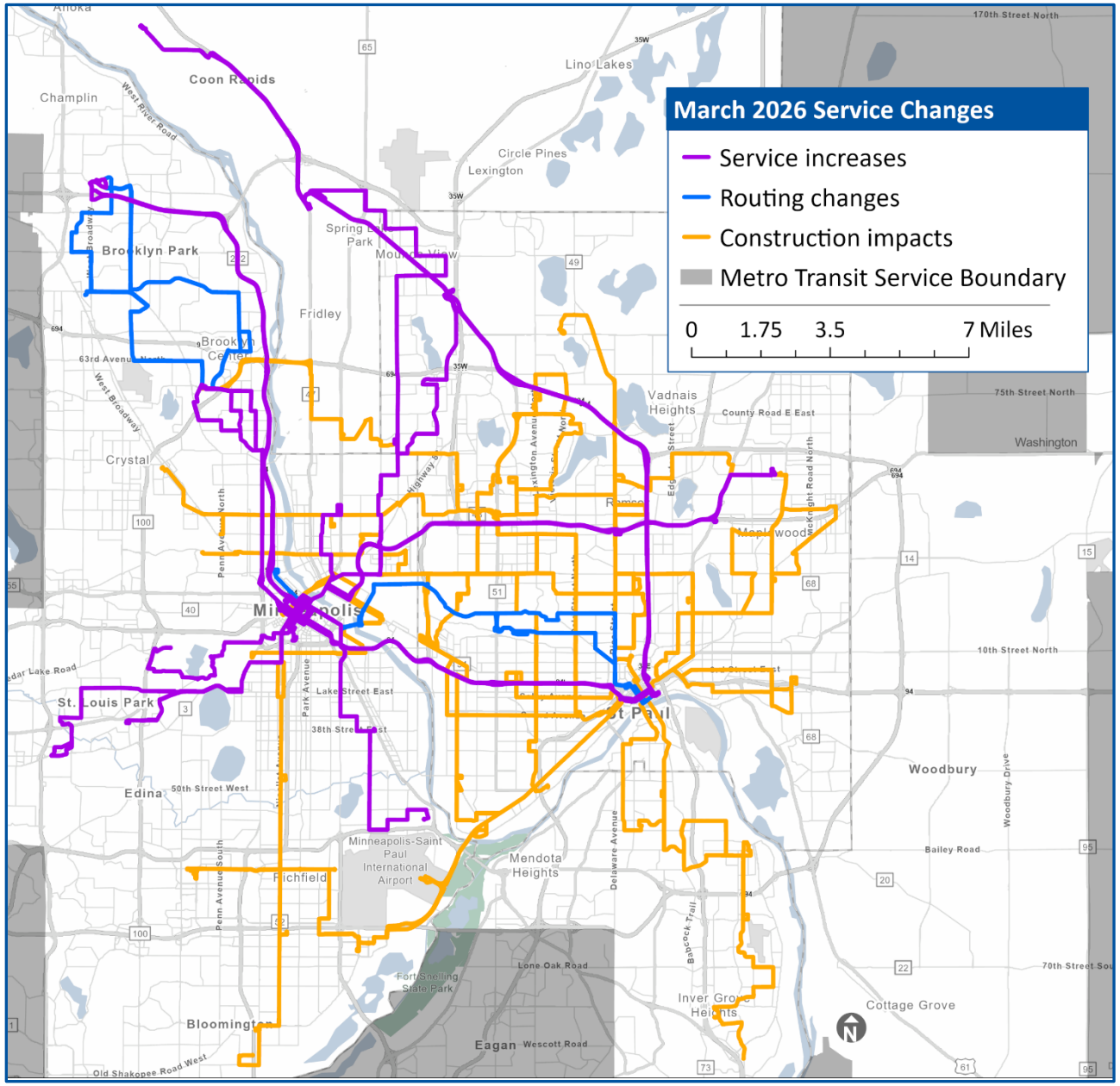


2026 Look-ahead

March 2026

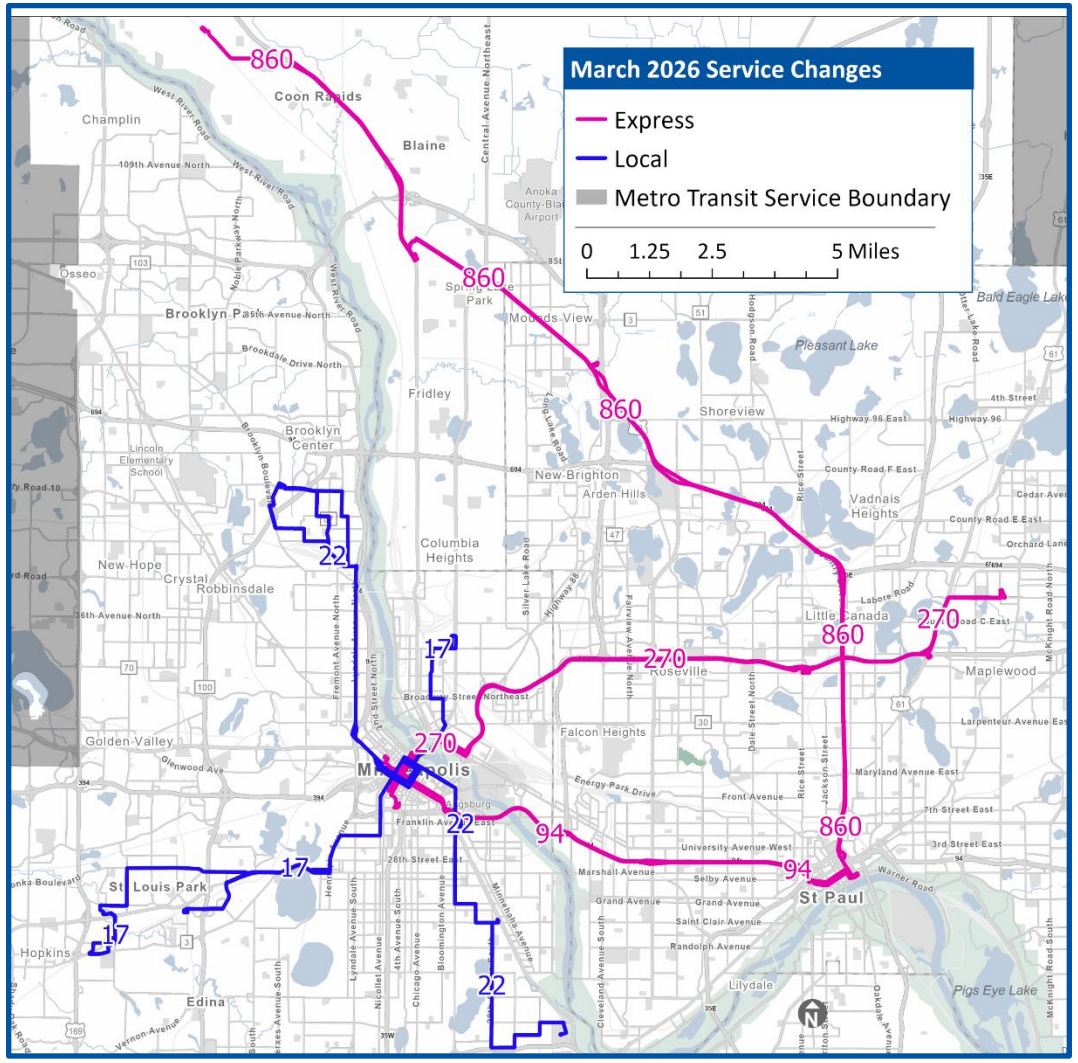
42% Network Now Framework





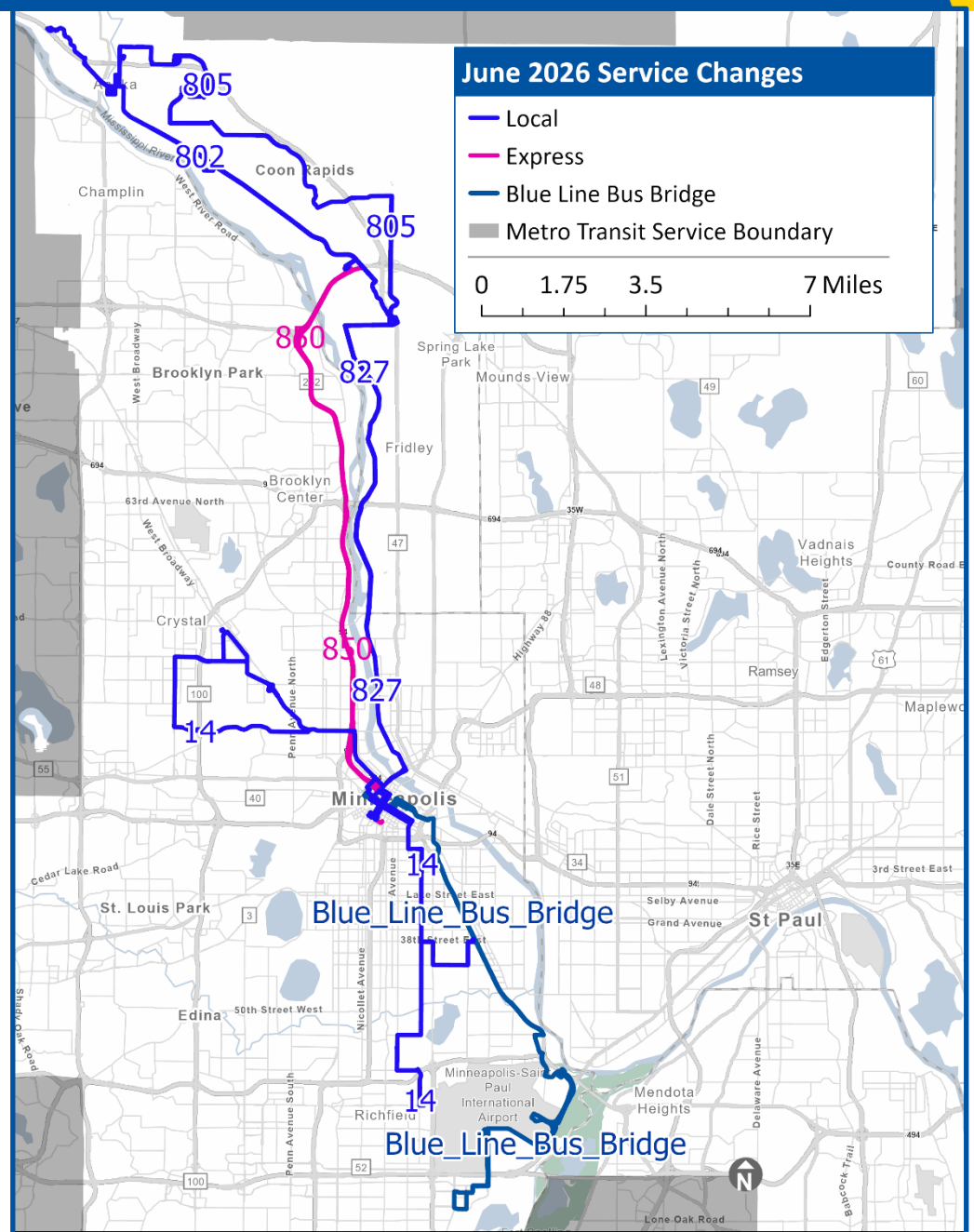
Network Now Highlights – March 2026

- **Route 17** Sunday service improved to every 15 minutes during the daytime.
- **Route 22** weekday service improved to every 15 minutes; weekends to every 20 minutes on core of the route.
- **Route 94** rush hour service improved to every 15 minutes between downtown Minneapolis and St Paul
- **Route 270 new hourly service middays** and improved rush hour service between Maplewood Mall and downtown Minneapolis
- **Route 860** routed to serve Lafayette business and State offices



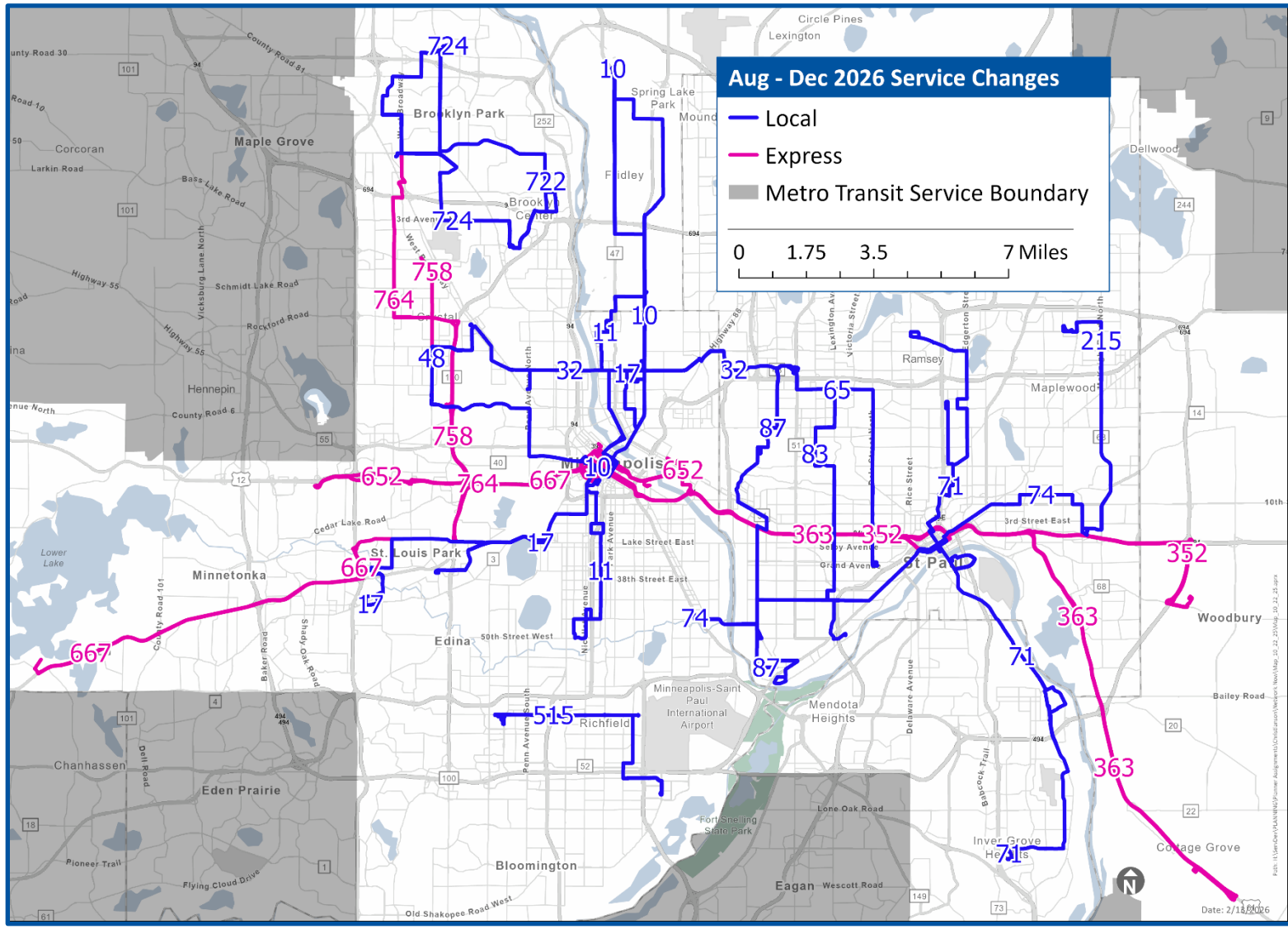
June-August 2026

- Renew the Blue Improved Replacement Bus Service
- Anoka-Coon Rapids
  - Routes 802/805 frequency improvements
  - Route 827 restructuring
  - Route 850 KEN
- Better Bus Route 14

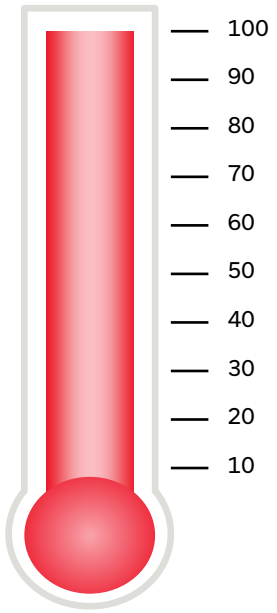


August-December 2026

- Better Bus Route 74
- U of M Express Routes Improvements
- Evening service improvement on Routes 11, 32, 722, 724
- Post road construction schedule adjustments
- 2 new Metro Micro Zones



2027 Look ahead



- Gold Line Extension
- Green Line Extension & Connecting Bus Service
- G Line (Phase 1)
- Eastside Metro Restructuring
- Highway 55 Improvements
  - Rt 757 Limited stop
  - Coordination with Golden Valley/ Plymouth
- Renew the Blue Rail Replacement Bus
- 2 new Metro Micro zones
- 10-min frequency span improvements
- U of M Service Improvements
- Express Service Improvements

Thank You!