



METRO Green Line Extension Update

May 2026



Agenda

- Defining a flawless launch
- Construction update
- Operations update
- Upcoming partnership coordination/communication
- Questions and discussion

Our Mission: We connect people, strengthen communities, and improve lives by delivering high-quality public transportation.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Employees

We value employees and continuously improve how we attract, retain, develop, and support our workforce.

Experience

We provide a consistently safe, clean, and welcoming experience on our system.

Service

We offer service that is convenient, reliable, and environmentally sustainable.

ADVANCING METRO TRANSIT FORWARD IN 2026 WILL MEAN:



Building
ridership



Increasing employee,
rider, and community
satisfaction



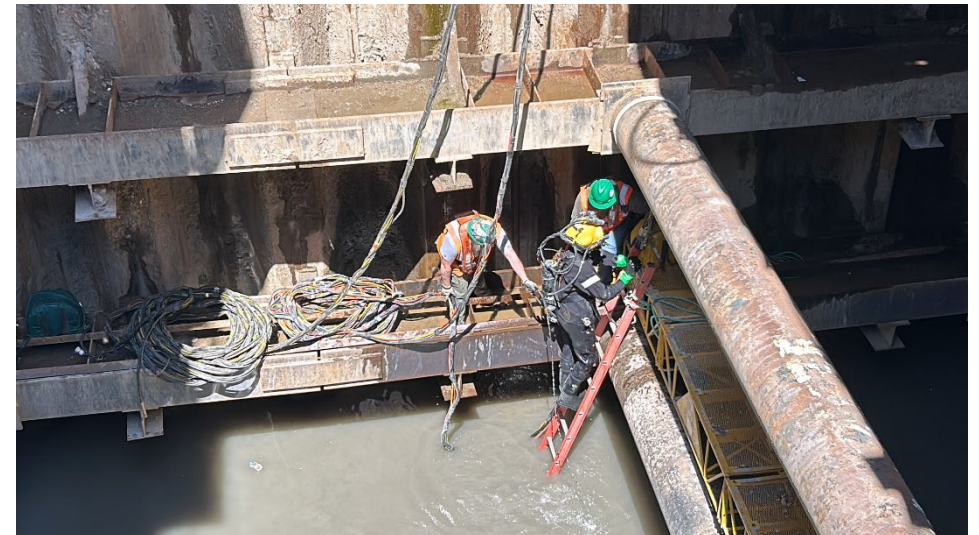
Preparing for a flawless
Green Line Extension
launch in 2027

Defining “flawless”

1. Service opens on time, running at committed levels
2. Facilities and vehicles are safe, clean, and well-maintained
3. Experience is seamless throughout the entire customer journey

Project workforce highlights

- Through March 2026, 5,561 people have brought home a paycheck working on the project
 - 4,469 reside in Minnesota
- 21.9% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation exceeds the project goal of 15%



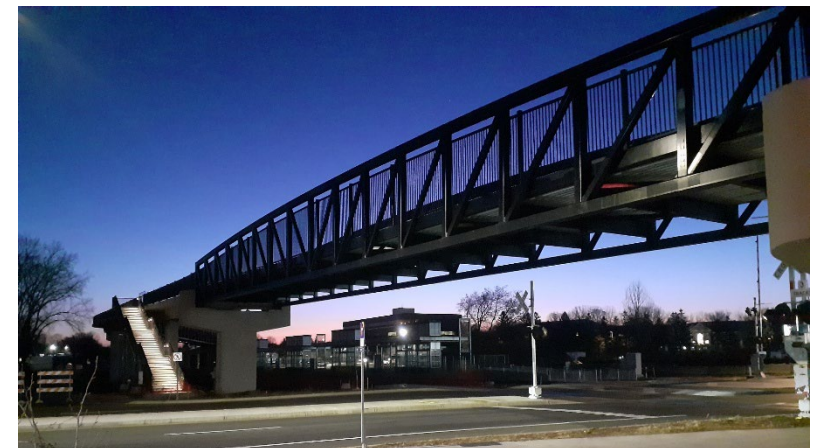
Tracking development

- \$3.3 billion in permitted development along Green Line Extension, 2011-2024
- \$694 million in planned development
- Spring 2026 highlights:
 - The Fox and The Grouse (Eden Prairie)
 - Beltline Boulevard Development (St. Louis Park)



Green Line Extension civil construction

- Civil construction 99% complete
 - Overall completion summer 2026
- Spring 2026 highlights:
 - Punch list activities
 - Final submittals
 - Contract closeout



Systems construction milestones

- Systems construction is 92% complete
- Milestones achieved to date in 2026:
 - All 19 traction power substations (TPSS) and systems and signal houses have been set
 - All Overhead Contact System (OCS) poles have been set
 - Grade crossing signals and warning systems are activated in 4 of 5 cities



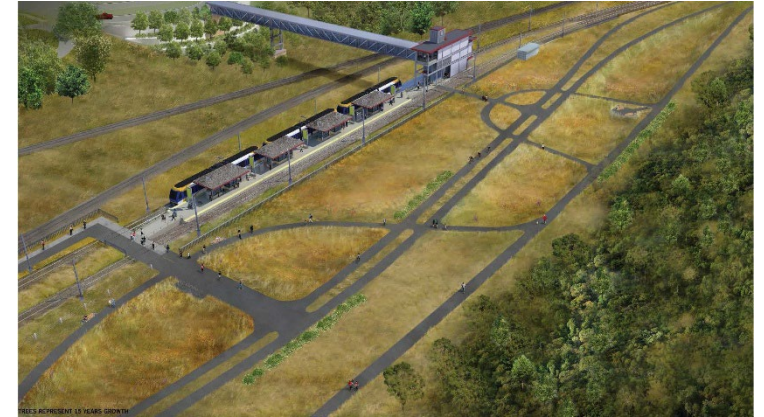
Hopkins Rail Support Facility

- Construction is 87% complete
- Spring 2026 highlights:
 - Exterior panels
 - Electrical and mechanical installation
 - Interior finishes
- Operations staff move-in summer 2026



Kenilworth landscaping

- Community-driven process for restoration of Minneapolis' Kenilworth Corridor
- Planting began in May 2026
- Planting activities will continue and be completed in 2027



Testing overview: 2026 into 2027



Systems Integration Testing

Ensuring all systems function together

- Track alignment & clearances
- Roadway & pedestrian systems
- Traction power & overhead systems
- Signals, switches & train control
- Tunnel, security & communications



Pre-Revenue Testing

Simulating real operations

- Full operating schedules
- Non-standard scenarios
- Staff training & readiness
- Maintenance procedures
- Fare & ticketing systems

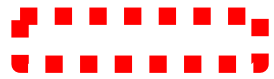


Revenue Service

System open to the public

- Live passenger operations
- Performance monitoring
- Ongoing adjustments

Systems Integration Testing



Phase 1

July 2025 –
June 2026



Phase 2

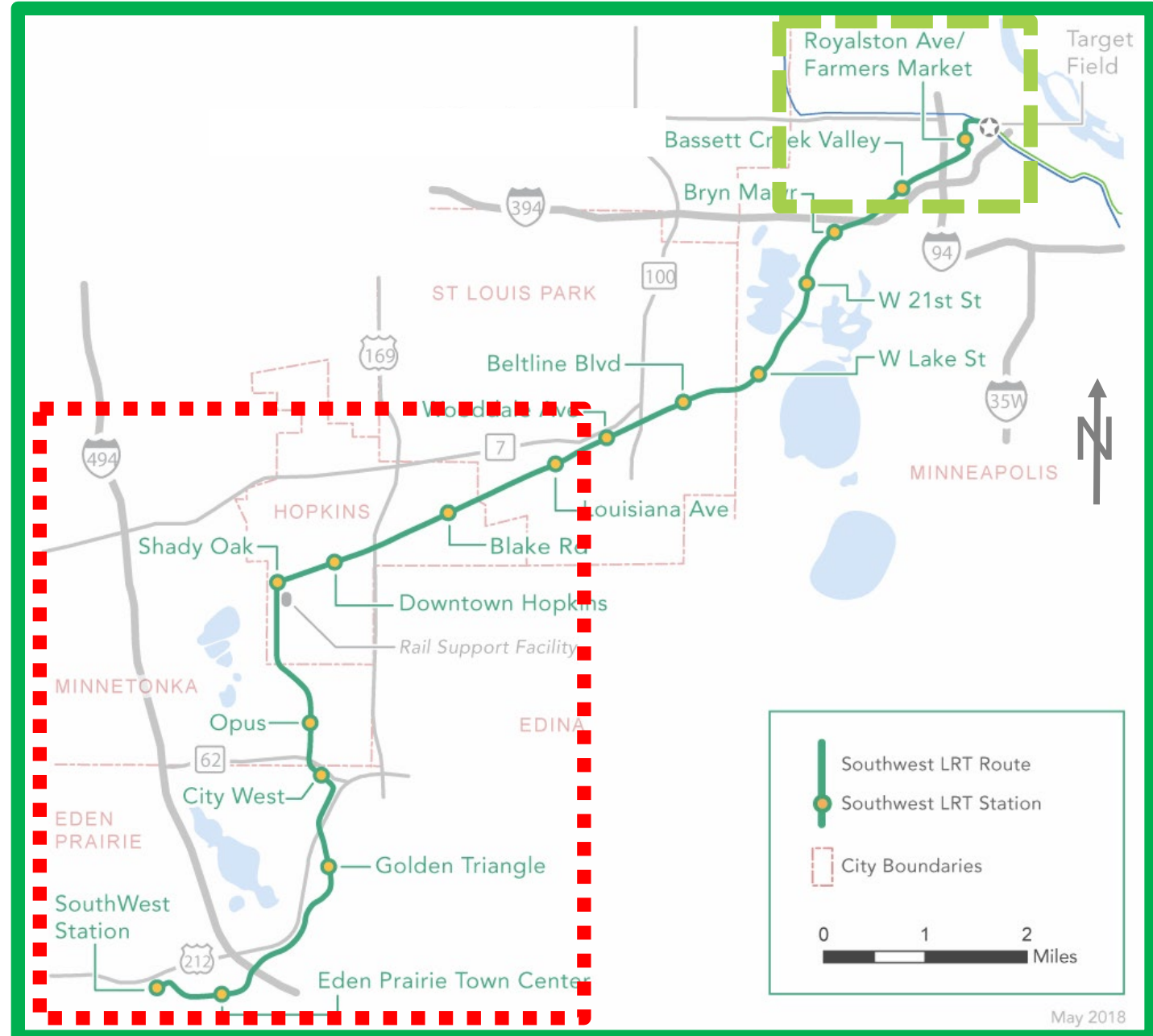
Summer 2026



Phase 3

Fall 2026

- Systems Integration Testing led by systems contractor
- Once Systems Integration Testing is complete, system turned over to Metro Transit for pre-revenue testing and training before revenue operations begin in 2027



Systems Integration Testing: What's next

- Safety and reliability is key to a successful launch
- Thousands of tests must be conducted: traction power, communications, overhead contact, tunnel facilities, and signal systems
- Systems construction is ongoing in Minneapolis, including the Kenilworth Tunnel



Hiring and training

- Metro Transit is bringing aboard the team we need to deliver great service in 2027 and beyond!
- Hiring:
 - Public facilities workers, train operators, mechanics, police, TRIP Agents, and more
 - 1,400+ positions are planned to support both existing and upcoming operations
 - Currently working to fill around 260 openings
- Training:
 - Adding new people to the system as they are hired
 - Testing includes end-to-end operator training
- Join our team! metro council.org/employment



Green Line Extension staffing snapshot

Stoplight	Key Front-line Positions	Budget	May Actuals
	Train Operators	175*	162
	Bus Operators	1557	1406
	LRV Technicians	127	101
	LRV Helpers & Cleaners	57	44
	Track Maintainers	28	20
	Traction Power Maintainers	28	17
	Signals & Communications Maintainers	42	24
	Public Facilities Technicians	57	29
	Public Facilities Workers	112	61
	TRIP Agents	146	86
	MTPD Police Officers	171	121
	MTPD Community Service Officers	55	42

- GLE positions started to be added to budget in 2024, below reflect Opening Day estimated counts
- Majority of new management positions are currently filled
- Strategy is to fill most positions early, but need to balance workspace and workloads

Legend	
Green	Over 80% filled
Yellow	70% – 80% Filled
Red	Less than 70% Filled

*Key Support Positions Budgeted vs Actual as of 05/04/2026

Ongoing partnerships



MTPD

- Close coordination with corridor partner agencies
- Visibility at community events and during testing activities



Safety

- Ongoing training and familiarization with project partners
- The Fire/Life/Safety Committee is an ongoing coordinating presence with representation from all project partners



Community Outreach

- Regular updates to community stakeholders: neighborhood groups, schools, business, etc.
- Presence at major community events
- Pop-ups along the trails and at community spaces

Examples of upcoming opportunities in community (with more to come)

- Community Events
 - Minnetonka Farmers Market (June 9, July 14, Aug. 11)
 - St. Louis Park Parktacular (June 20)
 - Eden Prairie 4th of July (July 3)
 - Hopkins Raspberry Festival Farmers Market (July 18)
 - National Night Out (Aug. 4)
- Trail pop-ups weekly through September (18 events)
- Walking, bike, and/or bus tours co-led with community partners



Purpose of upcoming Green Line Extension presentations

- Proactively engage government partners, businesses, neighborhood groups, and community stakeholders ahead of Green Line Extension launch
- Build confidence in Metro Transit's operational readiness, safety approach, and long-term community partnership
- Support transition from project development/construction into operations through direct leadership engagement



Upcoming Green Line Extension presentations (con't)

- Who: Metro Transit's executive team and project office staff
 - Invitations will also be sent to Met Council members along the corridor to attend
- Topics: operational readiness and testing, safety and security, customer experience, ongoing community partnership, and issue response
- When: Beginning in June through the summer and fall
 - City of Hopkins: Tuesday, June 16
 - City of Eden Prairie: Tuesday, July 14
 - City of Edina: Wednesday, August 5
 - More to come



Questions and Discussion

Thank you!