



METRO Green Line Extension update

Metropolitan Council

August 26, 2026



Agenda

- Introduction
- Construction progress
- Operational readiness
- Safety and security preparation
- Marketing, communications and outreach efforts

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

Project workforce highlights

- Through July 2026, 5,698 people have brought home a paycheck working on the project
 - 4,606 reside in Minnesota
- 22% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation on construction contracts exceeds the project goal of 15%



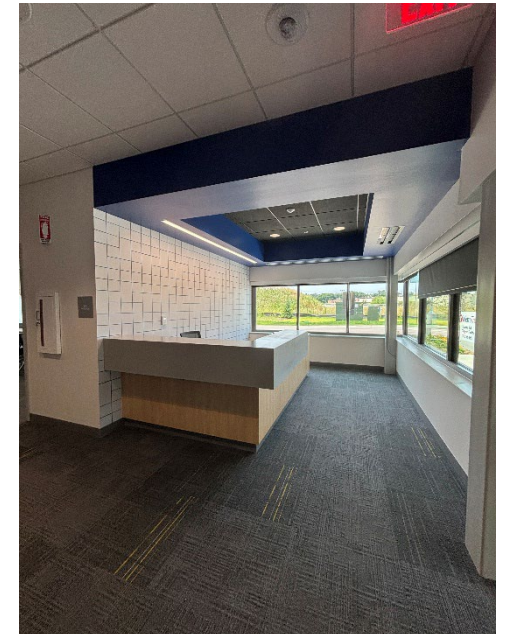
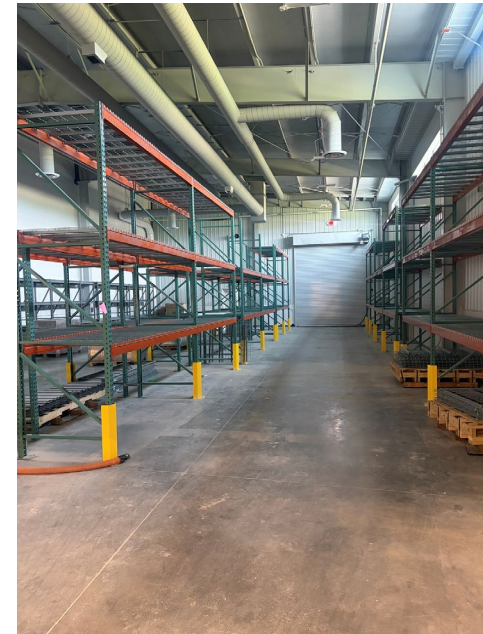
Green Line Extension Civil Construction

- Civil construction is nearing completion
- Remaining work:
 - Final submittals
 - Punch List
 - Contract closeout



Hopkins Rail Support Facility

- Hopkins Rail Support Facility construction is 97% complete
- Summer 2026 highlights:
 - Interior finishing work
 - Outdoor storage area construction
 - Preparation for move-in
- Operations staff move-in coming soon!



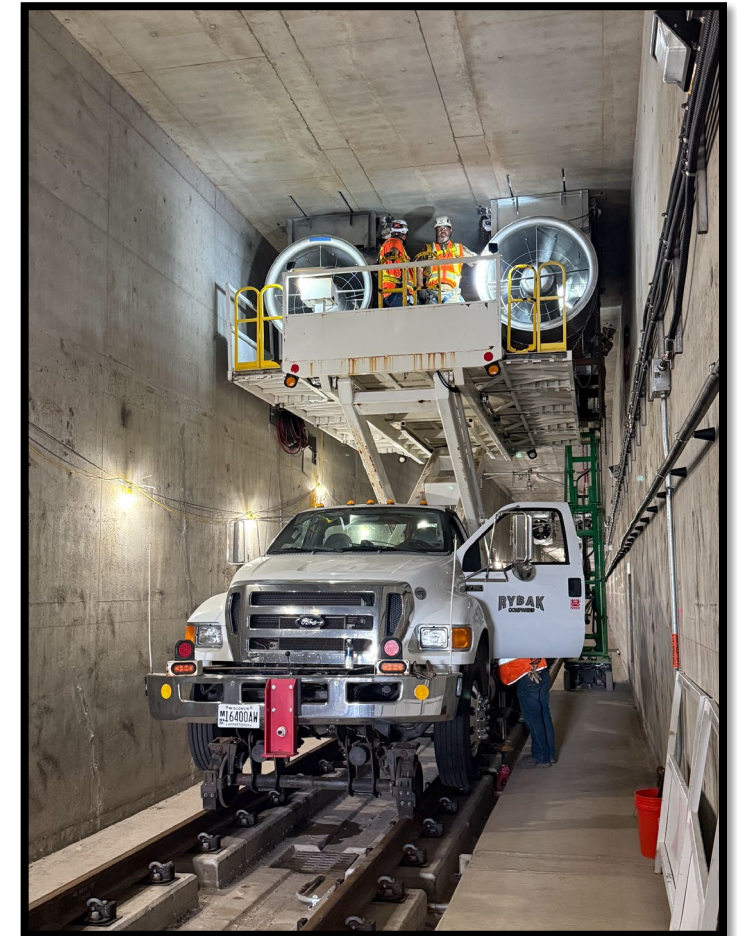
Kenilworth Landscaping

- Community-driven process for restoration of Minneapolis' Kenilworth Corridor
- Planting began in May 2026
- Planting activities are 50% complete
- Work will continue and be completed in 2027

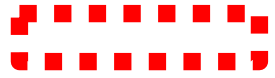


Systems Construction Milestones

- Systems construction is over 90% complete
- Construction is focused on the Kenilworth LRT Tunnel
 - Tunnel systems houses are powered up
 - Tunnel lighting and electrical installed
 - Emergency ventilation jet fan installation ongoing
 - Fire suppression systems are installed
 - Lift station pump installation ongoing



Systems Integration Testing



Phase 1

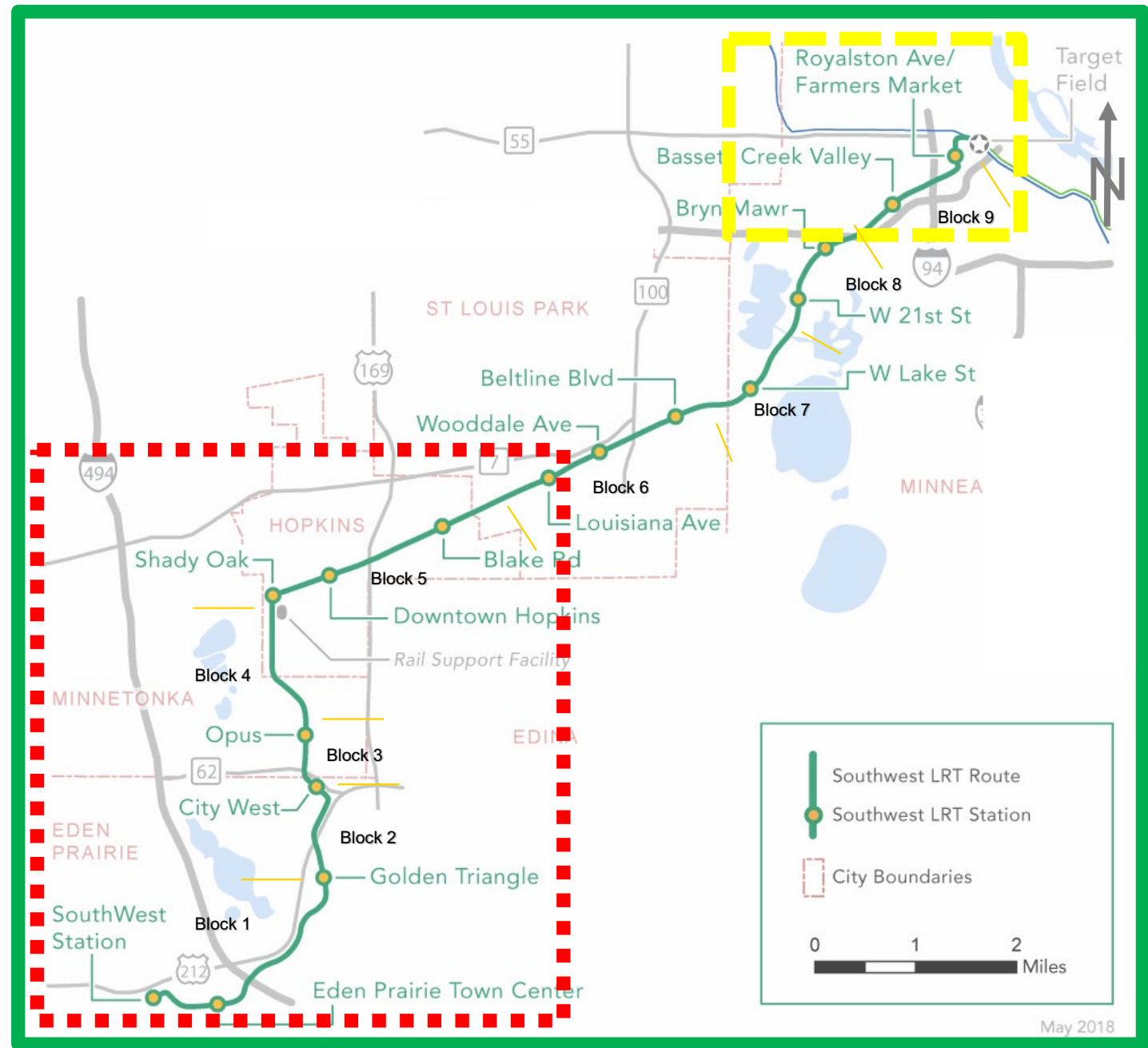


Phase 2



Phase 3

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



Systems testing update

- Currently active between Target Field and Bryn Mawr stations in Minneapolis
- Activity highlights:
 - Overhead Contact System dead and live wire testing and adjustments
 - Signal system testing
 - Warning systems testing at grade crossings



Pre-revenue operations activities: getting ready for a major service expansion

Thousands of tasks are being tracked to prepare our people, systems and resources to safely launch a larger rail network and deliver reliable service from day one. It is about **building sustainable long-term operating capacity**.

Equip our employees

- Hiring and training employees and ensuring that they are equipped to do their work.
- Updating rules, procedures and support resources.

Vehicles and support facilities

- Making sure vehicles, facilities, and equipment are tested and in good working order.
- Ensuring employees can get to where they need to be.

Practice before we welcome customers

- From simulated service and emergency exercises, ensuring everything is working and integrated with the existing system before customers are onboard to protect both current operations and new service.

Pre-revenue operations activities: ready to respond when service is underway

Readiness is also about being able to respond quickly and plan ahead, having detailed procedures to ensure **reliable systemwide operations**.

Respond to what happens

- Ensure maintenance activities can respond to any needs from snow removal to new freight rail coordination.

Get service back on track

- Plan for what could occur, so everyone knows what to do and can act confidently, quickly.

Keep customers informed

- Provide timely, clear information when service changes or disruptions occur, while coordinating with partners and emergency responders to support a consistent response.

Green Line Extension | Staffing Snapshot

Group	Key GLE Positions	Budgeted Positions	Actual Headcount As of 5/28/2026	Actual Headcount As of 8/06/2026	Status (Aug vs Budget)
Operators	Train Operators (w/students)	175	159	171	-4
	Bus Operators	1557	1409	1443	-114
Rail Support & Maintenance	LRV Technicians	127	104	107	-20
	LRV Helpers & Cleaners	57	43	42	-15
	Track Maintainers	28	19	21	-7
	Traction Power Maintainers	28	18	17	-11
	Signals Maintainers & SCADA/Communications Technicians	42	24	32	-10
Facilities Maintenance	Public Facilities Technicians	57	28	27	-30
	Public Facilities Workers	112	56	76	-36
Public Safety & Security	TRIP Agents	146	87	119	-27
	MTPD Police Officers	171	121	121	-50
	MTPD Community Service Officers	55	42	42	-13

Green = Over 80% filled

Yellow = 70-80% filled

Red = Less than 70% filled

Connecting Bus Efforts

- The 2026 Network Now Update proposes enhancements to the bus network that will better connect customers to the Green Line Extension
- Metro micro service will also provide customers with last-mile connectivity in Minnetonka and Minneapolis
- Comment period for proposed plans is active now through October 4.
- Service changes and Metro micro zone additions are planned to be in place by Green Line opening day in 2027.
- More information at metrotransit.org/network-now



Green Line Extension: Public Safety Update

Coordination

- On going partnerships between local law enforcement to respond to issues
 - Joint SWAT team training
 - Tunnel response Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
 - Station familiarization presentations

Planning

- Police substation and staff planning underway
- Supplemental security planned for multiple Green Line Extension stations

MTPD at Green Line Extension community events

- Building connections in community
- Attending events like Hopkins Raspberry Festival, National Night Out, and St. Louis Park back to school supply giveaway



Safety coordination

- All project partners continue to participate in monthly Fire/Life/Safety Committee activities
- Recent/upcoming exercises include:
 - July 20: Bryn Mawr Station emergency response
 - August 24: SouthWest Station fire exercise
 - September 14: Shady Oak Station area collision exercise
 - October 12: Tunnel incident / evacuation drill

**Dates subject to change*



Photo of the July 20 event at Bryn Mawr Station

Safety awareness for youth

- Outreach staff are out in the corridor where we are likely to encounter youth and families, e.g. on the trails
- Partnership with Operation Lifesaver, which provides messaging and activities for youth regarding train safety awareness
- Connections with Eden Prairie, Hopkins, St. Louis Park and Minneapolis School Districts
- Upcoming tabling at back-to-school events:
 - September 1 – Eden Prairie Schools All-Staff Kickoff
 - September 3 – Bryn Mawr Elementary (Minneapolis)



Safety awareness trail pop-up with youth bike club at Bryn Mawr Station

Launch creative concept preview



- Artist updating images to reflect Green Line corridor
- Website and other materials in development

Save the date

- When will the Green Line extension open in 2027? Come find out!
 - Saturday, September 26, 2026
 - Program begins at 10 a.m., family and community activities until 1 p.m.
 - Louisiana Avenue Station in St. Louis Park



Photo: Trail opening celebration

Connecting with community

- Launch preparedness presentations to project partners
 - Introductions by Metro Transit leadership to corridor leaders
 - Presentations took place for the cities of Hopkins, Eden Prairie, and Edina
 - Upcoming presentations to Minnetonka and St. Louis Park planned for fall, and on demand
- Thank you, Council Members, for your partnership in this effort



Engagement efforts

- Community event snapshot
 - Community open houses and festivals (Raspberry Days, Parktacular, Hopkins Fire Department Open House)
 - Community Farmers Markets (Minneapolis, Hopkins, Minnetonka, Edina)
 - Neighborhood-level outreach at meetings and (monthly board meetings, National Night Out)
 - Back-to-school events
- Overview of initiatives
 - Generating excitement about the launch of service
 - Create awareness of the connections and benefits to community
 - Safety awareness





Questions and Discussion

Thank you!

Follow-up questions can be directed to David Davies,
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