



Imagine 2050 Transportation Policy Plan Amendment 3 – Release for Public Comment

METRO Bronze, J, & K Lines

May 2026

metro council.org



Amendment Timeline



- **Informational presentations & review**
(January into May)
- **Public comment release process**
(May through July)
- **Public comment period**
(July through August)
- **Adoption process**
(August through September)

Requested Action



Metro Transit requests that the 2050 TPP be amended to:

- **Change the bus rapid transit project METRO Purple Line to the METRO Bronze Line and update its alignment and funding; and**
- **Add METRO J Line and METRO K Line bus rapid transit projects to the fiscally constrained plan.**

***TPP amendments must undergo a public review and comment period prior to adoption by the Council.**

Recommended Motion



That the TAC Planning Committee recommend to the Technical Advisory Committee that the 2050 TPP Amendment 3, updating the Bronze Line bus rapid transit project (formerly Purple Line) and adding the J and K Line bus rapid transit projects, be released for public review and comment.

Criteria for Adding Transitway Projects



1. Transitway type, alignment, and station locations
2. Selection process
3. Public engagement and feedback
4. Resolutions of support from relevant government bodies and agencies
5. Fiscal constraint

Proposed Changes



1. **Replace METRO Purple Line with METRO Bronze Line in fiscally constrained plan**
2. **Add METRO J & K Line projects to fiscally constrained plan**
 - Replace W 7th Corridor with METRO J Line
3. **Update changes to existing transitway system**
 - METRO B and E Lines open
 - Northstar Commuter Rail Suspended

Transportation Finance – Bronze Line



METRO BRONZE Line

- **Capital Costs decreasing \$25 million compared to 2050 TPP**
 - \$400M capital costs identified in adopted 2050 TPP
 - \$375M capital cost in Amendment
 - No longer assuming federal sources (-\$196M)
 - All local funding sources
 - Anticipated increase in participation from Ramsey County (+\$136M, \$340M Total)
 - Anticipated increase in Met Council participation (+\$35M)
- **Operations Costs Increasing \$129M compared to 2050 TPP**
 - First full year O&M cost (2033) - \$21M
 - Fares anticipated to cover \$26M
 - Unallocated sales and use tax anticipated to cover \$103M

Transportation Finance – J Line



METRO J Line

- **Capital Costs increasing \$75 million compared to 2050 TPP**
 - Assumed funding from regional solicitation, other federal funds, regional transit capital allocated from existing sources
 - New funding assumed from state funding source (bonding)
- **Operations Costs Increasing \$36M compared to 2050 TPP**
 - First full year O&M cost (2031) - \$20M
 - Fares anticipated to cover \$8M
 - Unallocated sales and use tax anticipated to cover \$28M

Transportation Finance – K Line



METRO J Line

- **Capital Costs increasing \$105 million compared to 2050 TPP**
 - Assumed funding from regional solicitation, regional transit capital allocated from existing sources
 - New funding assumed from state funding source (bonding) and other federal funds
- **Operations Costs Increasing \$110M compared to 2050 TPP**
 - First full year O&M cost (2033) - \$33M
 - Fares anticipated to cover \$22M
 - Unallocated sales and use tax anticipated to cover \$88M

Other TPP elements affected



- Equity & environmental justice impacts analysis
- Regional performance outcomes
- Map updates
 - Transitways investments map
 - Maps affected by updating system changes
 - B Line Open
 - E Line Open
 - Northstar CR suspended
- Long-range capital projects list appendix

Amendment Schedule

Release for Public Comment

Date	Milestone
May 14	TAC Planning
June 3	TAC
June 17	TAB
June 22	Transportation Committee
July 8	Met Council
July 9 – Aug 24	Public comment period Public hearing at the August 10 Transportation Committee meeting

Amendment Adoption

Date	Strech Date	Milestone
Aug 24 – Sept 24	Sept 4	Comment report and final amendment
Sept 16	Sept 16	TAB (information item)
Oct 12	Sept 14	Transportation Committee
Oct 28	Sept 23	Met Council



Thank you!

Craig Lamothe

Guideway BRT Projects Director, Metro Transit

Kyle O'Donnell Burrows

Arterial BRT Projects Acting Director, Metro Transit

Bradley Bobbitt

Senior Planner, Metropolitan Transportation Services

