



## Blue Line Lake Street/Midtown Renovation Design Contract Amendment #2, Contract 23P050

Transportation Committee  
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# Planned Renovation

- High ridership, two-story LRT station
  - Over 20 years in service; Increased repairs, replacements, damage, and vandalism since 2020
  - Need to improve accessibility, customer experience, and maintainability
  - Design includes full tower replacement, platform refurbishment, new operational space, and new ped ramp
- Timeline Shift for construction
  - 2022-2023: Planning, data analysis, staff survey & input
  - 2024-2025: Design, public engagement, issue resolution
  - Fall 2025: Advertised for construction, no bids received
  - Spring 2026: New advertisement for construction in 2027
  - 2027-2028: Construction, coordinated with Renew the Blue track and signal work



A new canopy and open-air platform will allow for clear sightlines and better circulation, responding to needs identified in planning, concept design, and public engagement

# Design Contract 23P050 Background

- Awarded to 4RM+ULA Architects in 2024 for \$3,471,311
- Amended July 2025 for \$1,245,107
  - Numerous unforeseen bridge and utility conditions through 60% design
  - Additional scope for internal Metro Transit stakeholders: a new Transit Service Center, studying an Intrusion Detection System, improved operational spaces
- Amendment #2 would add \$1,178,081
  - Unanticipated redesign through 90% design, primarily due to avoiding MnDOT storm sewer impacts
  - Additional scope for internal Metro Transit stakeholders: Renew the Blue coordination, changes to catenary assumptions, Rail Systems changes, safety improvements, relocating B Line communications into building



# Proposed Action

- Business Item 2026-16
  - That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a second amendment to contract 23P050 with 4RM+ULA Architects for the METRO Blue Line Lake St/Midtown Station Renovation design and construction support services, in an amount not to exceed \$1,178,081



Looking across the platform at the open-air and covered stair entrance