
Transportation Committee Staff Report for Projects

Committee date: February 2, 2026

Project Name: Bronze Line Locally Preferred Alternative

Geographic Scope: Union Depot to Maplewood Mall

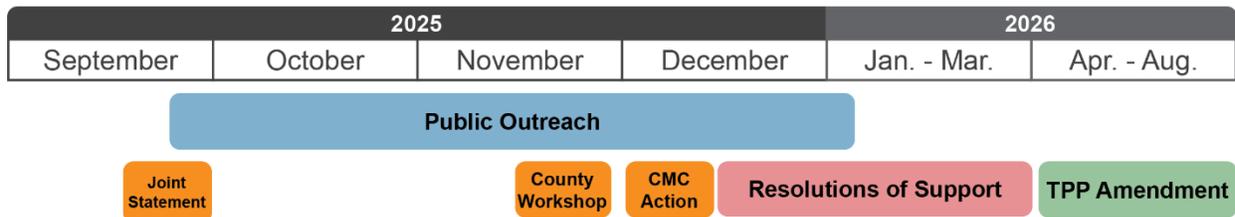
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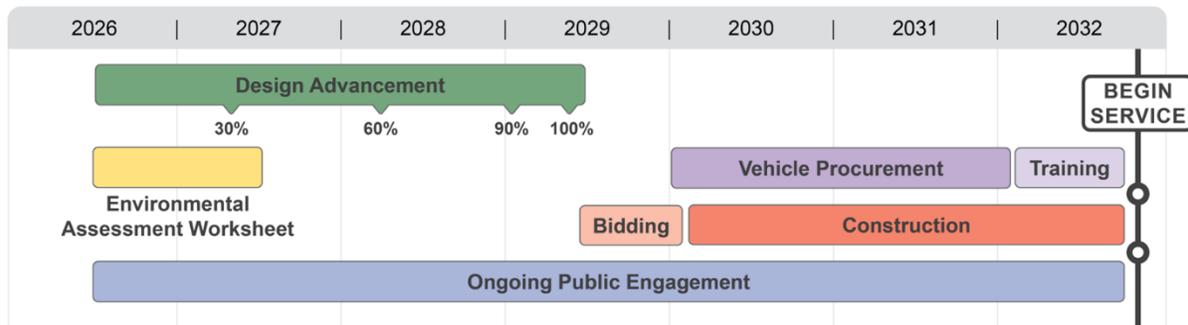
Project Webpage: metrotransit.org/bronze-line-project

Project Description: The METRO Bronze Line is a proposed bus rapid transit line between Union Depot and the Maplewood Mall Transit Center with 22 stations, 5 miles of bus lanes and two new bridges.

Project Stage & General Timeline: Seeking a resolution of support for a revised Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA). The near-term schedule from September 2025 to 2026 is shown below:



A tentative overall project schedule is shown below:



Public Hearing Date & Location: A public hearing is anticipated on the City of Saint Paul's LPA support at the City Council following Planning Commission action, date to be determined.

Cost & Primary Funding Source(s): Ramsey County and the Metropolitan Council have committed to 100% local funding, allocating a total of \$375 million for the project. Ramsey County will contribute approximately \$340 million and Metropolitan Council will contribute approximately \$35 million. City of Saint Paul is not expected to contribute to the base cost of the project.

Transportation Committee Role:

- Inform project scope & approach Inform design Inform implementation
- Make recommendation

Explanation Make recommendation regarding draft Planning Commission resolution to recommend support for the Bronze Line LPA

Attachments include:

1. Memorandum
2. Draft Planning Commission resolution

Staff recommendation	<i>Approval</i>
Action item requested of the Committee	<i>Recommend approval of draft Planning Commission resolution to recommend support for the Bronze Line Locally Preferred Alternative</i>
Committee recommendation	<i>Move for approval with added language that does not prevent a future station stop at Earl Street</i>
Committee vote	<i>Moved by: Timothy Marino Seconded by: Tony Kutzke In favor: Ianni Houmas, Tony Kutzke, Timothy Marino, Hally Turner, Sara Maaske, Deborah Schlick Against: none</i>