

METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit
St. Paul, Minnesota
New Starts Project Development
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Metro Transit, proposes to construct the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit project in a nine-mile corridor along I-94. The service will operate in dedicated, bus-only lanes between St. Paul and its eastern suburbs of Maplewood, Landfall, and Oakdale before terminating in Woodbury. Metro Transit anticipates the Gold Line BRT project will include park and ride facilities, fare collection equipment, construction of 10 stops, and the purchase of 12 diesel-electric hybrid vehicles. The project's current estimated capital cost is \$420 million. Metro Transit expects to seek \$189 million from the New Starts program.

Metro Transit believes the project will address congestion, long-term regional mobility needs, and will increase transportation options for households that do not have access to a vehicle.

Metro Transit selected a locally preferred alternative in December 2016, and anticipates having it adopted into the region's fiscally constrained, long-range transportation plan in the 3rd quarter of 2018. Metro Transit expects to complete the environmental review process with receipt of a Finding of No Significant Impact in the 3rd quarter of 2019, enter Engineering at the end of 2019, receive a Full Funding Grant Agreement in early 2022, and open for revenue service in 2024.