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Lake Street multimodal improvements

RAISE grant secured to advance improvements

Hennepin County's Lake Street project, investments by Metro Transit and support of and coordination with the City of Minneapolis aids rebuilding efforts, improves access to education, healthcare and jobs, and benefits communities of the diverse residents and businesses that make their home on Lake Street (County Road 3).

As the owner of Lake Street, Hennepin County is collaborating with its partners — the City of Minneapolis and Metro Transit — to improve accessibility and safety along Lake Street. The three organizations have shared goals to:

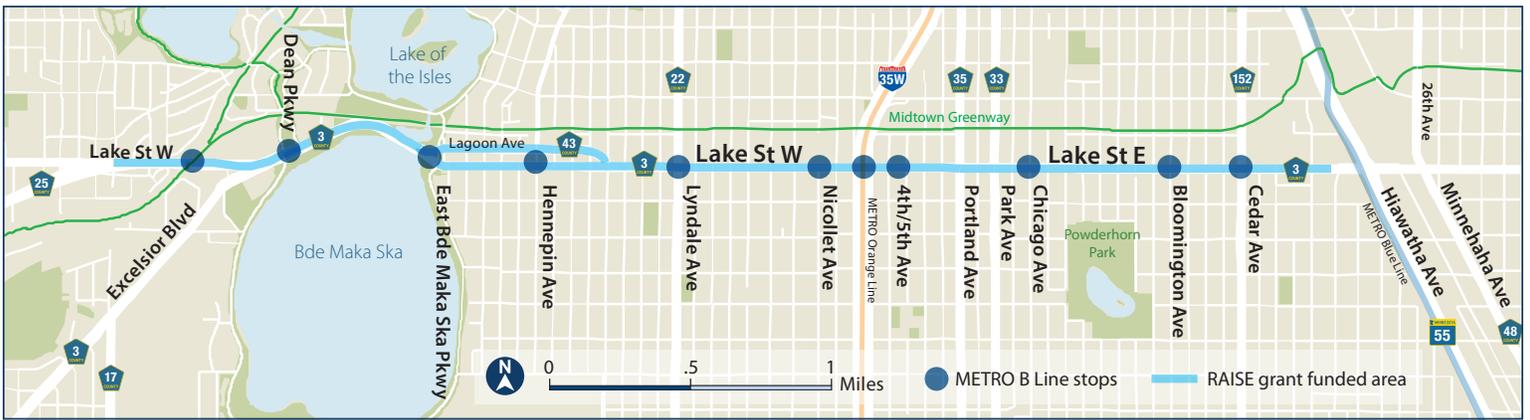
- Enhance safety for people walking and rolling
- Improve transit times and reliability
- Reduce crashes
- Enhance the overall user experience for everyone along the corridor

In August 2022, Hennepin County was awarded federal funding to advance the project through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program. This allows the project to move forward with design and construction.

Timeline

- 2022** Design Lake Street Improvements
- 2023–24** Construct Lake Street Improvements
- 2024** METRO B Line bus rapid transit service begins

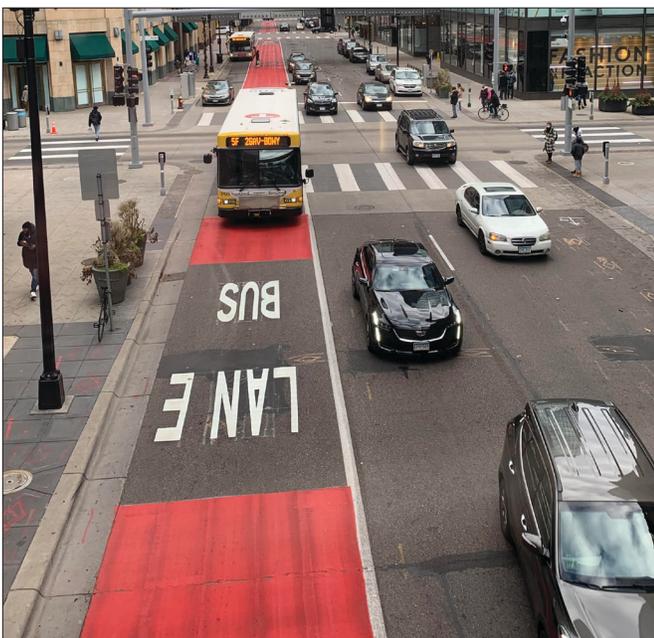




Federal funding secured

Hennepin County will receive \$12 million to further enhance the Lake Street corridor and support the planned B Line bus rapid transit project. These enhancements generally include converting a travel lane to a transit lane, striping dedicated left-turn lanes, providing accessibility upgrades (pedestrian ramps and accessible pedestrian push button stations), traffic signal upgrades/revisions, and resurfacing the pavement.

The project will improve transit operations and increase pedestrian mobility and safety allowing residents to access employment opportunities more affordably and conveniently. Safety benefits for all users are achieved through curb bumpouts and the conversion of much of Lake Street east of Dupont Avenue from a multi-lane road to a single lane in each direction with left-turn lanes and a transit lane.



Improving safety and travel time reliability

The partner agencies have evaluated critical safety and accessibility improvements needed with the METRO B Line project.

Changes will include:

- Restriping to enhance safety and bus operations
- Improved pedestrian accessibility
- Bi-directional bus lanes where feasible
- Curb extensions (bump-outs)
- Traffic signal upgrades/revisions

Reducing disparities

The Lake Street multimodal improvements project works to address the disparities around transportation and transit options, accessibility and safety. Advancing reliable transit and pedestrian safety allows residents to get to jobs, schools, health care and other important destinations. It also helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions — key to improving health disparities and advancing the county’s Climate Action Plan. Libraries along this corridor help bridge the digital divide — another infrastructure-related disparity the county seeks to improve.

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