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Lake Street improvements

Bus Rapid Transit is coming to Lake Street

Lake Street (County Road 3) is one of Minneapolis' most important and lively roads. It connects a diverse collection of neighborhoods, cultural institutions, restaurants and small businesses from Bde Maka Ska to the Mississippi River.

As the owner of Lake Street, Hennepin County is collaborating with its partners — the City of Minneapolis and Metro Transit — to improve 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

Timeline

- 2021–22** Design of METRO B Line stations and other improvements
- 2023–24** Construct stations
- 2024** METRO B Line bus rapid transit service begins





Welcoming Bus Rapid Transit

The B Line is an arterial bus rapid transit line that will upgrade and substantially replace Route 21 on Lake Street.

The goals of the METRO B Line project are to:

- Provide faster, more reliable transit service
- Improve the transit experience
- Expand equitable access to destinations along Lake Street and beyond
- Provide efficient connections to the existing and planned transit network

Arterial BRT provides faster and more efficient service than regular route service, and station and bus amenities that foster an improved customer experience.

www.metrotransit.org/b-line-project



Improving the experience

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

Changes being considered 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

While we may repave the roadway, full reconstruction is not being considered based on the age and condition of the roadway. Many segments have already been updated or will be soon:

- A segment between the Mississippi River and Dupont Avenue was reconstructed in 2007–08.
- Improvements were made between Blaisdell and Fifth avenues in 2021.
- The Hi-Lake interchange project will reconstruct Lake Street between 22nd and Snelling avenues to support a new Hiawatha Avenue (Highway 55) and Lake Street interchange.

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