



Station area plans complete, public engagement informs station design, Gold Line in the news

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Station Area Planning Complete *Plans for each station are available for review online*

Gold Line Partners has helped support planning in communities along the METRO Gold Line BRT project by guiding a station area planning process - also called Bus Rapid Transit Oriented Development (BRTOD). After collaborating closely with the five cities and two counties along the corridor, and community stakeholders along the route, completed plans for each station are now available online!

What is BRTOD?

BRTOD is a type of development approximately 1/2 mile around stations, that includes a mix of housing, office, retail, or other amenities within a walkable and bike-friendly neighborhood. BRTOD planning will help improve each community's access to jobs, housing, daily shopping needs, and recreation to enhance the quality of life for people of all ages and incomes.

[View the BRTOD Plan Summary](#)

BRTOD Plans will:

- Help communities define their own vision for a vibrant, transit-supportive station area
- Make it easier for people to walk, bike, or drive to BRT stations
- Enable communities to maximize economic development around BRT stations
- Identify infrastructure investments and policy changes to support each city's desired outcomes

[Click here for details on the planning process for each of the station areas, along with completed plans](#)

Thank you to all who provided feedback through the station area planning process. If you have feedback specific to each station area - [contact us](#).



Public Engagement - Station Design

Metro Transit collected input from the public, will use input to advance station design

Metro Transit asked for input on the design of future Gold Line stations and people spoke up! Metro Gold Line project staff talked with over 300 people at events and locations in the corridor, and over 380 people took an online survey.

What they heard:

- * Safety and cleanliness are priorities
- * Landscaping is one of the most important design features that community members want to see
- * Public art, landscaping, and wayfinding signage will help with neighborhood distinction
- * Better protection from wind, rain, and snow is important to keep people comfortable
- * WiFi and charging outlets are tech features that people would like
- * For most stations, a modern or contemporary look was appealing
- * In historic neighborhoods, stations should reflect the area's history

Thanks to all who took time to submit feedback. The information received will be used to advance station design.

To read more about the feedback, check out the engagement summary report on the [project website](#).



New project investments approved

Additional elements will add value to the project and better serve Gold Line passengers

Earlier this month, the communities served by the future Gold Line recommended investing in more project features such as bike and pedestrian paths and electric buses. These features are priorities for the project partners, and they will add significant value to the Gold Line BRT.

To read more about the recommendations, [read the presentation from the Corridor Management Committee](#).

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Receive project updates and submit input

Now that METRO Gold Line is in the Project Development phase, and management of the project has transitioned to the Metropolitan Council, there will be additional opportunities for members of the public to weigh-in on project plans. Be sure to sign up for updates from the Metropolitan Council to learn the latest project updates and upcoming opportunities to submit input.

You can also follow [@GoldLineBRT](#) on Twitter for updates on the project from Metro Transit.

The Metropolitan Council will send out updates via email as this project progresses. We encourage you to click below to sign up to stay in the know!

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In The News

- **Star Tribune** - [Cost of Gold Line bus-rapid transit could increase to \\$461 million](#)
- **Business Journal** - [Study: For every dollar invested in transit, Twin Cities gets \\$2.90 in benefits](#)
- **Finance and Commerce** - [Study: Transit is development magnet](#)
- **Lillie News** - [Maplewood approves plans for Gold Line station](#)

About Gold Line Partners

Gold Line Partners, comprised of local elected officials, business and community leaders, brings together people and organizations that support the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. Gold Line Partners engages with the public to inform and build support for the project.

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