

## Project Facts

### Route and Stations

The planned Southwest LRT (METRO Green Line Extension) is a 14.4-mile proposed extension of the METRO Green Line (Central Corridor LRT), which will operate from downtown Minneapolis through St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka and Eden Prairie, passing near Edina. The proposed line includes 16 new stations (including the Eden Prairie Town Center station that has been deferred for building out at a later date). Ridership in 2040 is forecasted at approximately 34,000 average weekday boardings. The plan also includes nine park and rides with nearly 2,500 new parking spaces, passenger drop off areas, bicycle and pedestrian access, as well as new or restructured local bus routes connecting stations to nearby residential, commercial and educational destinations. The line will connect major activity centers in the region including downtown Minneapolis, Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park, downtown Hopkins and the Opus/Golden Triangle employment area in Minnetonka and Eden Prairie. At Target Field Station in Minneapolis, Green Line Extension trains will continue along the Green Line, providing one-seat rides to the University of Minnesota, state Capitol area and downtown St. Paul.

### Budget

The total estimated project cost is \$1.744 billion. Funding will come from the Federal Transit Administration (50 percent), Counties Transit Improvement Board (\$496 million, which is already committed), Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (\$165 million, which is already committed), the state of Minnesota, the Metropolitan Council and other local funding partners.

### Timeline

Southwest LRT will begin passenger service in 2020 as an extension of the Green Line. Next steps include:

- 2015: The project will conduct advanced engineering.
- 2016: The Federal Transit Administration is expected to issue its Record of Decision and approve the project to enter the Engineering phase of the New Starts process. The project will secure its Full Funding Grant Agreement, which commits the federal government to pay 50 percent of the project's capital cost.
- 2017-19: Heavy construction.

# Map of Southwest LRT Route and Stations

