

**METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project**  
**Saint Paul, Minnesota**  
**New Starts Project Development**  
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The Metropolitan Council (Met Council) proposes to implement bus rapid transit (BRT) in the 15-mile corridor between Saint Paul and White Bear Lake. Met Council expects the project will include over 11 miles of dedicated guideway, 21 stations with level boarding, off-board fare collection, and real-time bus schedule information. The project also includes seven new dedicated guideway bridges along the route and three park-and-ride facilities. The project's current estimated capital cost is \$445 million. Met Council expects to seek \$218 million from the New Starts program. Met Council believes that the project would provide transit service that satisfies the long-term mobility and accessibility needs for businesses and the traveling public and supports sustainable development within the project area.

Met Council selected BRT in the Project corridor as the locally preferred alternative in May 2017, and it was included in the region's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan in October 2018. Met Council completed the environmental review process in October 2021, with receipt of a Finding of No Significant Impact. Met Council hopes to enter Engineering in March 2023, receive a Full Funding Grant Agreement in May 2024, and begin revenue service in September 2026.

# Proposed METRO Purple Line BRT Project Map (LPA)

