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The METRO Blue Line Extension light rail transit project will extend the existing Blue Line from Target Field Station northwest to Brooklyn Park and connect communities along the way.

Latest project news

2026 will be another big year for the METRO Blue Line Extension project. Project staff will be working towards completing 90% design by summer and 100% by fall of 2026. We'll be out in the community connecting with residents and businesses as we prepare for the start of construction, anticipated to begin in 2027. Read about what's next in 2026.

Updated budget, schedule set next steps for Blue Line Extension

This week, **we posted an update** to share information about the completion of an important step in the Blue Line Extension process, and to share information about next steps. With the recent completion of the Federal Risk Assessment process and the project nearing the 90% design milestone, project staff in partnership with the Federal Transit Administration have set an official project budget of $3.58 billion.

Project overview video – 60% Design

Blue Line Extension Full Project Overview - 60% Design
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Federal transit administration signs off on Blue Line Extension environmental review

The Blue Line Extension Light Rail Transit project has reached a major milestone with the conclusion of the federal environmental review process. The Federal Transit Administration published an Amended Record of Decision (AROD) following comprehensive review of the project's environmental findings and proposed strategies to address environmental, economic, and social impacts. This approval follows several years of in-depth environmental studies and community engagement and allows the project to advance to final design phases, funding application, and construction. **Read more about the AROD and what it means for the future of the project.**

New video series will examine and explain the Blue Line Extension project

With 13.4 miles and 13 stations, there is a lot happening as the Blue Line Extension project moves through the design and engineering process. A new video series is launching to help you track the project, answer questions, and direct you to important assistance and resources.

Making Tracks with Nkongo will unpack the issues that are impacting the project's design, as well as the community feedback that is shaping how the project will be built, and how it will serve you. Check out the latest video below, and visit the **METRO Blue Line Extension YouTube Chanel** to see project visualizations and personal stories about this exciting new project.



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How has community input impacted design?

Wondering how community input has changed the project through the different design milestones? **Check out our recent newsletter.**

Upcoming meetings and events

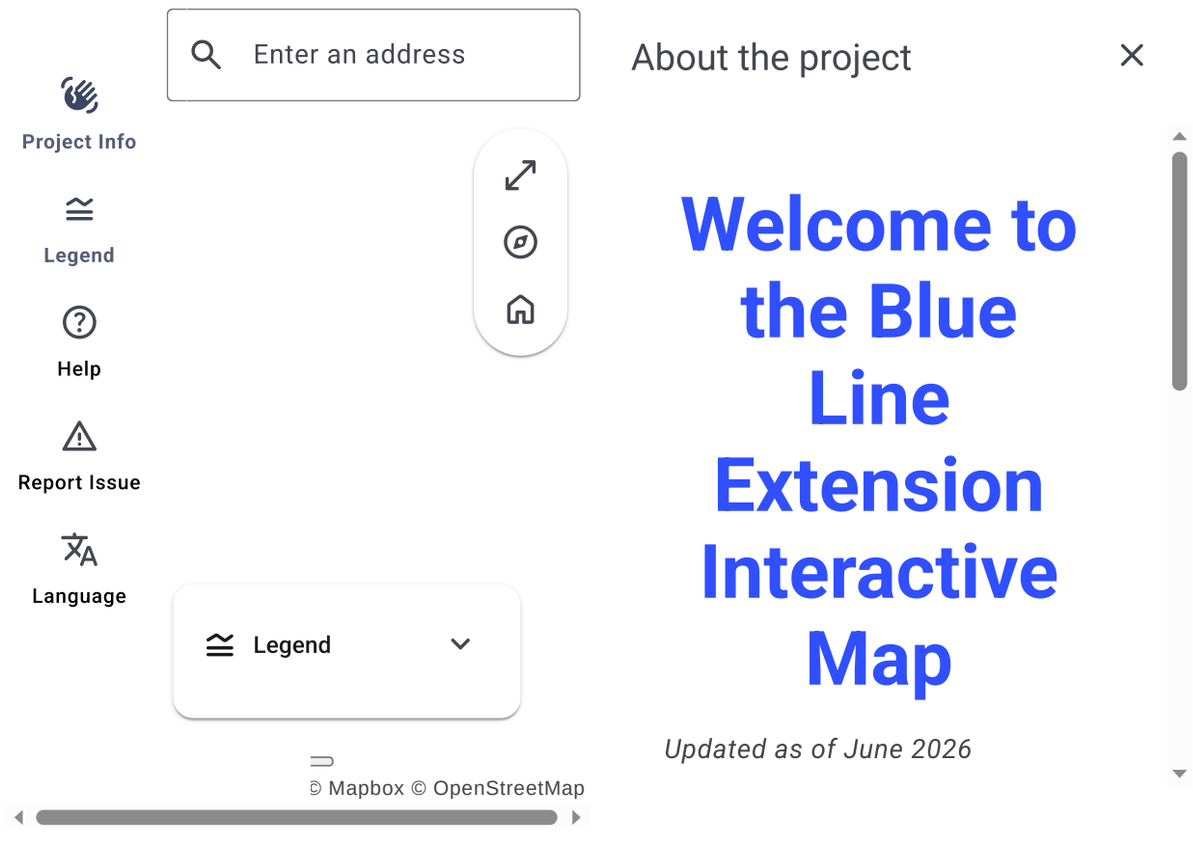
Find upcoming community meetings and events where project staff will be.

Visit the Community Meetings and Events page.

Interactive map

Our interactive map has been updated as of June 2026 to reflect 90% design plans.

Open a larger version of the map to explore. The map is supported in Google Chrome, Firefox, Edge, and Safari browsers.



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