

Experience the Southwest Corridor



Light Rail Station Area Profiles

June 2016





Southwest Light Rail Transit



METRO Green Line Extension

Imagine getting on the train outside your office in Eden Prairie and being able to travel all the way to St. Paul for a morning meeting, or gathering up the family and heading out of downtown Minneapolis to Minnetonka for an afternoon trip to the beach. The Southwest Light Rail Transit Line will make this possible when it opens in 2020.

Southwest LRT is a proposed 15-mile high-frequency light rail line that will serve the rapidly growing southwest metropolitan area with 15 stations in Eden Prairie, Minnetonka, Hopkins, St. Louis Park and Minneapolis. Southwest LRT is the next addition to the transit system in the Twin Cities region, Southwest LRT is the next addition to the transit system in the Twin Cities region, extending the METRO Green Line (Central Corridor), which opened in June 2014, and joining the METRO Blue Line (Hiawatha), Northstar Commuter Rail and a vast network of bus routes.



Southwest LRT extends the METRO Green Line, linking Eden Prairie to downtown Minneapolis, downtown St. Paul and other employment centers.

Corridor fast facts

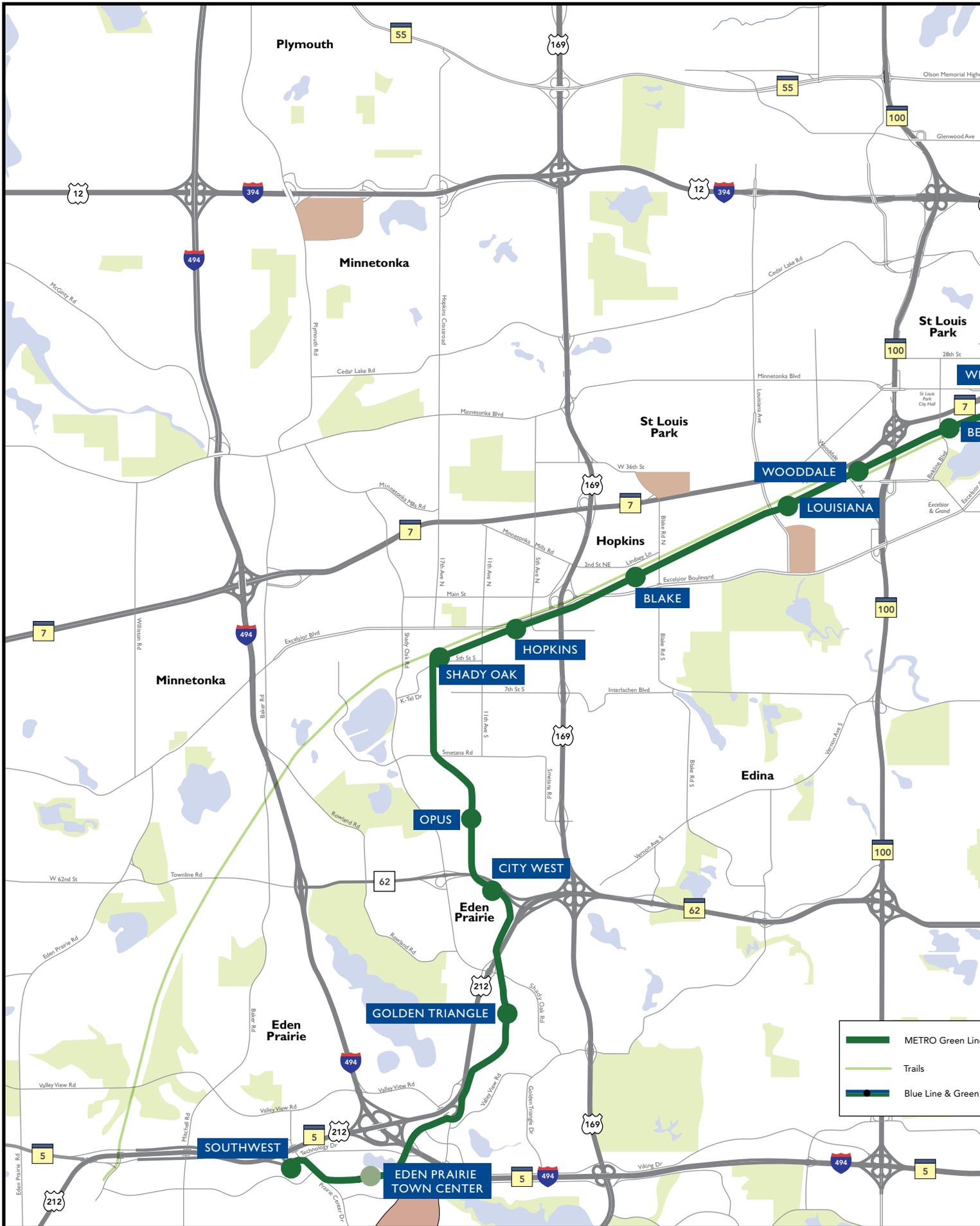
Population	60,000
Households	31,000
Employment	210,000

Population, Household and Employment figures are within a half-mile of the corridor. Sources: 2010 Census and Q2 2010 Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.



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Moving through the Corridor

The Southwest Light Rail Transit Line weaves through the southwestern suburbs of Eden Prairie, Minnetonka, Hopkins and St. Louis Park to downtown Minneapolis, where passengers have the option of traveling on to downtown St. Paul.

The proposed stations are:

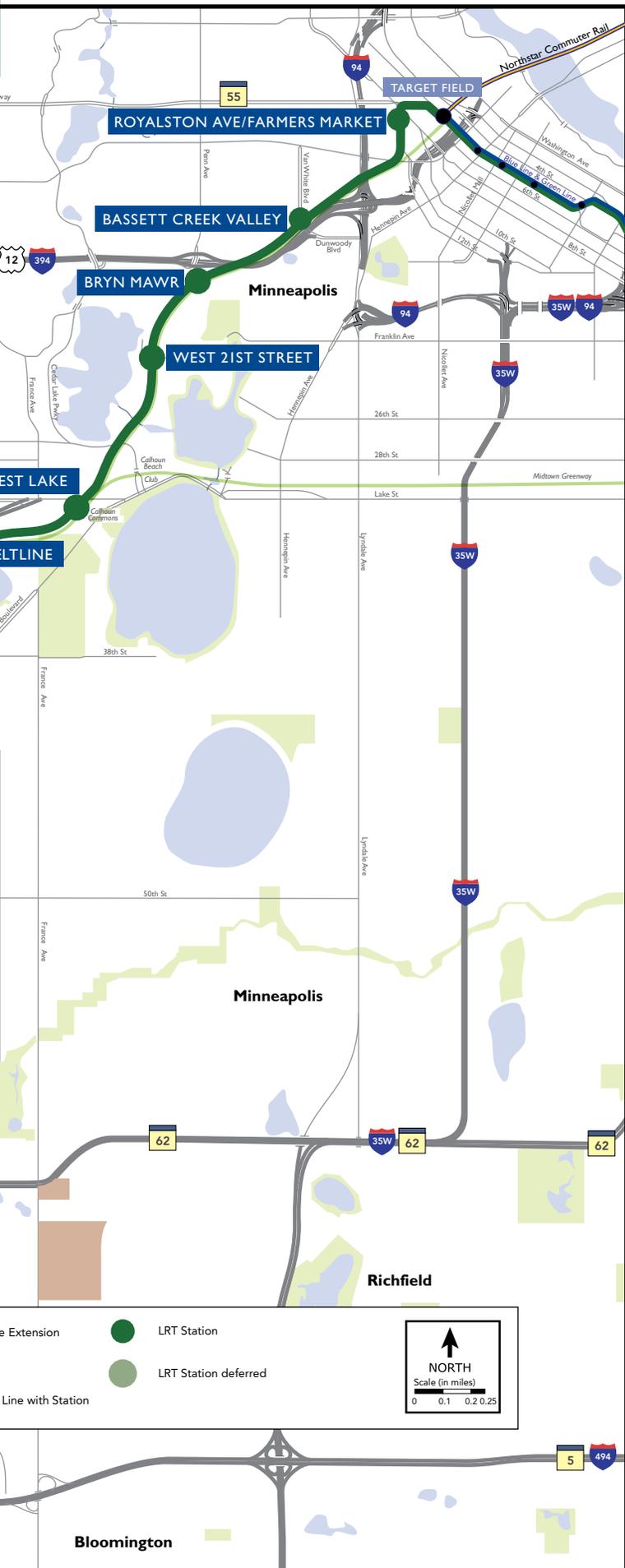
- Southwest, Eden Prairie Town Center (deferred), Golden Triangle and City West in Eden Prairie.
- Opus in Minnetonka.
- Shady Oak, Hopkins and Blake in Hopkins.
- Louisiana, Wooddale and Beltline in St. Louis Park.
- West Lake, West 21st Street, Bryn Mawr, Bassett Creek Valley and Royalston Ave/Farmers Market in Minneapolis.

Southwest LRT Community Works

The Southwest LRT Community Works Project is a collaborative effort to capitalize on the opportunities light rail has to offer the region. The project partners are working together to address economic competitiveness and job growth; housing choices; quality neighborhoods; and critical connections along the light-rail route.

Project partners include: Hennepin County, Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority, Eden Prairie, Minnetonka, Hopkins, Edina, St. Louis Park, Minneapolis, Metropolitan Council, Urban Land Institute Minnesota, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, and SouthWest Transit.

Southwest LRT is also part of the Corridors of Opportunity Initiative, which is changing the way transitway projects are developed in the Twin Cities in order to realize the greatest possible economic and environmental benefits for the region.



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Grab a beer, a beet or baseball

Royalston Ave/Farmers Market brings you to the edge of everything downtown has to offer.

The station is located within walking distance of the Minneapolis Farmer's Market, Target Field and Fulton Brewery, as well as the Hennepin Theater District.

The surrounding area includes various government facilities and educational campuses, including Minneapolis Community and Technical College and Metropolitan State University. The sprawling mixed-income neighborhood Heritage Park is also nearby.

Future development makes this a prime location for downtown-style residential and commercial developments with an industrial backdrop.



Target Field, home of the Minnesota Twins, is a new civic landmark totaling one million square feet, with seating for approximately 40,000.

Station area fast facts

Population	4,500
Households	2,094
Employment	20,004

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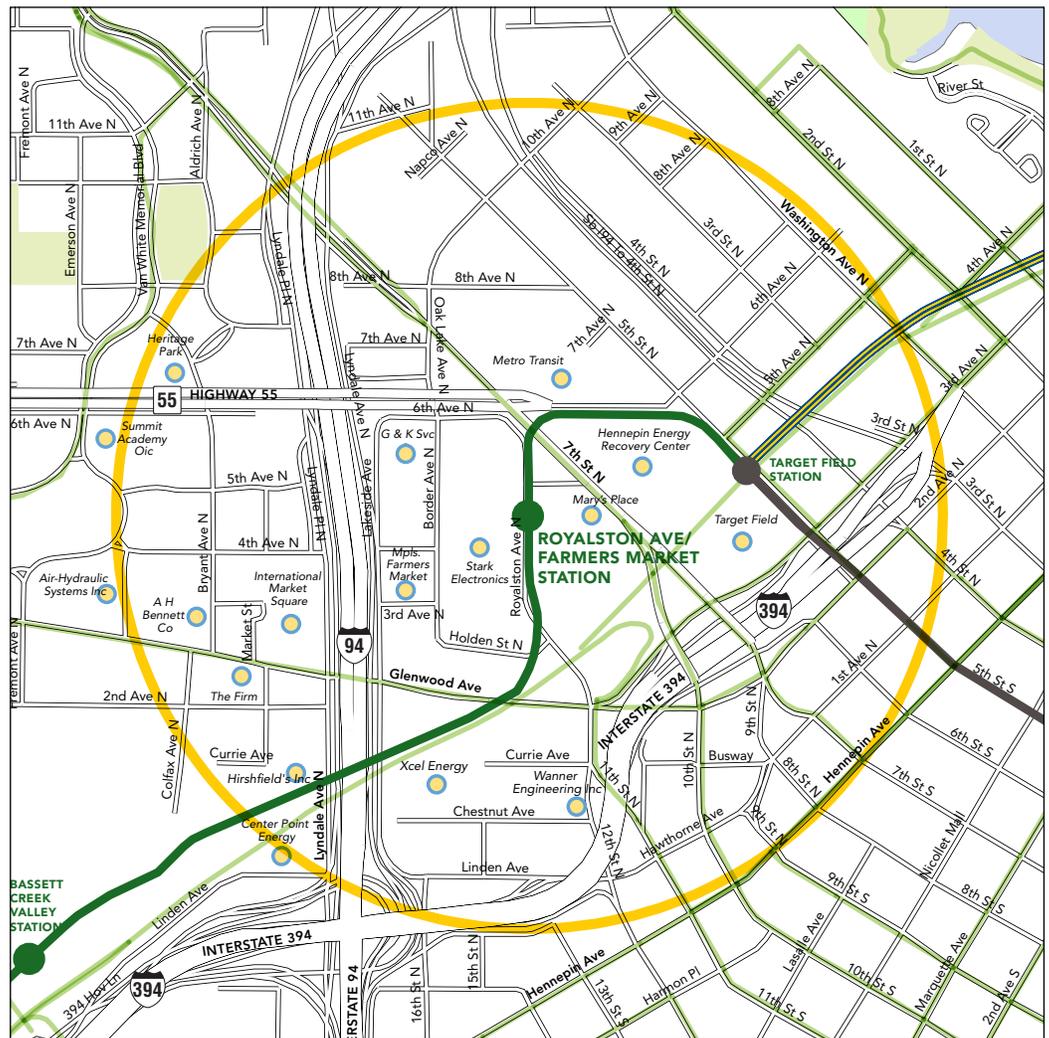


Royalston Ave/Farmers Market

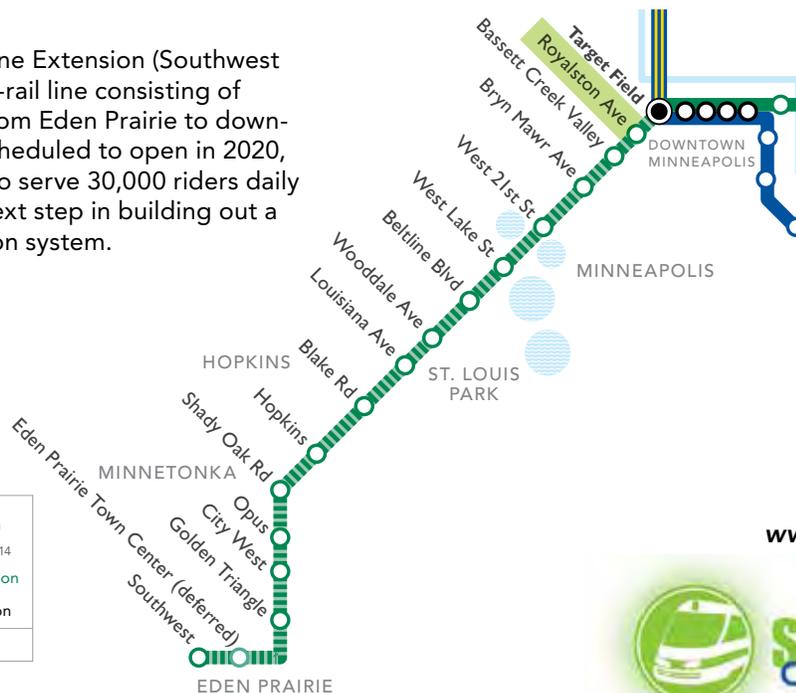
METRO Green Line Extension

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Get acquainted with where Royalston Station is located. The proposed station will be on Royalston Avenue North between North Seventh Street and Glenwood Avenue, east of Interstate 94 and south of Olson Memorial Highway.



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Access the potential

Bassett Creek Valley is prime for urban redevelopment.

The station is located within 75 acres of undeveloped property owned by the City of Minneapolis, as well as the Parade Athletic Fields, Parade Ice Garden and the Bryn Mawr Meadows.

The surrounding area includes the Dunwoody College of Technology, Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, Walker Art Center and the Bassett Creek Valley, and the Minneapolis neighborhoods of Bryn Mawr, Harrison, Lowry Hill and Kenwood.

Future development will combine high-density office and multi-family residential uses.

Station area fast facts

Population	1,105
Households	679
Employment	5,028

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Dunwoody College of Technology is the only non-profit, technical college in the Upper Midwest and one of only three nationwide. Photo from Dunwoody College of Technology

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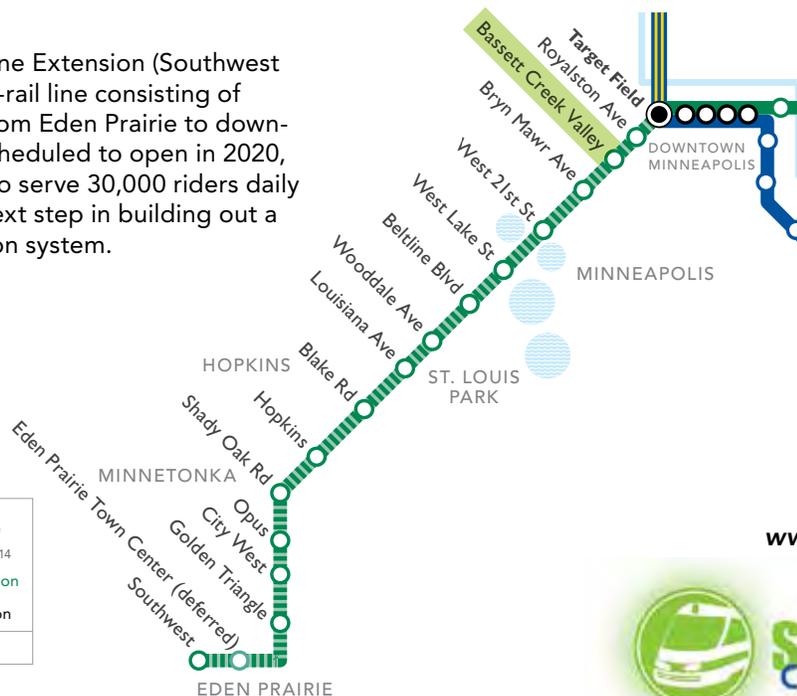


Bassett Creek Valley

Get acquainted with where Van White Station is located. The proposed station will be near the intersection of Interstate 394 and Interstate 94, just east of Bryn Mawr Meadows Park.



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Travel to, or through, our valley

Bryn Mawr is in a scenic valley by the city.

The station is located within easy access to the Bryn Mawr neighborhood and the Chain of Lakes.

The surrounding area includes Cedar Lake Park; employers along Wayzata Boulevard; and retail services clustered around the intersection of Penn Avenue and Cedar Lake Road.

Future access to the station will be via a bridge from the northern bluff, where mid- to high-density development is expected. Strong bicycle and pedestrian connections will encourage station use from the Bryn Mawr neighborhood on both sides of Interstate 394.



The Cedar Lake Bike Trail is a multi-use paved trail stretching nearly five miles, from Hopkins to downtown Minneapolis.

Station area fast facts

Population	2,540
Households	1,073
Employment	891

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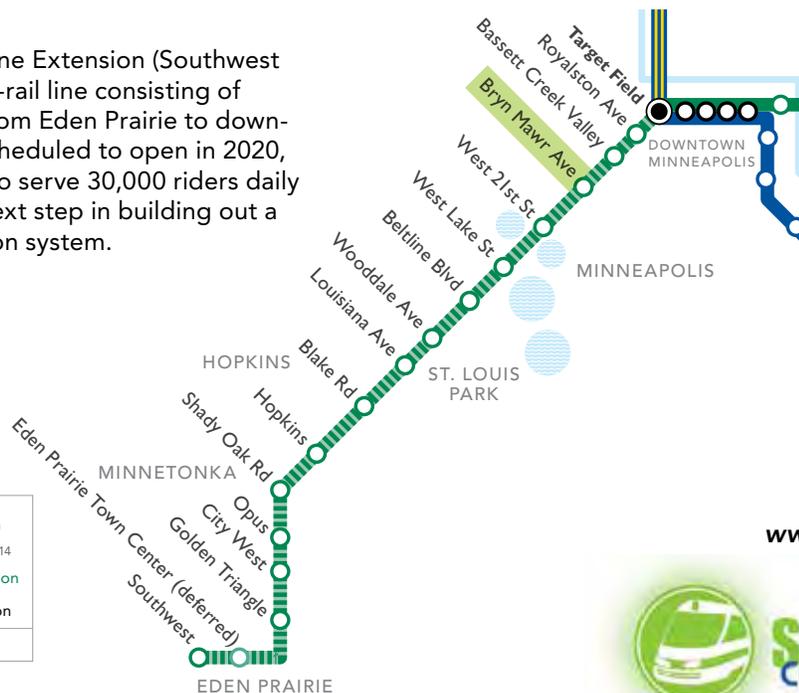


Bryn Mawr

Get acquainted with where Penn Station is located. The proposed station will be north of the intersection of Penn Avenue and Kenwood Parkway, south of Interstate 394.



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SOUTHWEST LRT
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Stroll along the Isles

21st Street Station lets you escape to the Chain of Lakes and Grand Rounds, the country's longest continuous system of public urban parkways.

The station is located between Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles, in a historic neighborhood.

The surrounding area includes Kenwood Park, East Cedar Beach and Kenwood Elementary school.

Future development is not envisioned around this station; rather, the focus will be on creating a neighborhood walk-up station.

Station area fast facts

Population	1,529
Households	608
Employment	143

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Minnesota is known for its lakes, and Cedar Lake Beach is the perfect spot to spread out your towel and relax with a book or splash in the water.

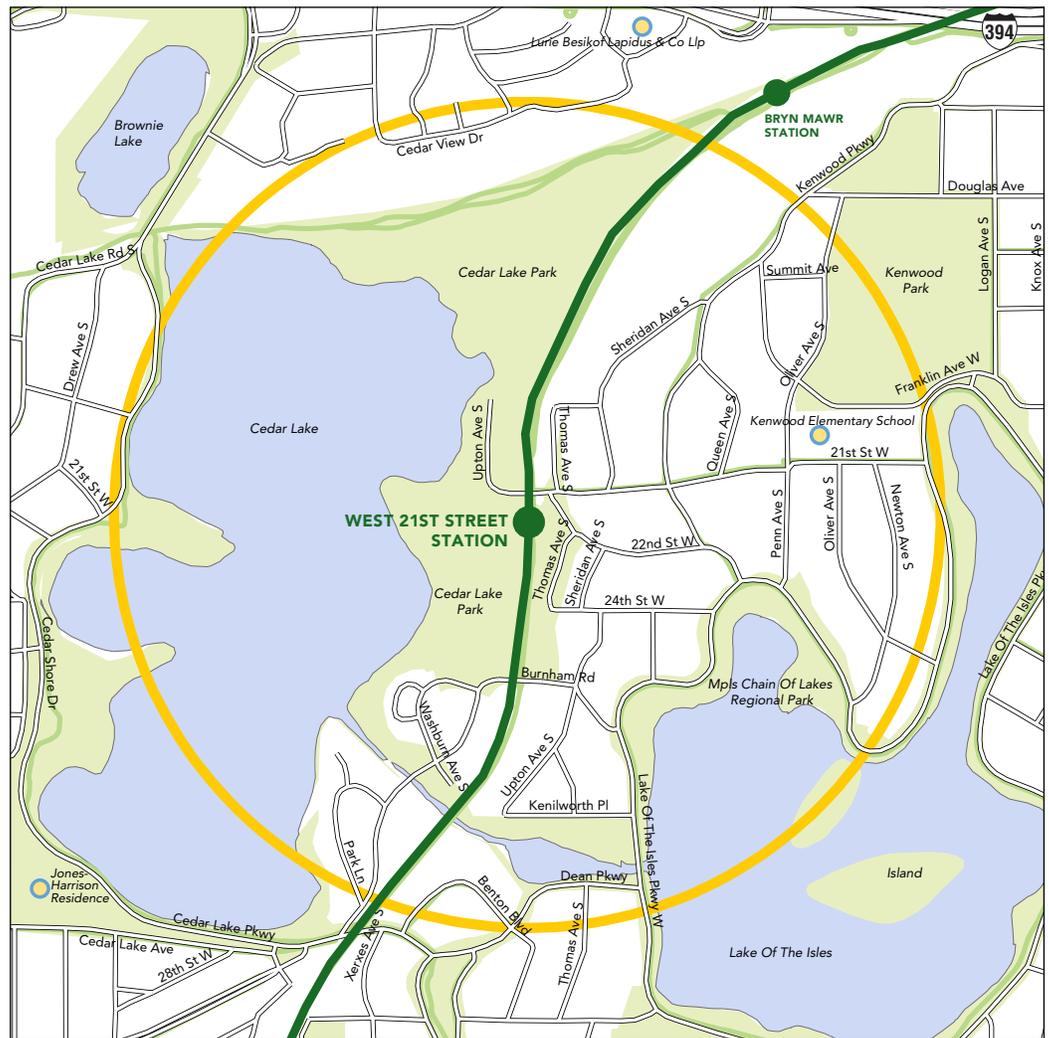
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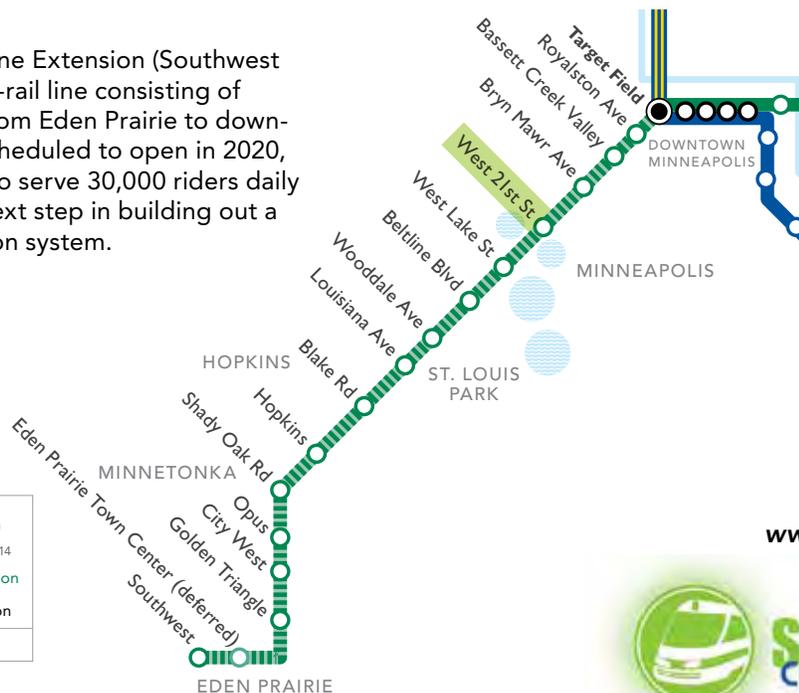


West 21st Street Station

Get acquainted with where 21st Street Station is located. The proposed station will be near the intersection of South Upton Avenue and West 21st Street.



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Seat yourself with us

West Lake Station will accent a bustling corner of restaurants, stores and offices, near a residential community offering a prime location for urban living.

The station is located near Calhoun Commons and Calhoun Village, home to popular restaurants, as well as small shops and a fitness center.

The surrounding area is home to several office buildings, including Lake Calhoun Executive Center, Lake Pointe Corporate Center and the Fairview Uptown Clinic.

Future development will expand the current mixed-use, urban environment with infill residential and mixed-use opportunities. Enhanced transit service on the Midtown Greenway or Lake Street will provide a connection between here and the Lake Street Station on the METRO Blue Line (Hiawatha).



The West Lake station area has all the small shops and amenities you're looking for in the heart of Minneapolis.

Station area fast facts

Population	4,493
Households	2,720
Employment	2,709

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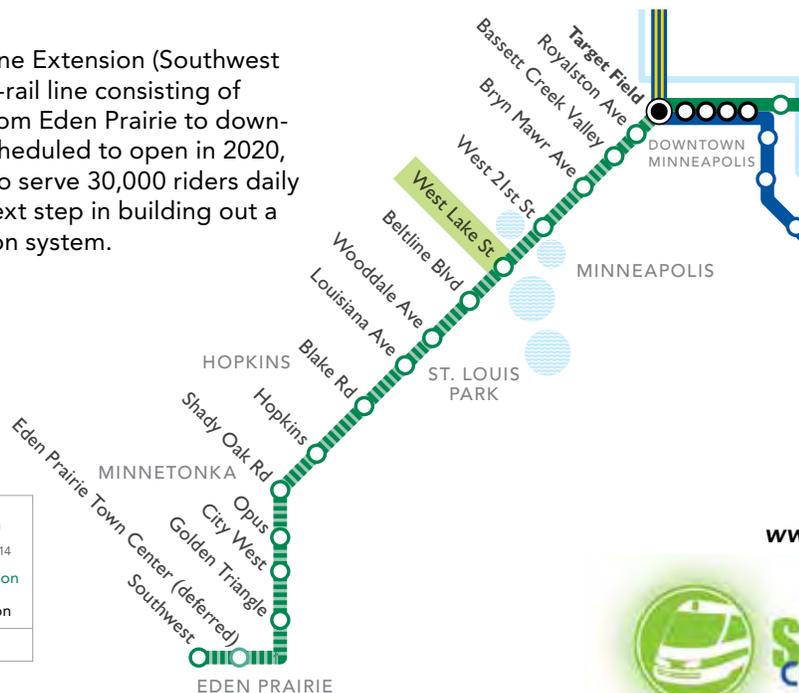


West Lake Station

Get acquainted with where West Lake Station is located. The proposed station will be just south of where West Lake Street crosses the Midtown Greenway, east of France Avenue, north and west of Excelsior Boulevard.



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Mixing up more than Bundt cake

Beltline Station has all the right ingredients.

The station is located in a successful business area, including Nordic Ware, producers of the world-famous Bundt pan.

The station area is home to more than 2,700 jobs, the St. Louis Park municipal campus, the Park Nicollet Melrose Institute and Excelsior & Grand with its many shops and restaurants. Multiple recreational facilities and amenities are also nearby, including Carpenter Park, Skippy Field, Wolfe Park, St. Louis Park Recreation Center and the 60-acre wetland complex Bass Lake Preserve.

Future development will include business-oriented redevelopment, mixed-use development and mid- to high-density housing near the parks.

Station area fast facts

Population	3,728
Households	2,271
Employment	2,714

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Nordic Ware, the family-owned, American manufacturer of kitchenware products, was established in 1946.

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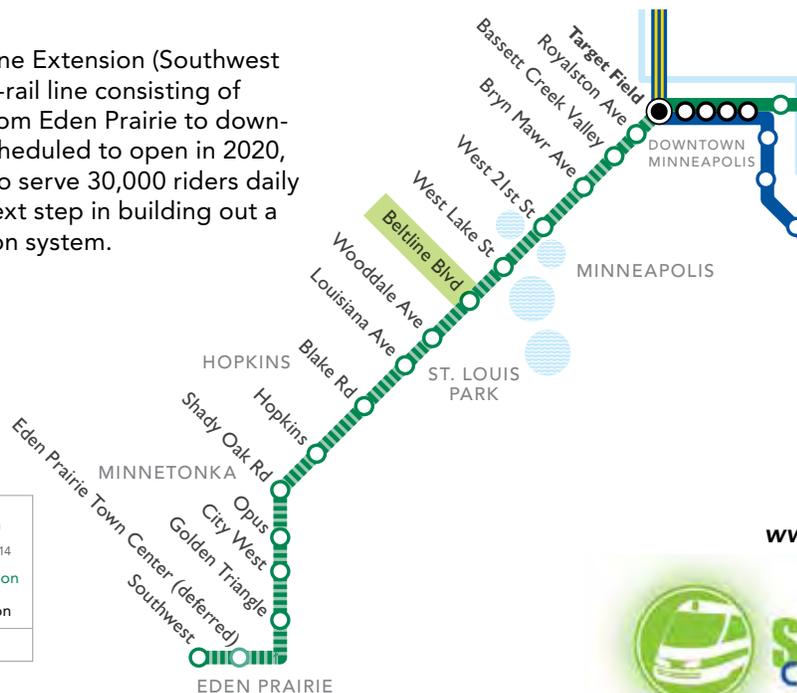


Beltline Station

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Transforming the surroundings

Wooddale Station will be surrounded by an area that has spent the last decade transforming into a dynamic transit village.

The station is located amid more than 750 condos, apartments and senior housing units, as well as more than 199,000 square feet of retail space.

The surrounding area includes St. Louis Park High School, Park Spanish Immersion Elementary School and the Central Community Center. The nearby Milwaukee Road Depot is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Future development will build on the area's robust residential growth, continuing to mature into a lively, dense, walkable and connected mixed-use transit village.

Station area fast facts

Population	2,469
Households	1,252
Employment	3,168

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TowerLight on Wooddale Avenue is an innovatively designed senior living community located in the heart of St. Louis Park.

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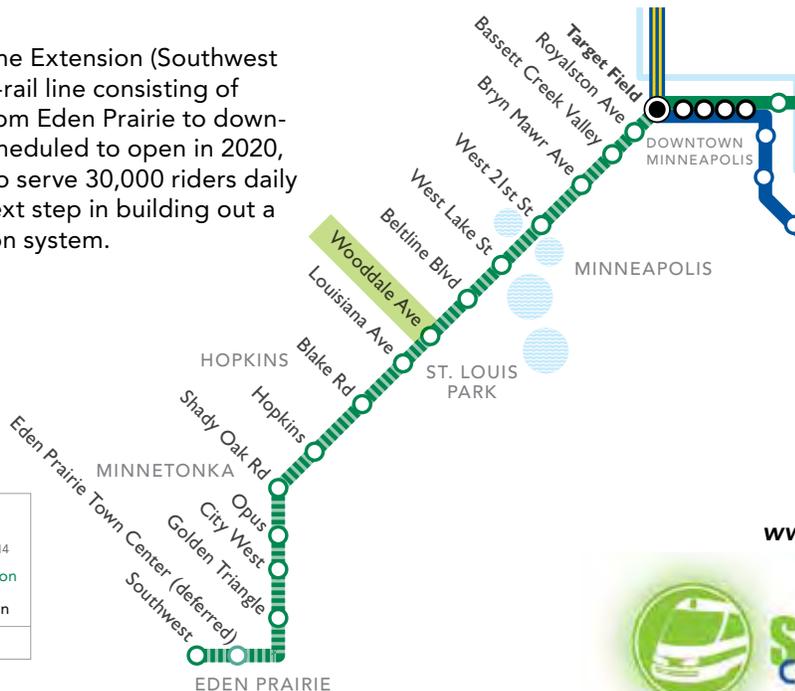
Wooddale Station

Get acquainted with where Wooddale Station is located. The proposed station will be near the intersection of Wooddale Avenue South and State Highway 7, west of State Highway 100 and north of Excelsior Boulevard.



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Taking care of the community

Louisiana Station is home to Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital, a regional medical center. Thousands of people are employed at the hospital and thousands more benefit from care there.

The station is located in a center of light industrial and big-box retail uses, such as Japs-Olson, Sam's Club and Highway 7 Corporate Center.

The surrounding area includes single and multi-family residential areas, including Meadowbrook Apartments. You can even access the trails and canoe or fish at nearby Minnehaha Creek.

Future development will be driven by the station's proximity to the hospital and medical offices. New moderate-density residential development is also envisioned.

Station area fast facts

Population	2,316
Households	1,145
Employment	7,263

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Meadowbrook, a large apartment complex along Excelsior Boulevard, was built around 1950. When constructed, it was the largest multi-family complex in the Midwest.

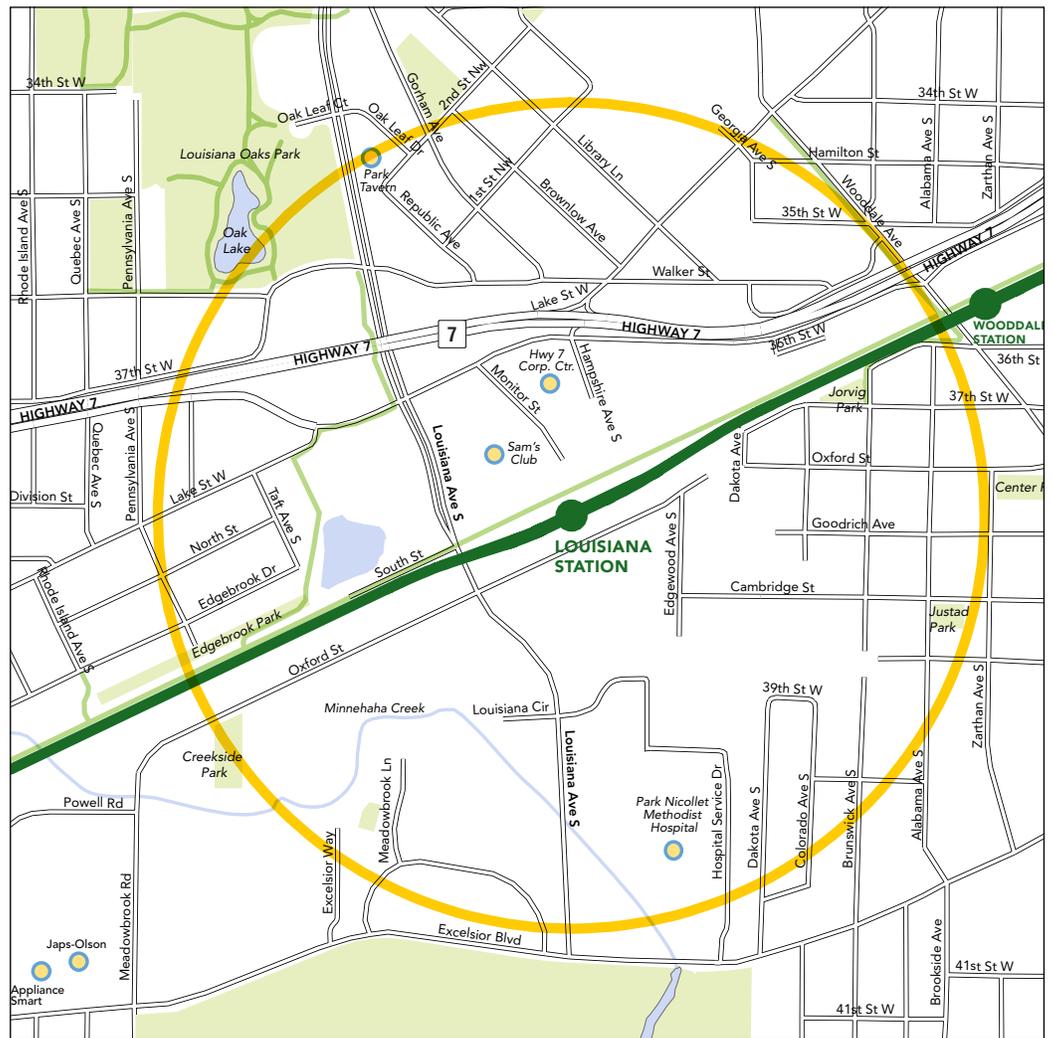
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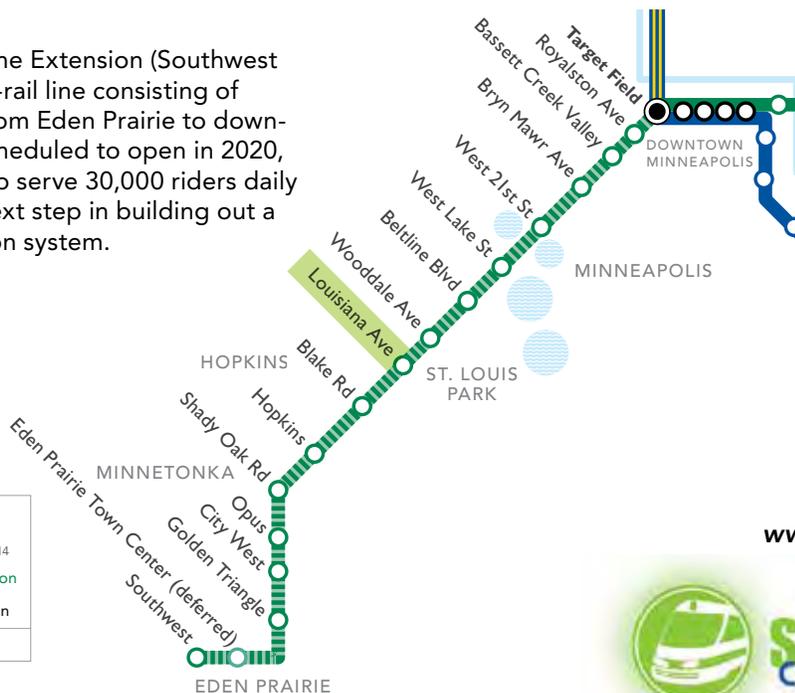
Louisiana Station

Get acquainted with where Louisiana Station is located. The proposed station will be near the intersection of Louisiana Avenue and Oxford Street, south of State Highway 7 and north of Excelsior Boulevard.



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The Renaissance has begun

Blake Road Station is situated in an urban corridor of diverse residents, natural amenities and development opportunities.

The station is located within a corridor that has 90 percent rental housing with large immigrant population clusters.

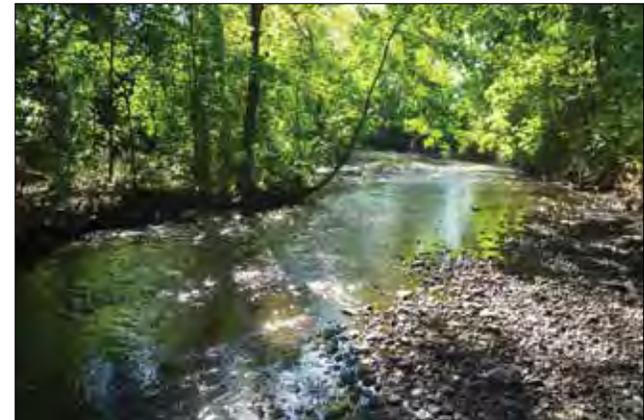
The surrounding area includes parks, The Blake School, Jacobs Trading, EDCO, destination businesses, 43 Hoops Basketball Academy and Fastenal, and Cargill, as well as a 17-acre parcel ready for redevelopment.

Future development is already underway, with a major park redesign and expansion taking place just north of the station. South of the station lies a collection of one-story commercial strip centers and industrial buildings.

Station area fast facts

Population	5,395
Households	2,443
Employment	2,093

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Minnehaha Creek first appeared on a map in 1823. Plans are underway to restore a 3,000-foot stretch of the creek from Louisiana Avenue to Meadowbrook Road.

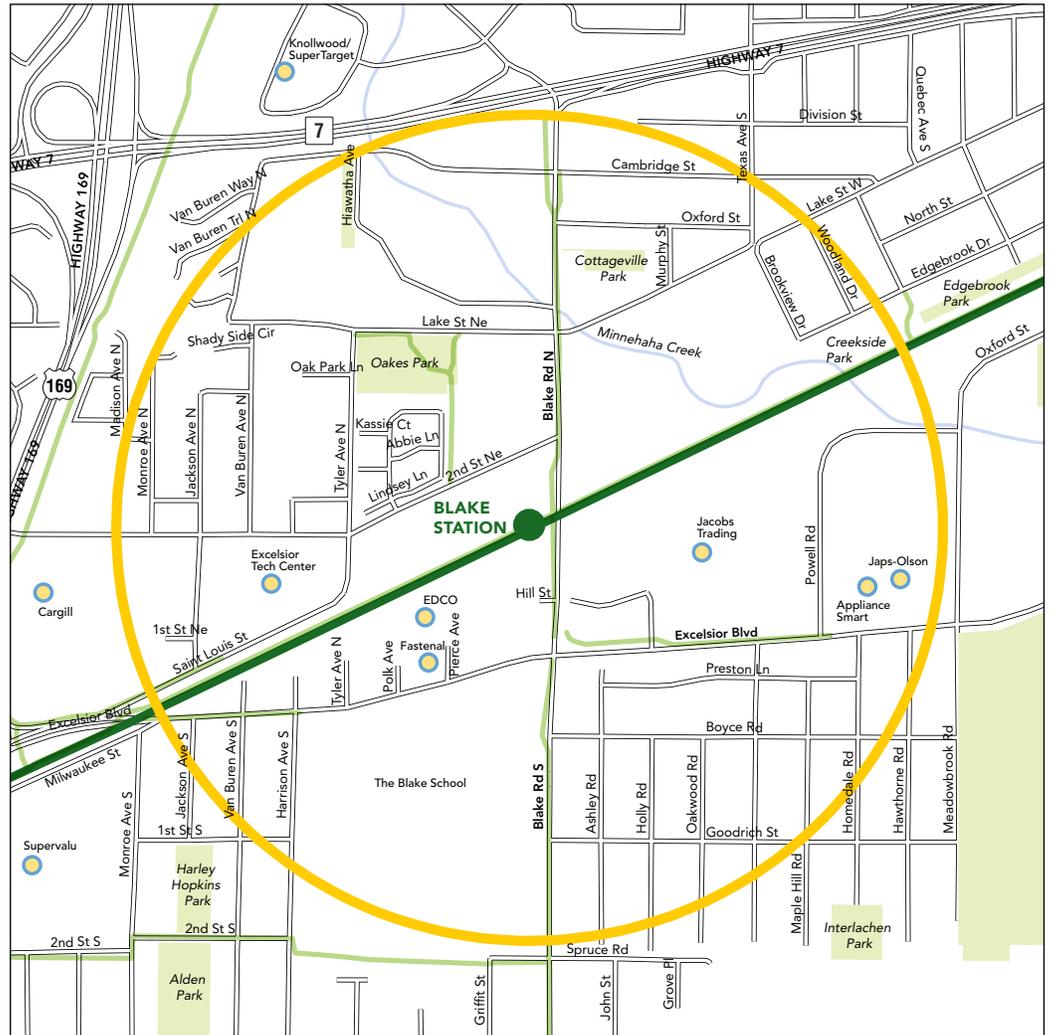
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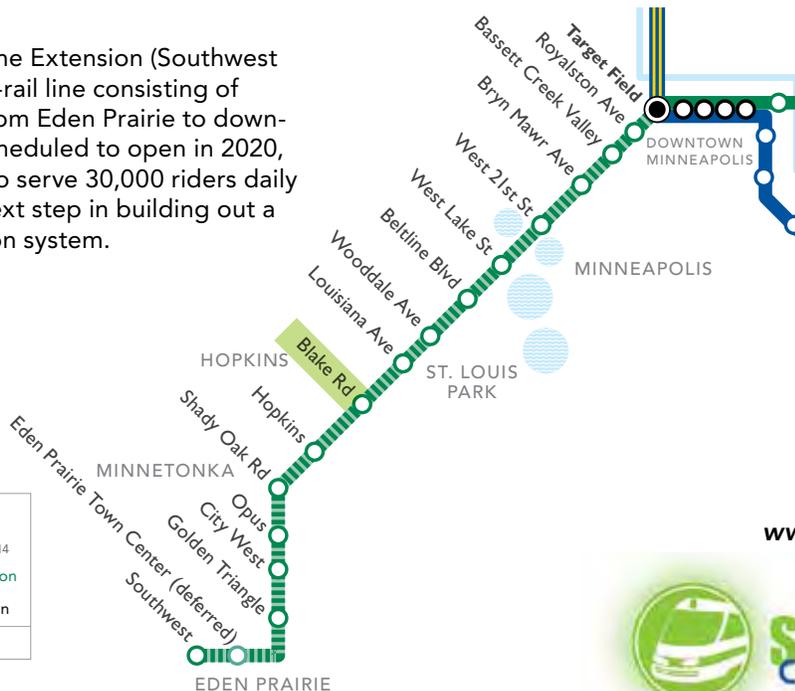
Blake Station

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Mainstreet charm in the urban backyard

Downtown Hopkins Station offers small town charm along Mainstreet with metropolitan amenities nearby.

The station is located in a city grid with multiple redevelopment opportunities for transit oriented development and plans for improved connections to the adjacent regional trails, pedestrian amenities and public place-making. Larger employers include the City of Hopkins, Hopkins Honda and Supervalu.

The surrounding area includes the ARTery, a two-block stretch of Eighth Avenue, with destinations like the Hopkins Center for the Arts. Walkable, bikeable and infused with art, downtown Hopkins is a central neighborhood combining the business district with restaurants, shops and various types of housing.

Station area fast facts

Population	3,293
Households	1,730
Employment	5,194

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Hopkins Center for the Arts is a focal point for culture and entertainment, within walking distance of several restaurants, antique and other shops and a movie theater complex.

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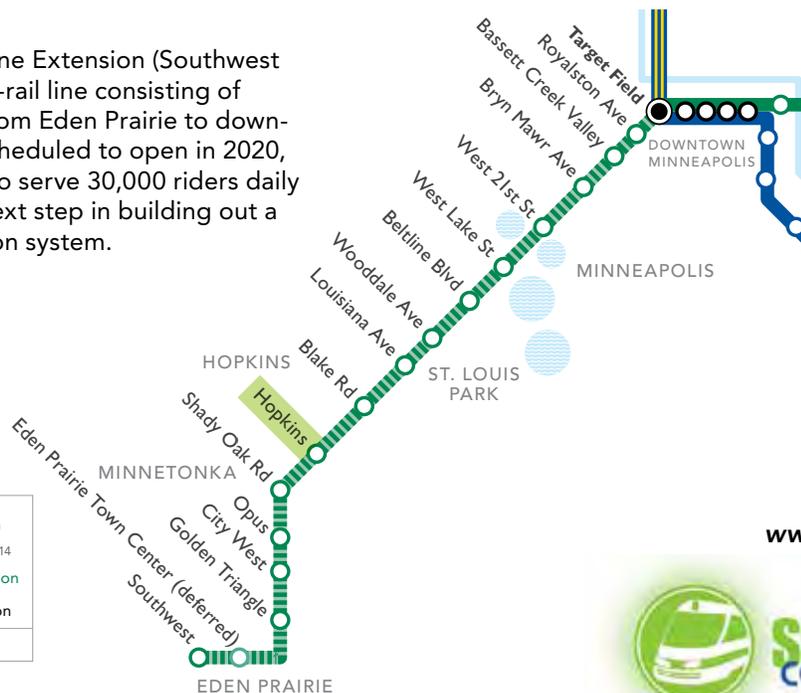
Downtown Hopkins Station

Get acquainted with where Hopkins Station is located. The proposed station will be south of the intersection of Excelsior Boulevard and Eighth Avenue (west of Highway 169).



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Your recreation destination

Shady Oak Station is positioned on the border of Hopkins and Minnetonka.

The station is located among large light-industrial parcels and surface parking areas which are landlocked, providing the opportunity to create new streets, sidewalks and trails.

The surrounding area includes the popular Shady Oak Beach Park, an 85-acre recreational area and beach in Minnetonka. Hopkins Pavilion and Central Park are also close.

Future development will gradually turn aging industrial uses to new residential and office developments, bringing better connectivity for pedestrians, bicyclists and automobiles.



Shady Oak Beach Park offers year-round activities for the entire family.

Station area fast facts

Population	887
Households	490
Employment	2,909

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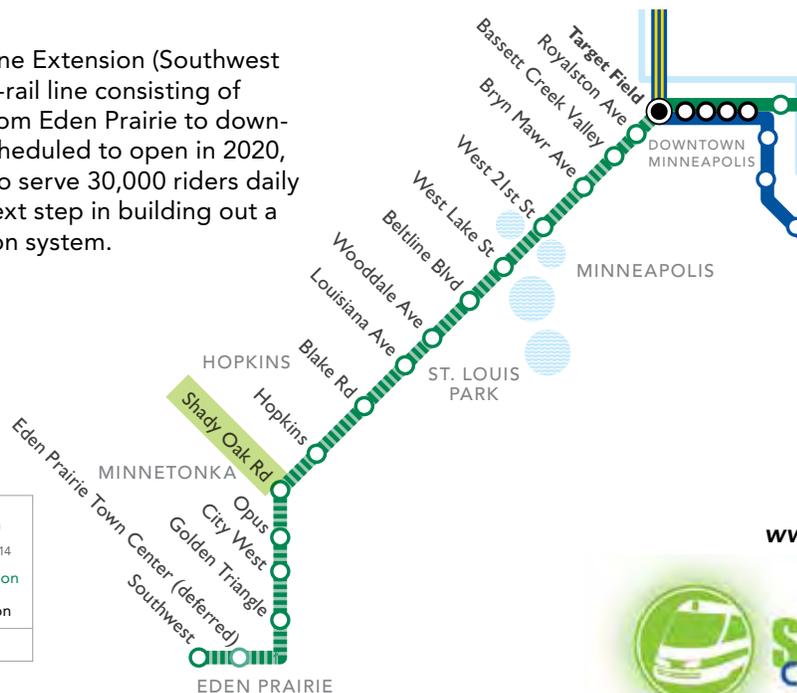
Shady Oak Station

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Step from the meeting room to meeting nature

Opus Station at Opus Business Park will connect to more than six miles of pedestrian and bicycle trails that are completely separated from the roadway, providing a park-like setting for local businesses.

The station is located at the center of a major employment center that is home to more than 12,000 jobs from the real estate, health care, medical device and technology industries. Opus, UnitedHealth Group, American Medical Systems and Comcast are some of the many corporations who have chosen to have offices here.

The surrounding area also includes multifamily apartments and condominiums in residential communities.

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Households	679
Employment	5,028

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The metropolitan region is home to 19 Fortune 500 companies including UnitedHealth Group, whose corporate offices are located in Minnetonka.

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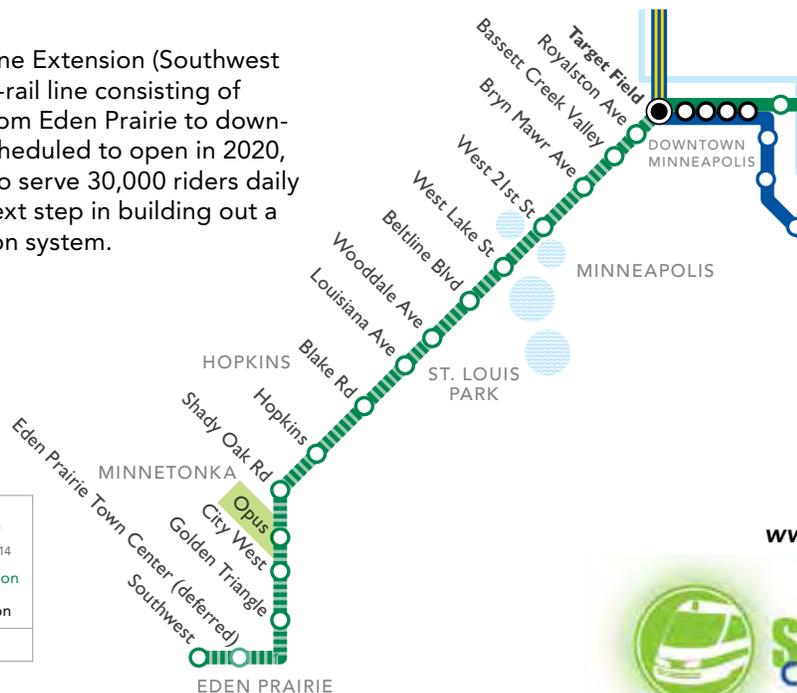
Opus Station

Get acquainted with where the Opus Station is located. The proposed station will be near Bren Road, west of Highway 169, east of Shady Oak Road and south of Smetana Road.

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Coverage you can count on

City West Station has you covered.

The station is located at the site of UnitedHealth Group's new corporate campus, as well as office development including Milestone AV Technologies, Travel Leaders Group and LSS Data systems.

The surrounding area includes retail and restaurants within walking distance, as well as numerous wetland and natural areas.

Future development will include improvements to streets, trails and sidewalks, that will provide convenient and walkable access to the station for commuters and nearby residential and commercial developments. Retail and restaurant opportunities will likely be enhanced to serve the work force.



This employment center will be further enhanced by ongoing development in the area.

Station area fast facts

Population	783
Households	374
Employment	5,515

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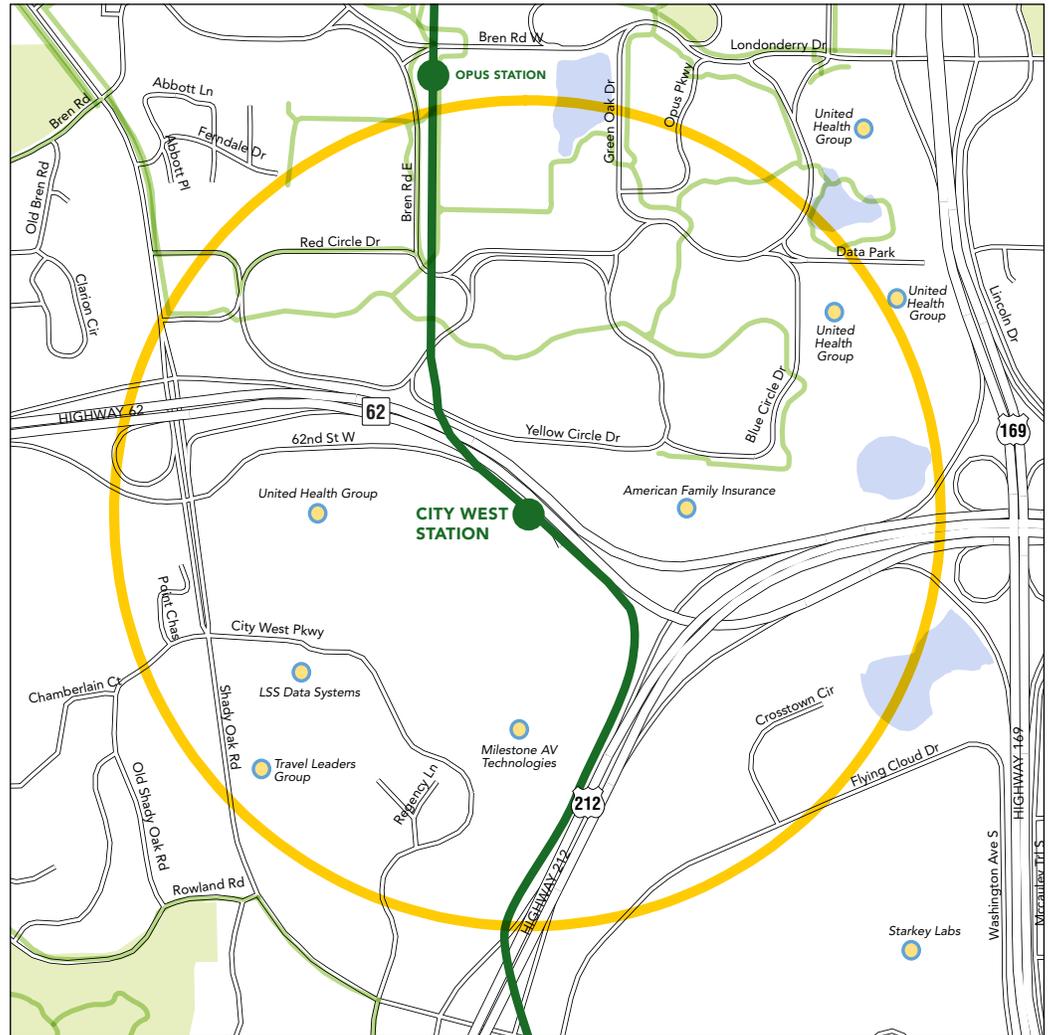
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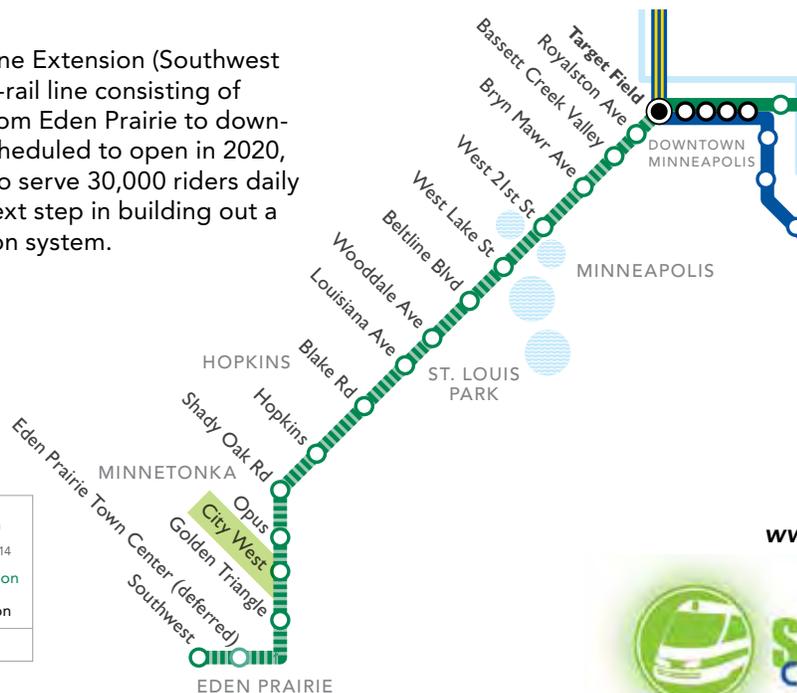


City West Station

Get acquainted with where City West Station is located. The proposed station will be west of the intersection of US Highway 212 and Highway 62 and east of Shady Oak Road.



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Perfectly proportioned to serve the region

Golden Triangle Station is a major regional employment center with more than 20,000 jobs.

The station is located beside 9.8 million square feet of industrial and office space for Supervalu Foods, Starkey Labs, Cigna and the Minnesota Vikings.

The surrounding area includes Nine Mile Creek and its scenic bluffs, trails and parks, including an off-leash dog area. The area is predominantly warehouse/distribution and manufacturing, with some multi-family residential buildings.

Future development is envisioned for the 200 acres of land adjacent to the proposed station, including housing, retail and office development, as well as work to preserve the natural beauty of Nine Mile Creek.

Station area fast facts

Population	421
Households	234
Employment	3,235

Population, Household and Employment figures are within a half-mile of the station. Sources: City of Eden Prairie and Q2 2010 Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.



Fortune 500 company Supervalu calls the region home.

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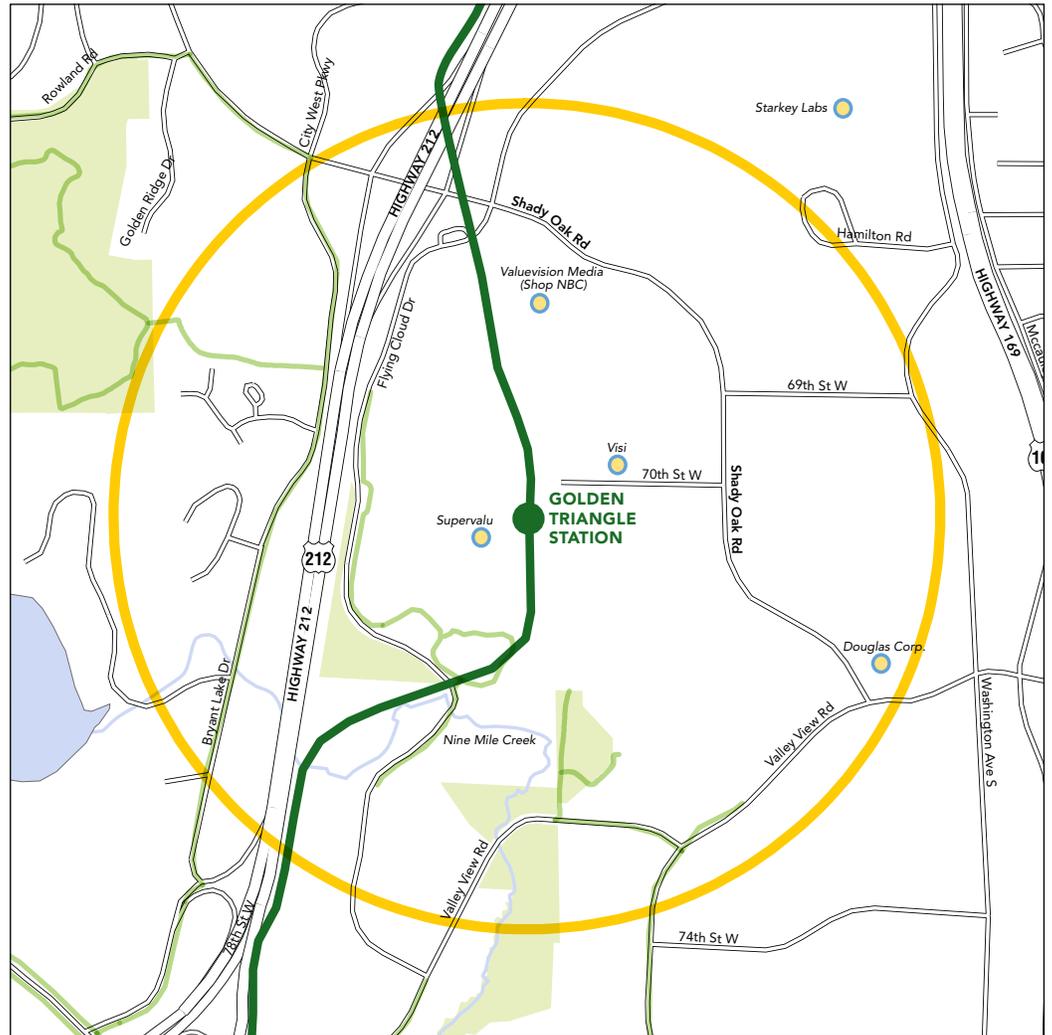
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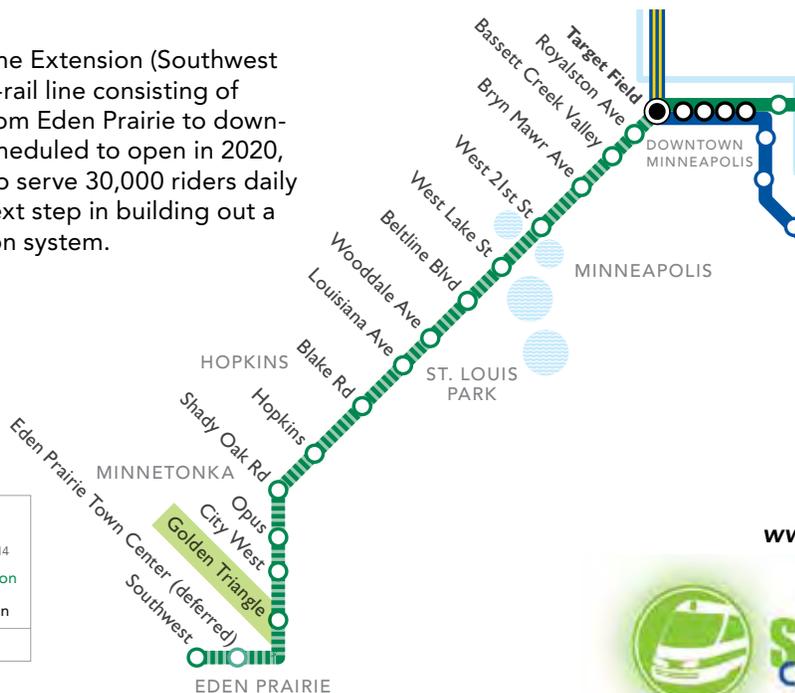
Golden Triangle Station

Get acquainted with where Golden Triangle Station is located. The proposed station will be between Flying Cloud Drive and Shady Oak Road, north of Valley View Road and East of US Highway 212.

-  Light-rail station
-  Light-rail track
-  Half mile radius
-  Major employer
-  Bike & walking trail
-  Road
-  Highway
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Where people gather

Town Center Station is where retail, restaurant, apartments and offices meet. Emerson Process Management has expanded to more than 1,000 employees at this location, and there are more than 3,000 medical office jobs.

The surrounding area includes Eden Prairie Shopping Center, Costco, Gander Mountain and Walmart. Various restaurants are also within walking distance.

Future development will be focused on the 120-acre Town Center area, creating a concentrated pedestrian and transit-oriented community with a mix of high-density residential, commercial, office, entertainment and open space within a 10 minute walk of the station.



Stop by a shop or grab a bite while you wait for the train.

Station area fast facts

Population	727
Households	404
Employment	4,639

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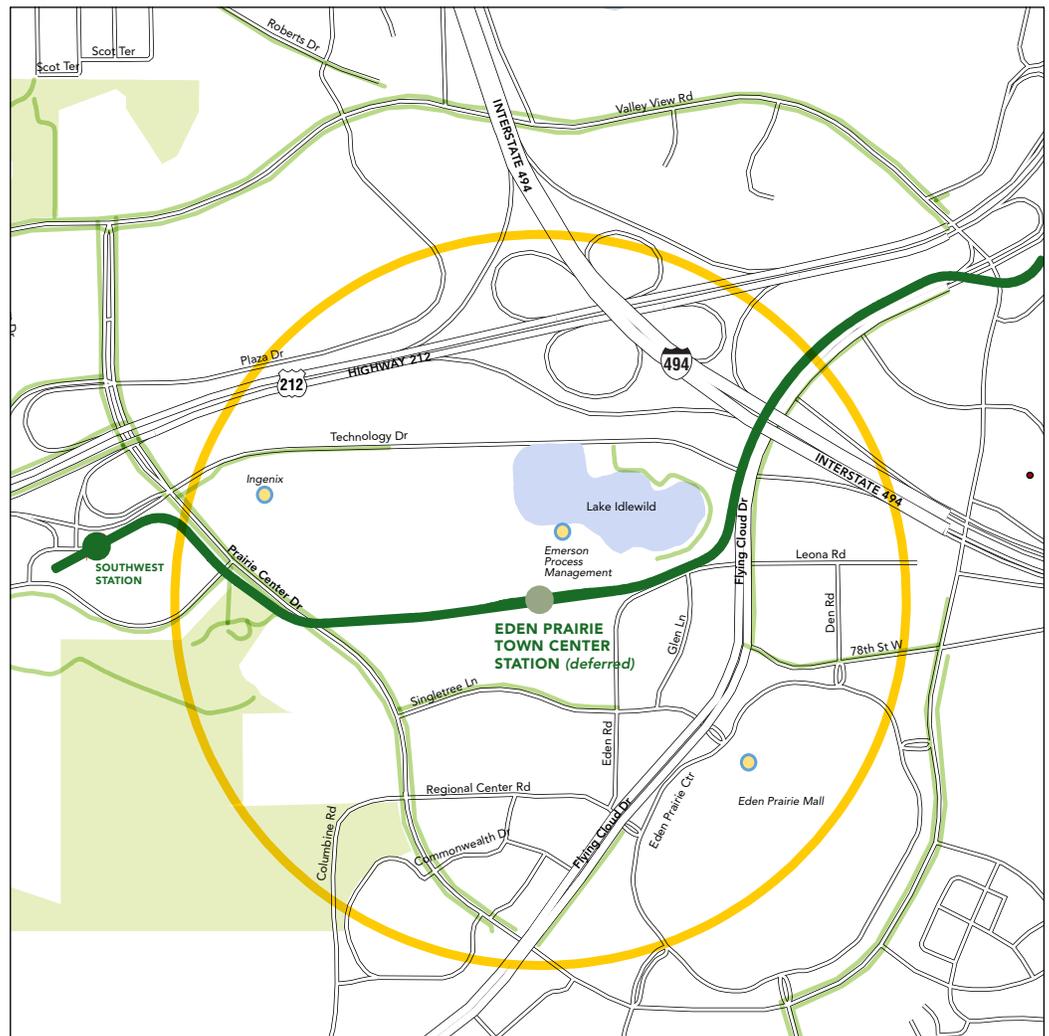
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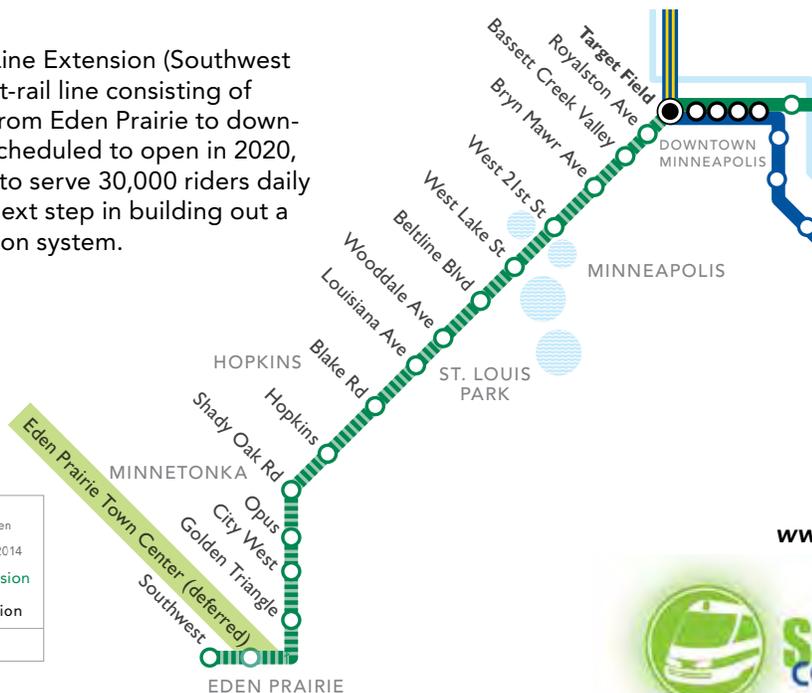
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Get acquainted with where Town Center Station is located. The proposed station will be southwest of US Highway 212 and Interstate 494, between Prairie Center Drive and Flying Cloud Drive.



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- METRO Green Line extension
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- Northstar Line (commuter rail)



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Expressly for you

Southwest Station will offer bus and light rail connections.

The station is located adjacent to the major express bus park-and-ride development, as well as 6,000 square feet of office space and 45,000 square feet of restaurant uses. Major employers Optum, MTS and Wells Fargo have offices here.

The surrounding area includes Purgatory Creek Conservation Area, a 200-acre wetland area with a seven-acre park and 2.5 miles of walking trails.

Future development will maintain and enhance the existing mix of residential and commercial uses within a 10-minute walk of the station. Approximately 600,000 additional square feet of office space is expected to develop on nearby vacant land.



SouthWest Transit has been serving the communities of Eden Prairie, Chaska and Chanhassen since 1986.

Station area fast facts

Population	1,224
Households	680
Employment	2,924

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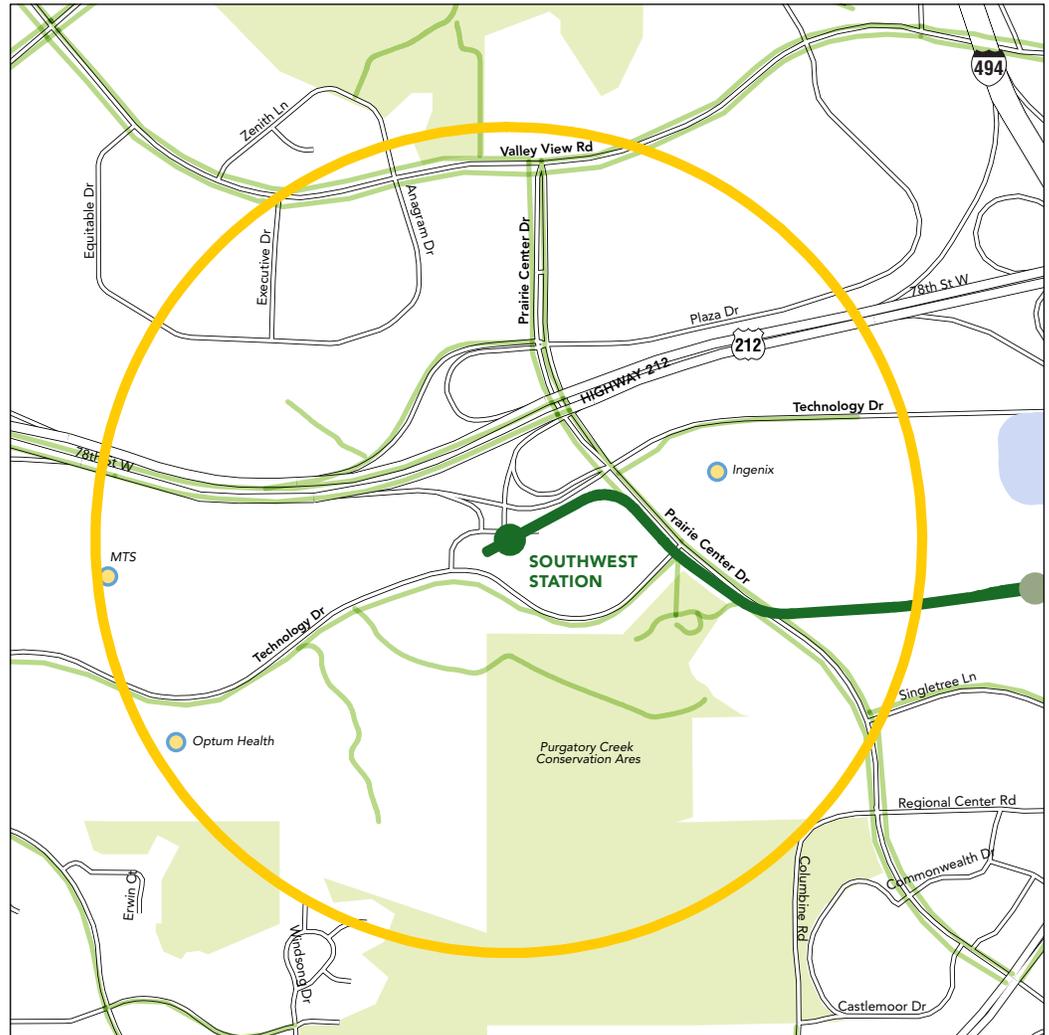
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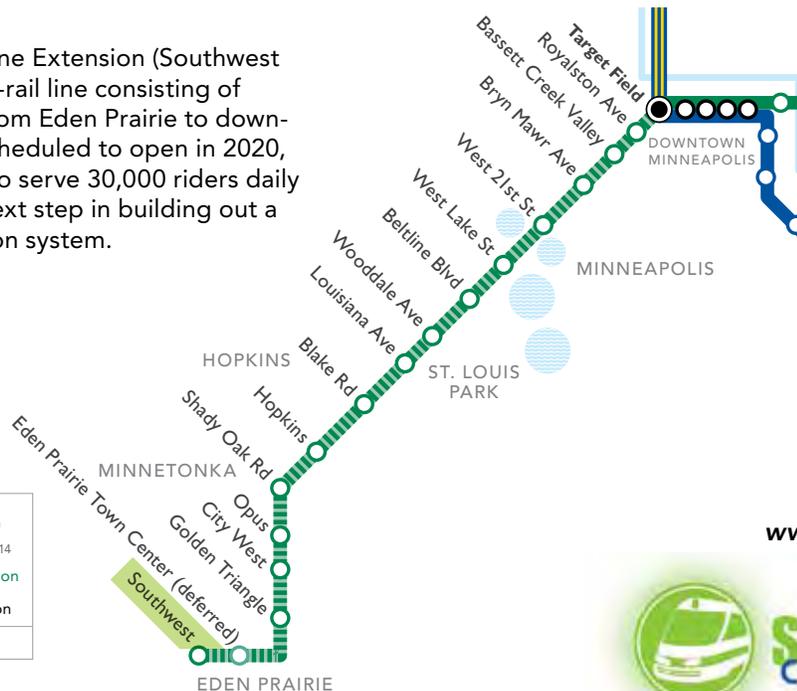
Southwest Station

Get acquainted with where Southwest Station is located. The proposed station will be near the intersection of Prairie Center Drive and Technology Drive, adjacent to the existing SouthWest Transit Station.

-  Light-rail station
-  Light-rail track
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