

Construction in the Corridor

Informational Meeting on 2024 Construction
Midtown Edition

February 29, 2024



Intros and Overview



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Today's Meeting

- Welcome to the space
- Introductions to the Lake Street Council team
- By the end of this meeting, we want you to:
 - Understand the basics (What and Where)
 - Meet the people you need to know (Who)
 - Have ideas for moving forward (How)
- Time is limited, so we will not focus on:
 - Exact timing and other details (When)
 - Reasons for & pros/cons of projects (Why)
- Leave time for individual conversations at end

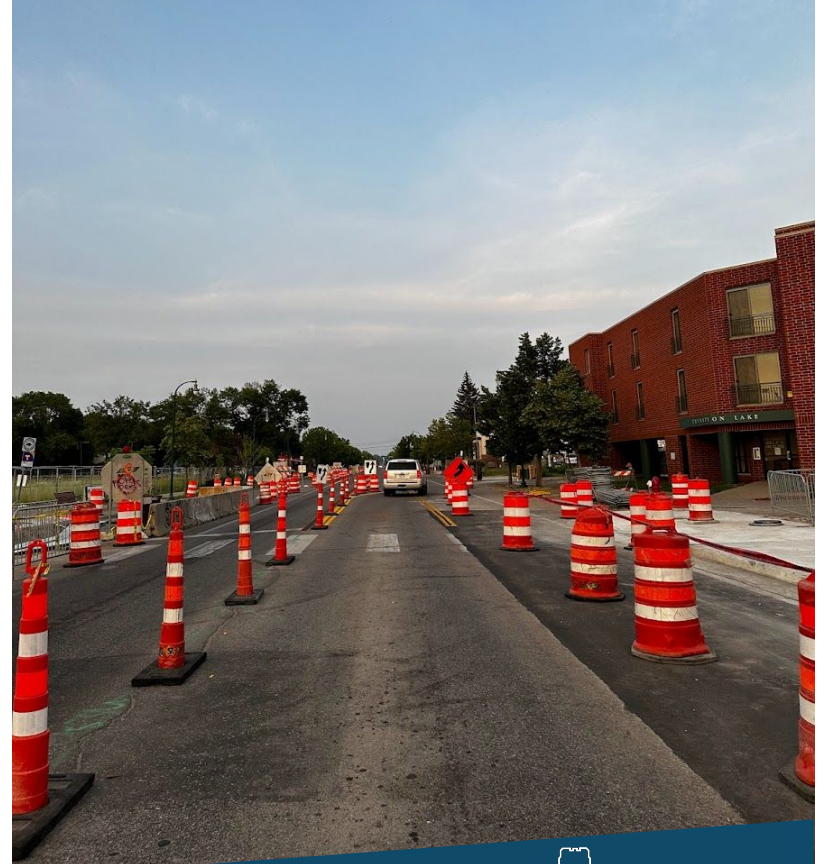


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Key Messages

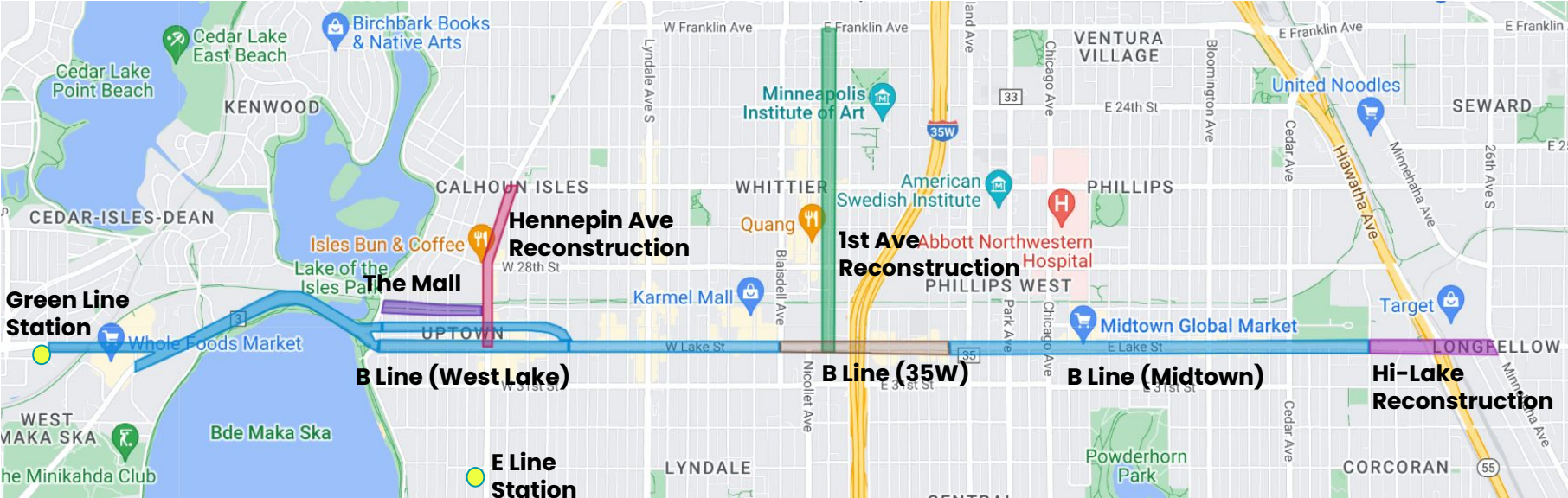
1. Multiple construction projects by multiple agencies in most of the corridor
2. Construction is:
 - Necessary and unavoidable
 - Temporary and limited
 - Challenging and frustrating
3. The agencies want to connect and work with you to reduce challenges
4. LSC is here to keep you in the loop and keep customers coming back
5. You can take steps to be ready



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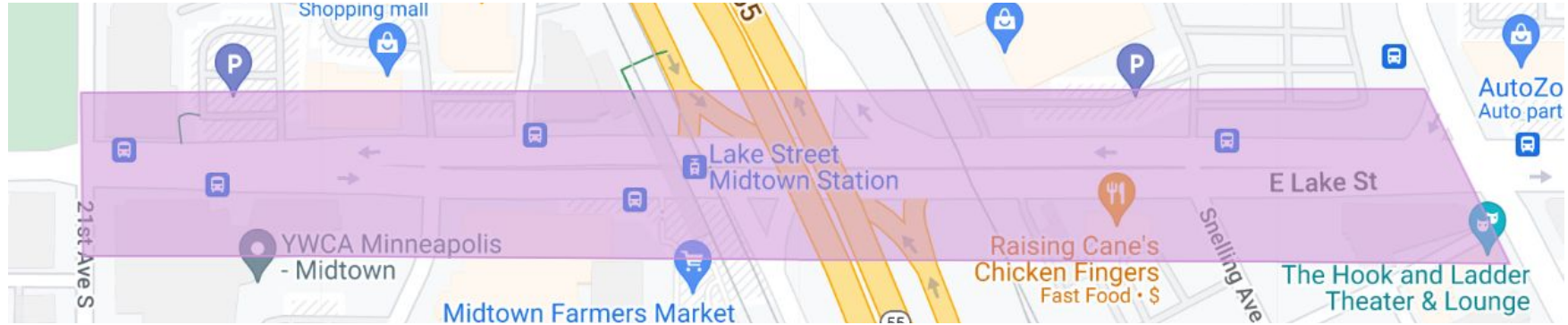
Projects in Midtown



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Hi-Lake Location



Western edge: 21st Ave

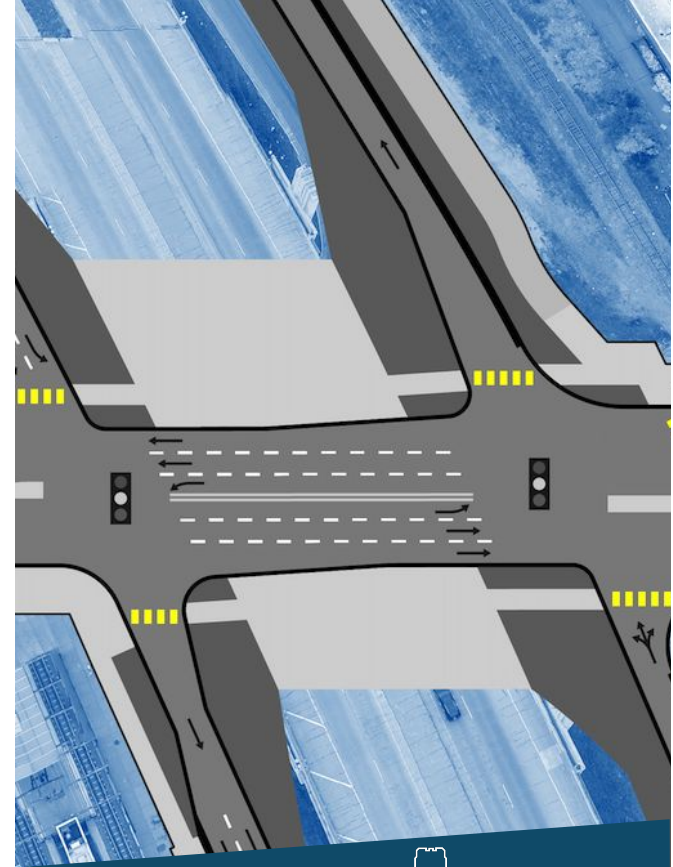


Eastern edge: Minnehaha Ave

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Scope & Construction Impacts

- **Timeline:** April to December (approximately)
- **Work to be completed:**
 - Change intersection layout at Hiawatha
 - Removing and reconstructing curbs
- **Impacts during construction:**
 - Closures and construction, one side at a time
 - Two-way traffic open but slower
 - Detours of Hiawatha ramps
 - Possible CenterPoint gas meter work



Hi-Lake Contacts & Communications

Project Contacts

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<https://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hiawathaave/minneapolis/index.html>

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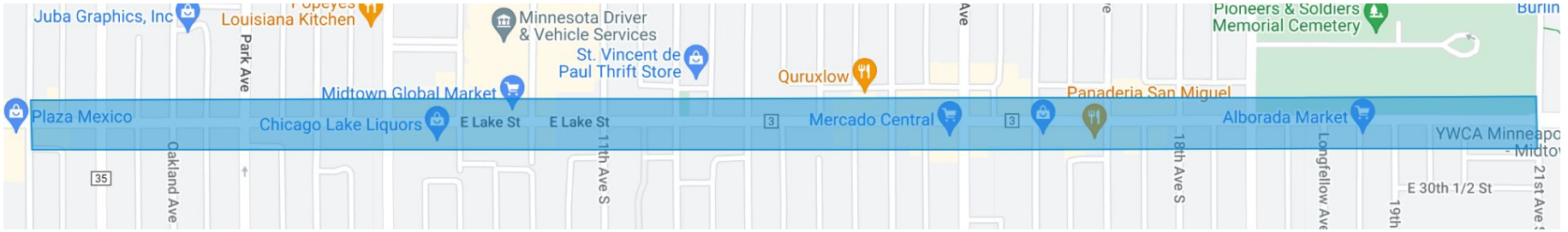
- MnDOT is leading project, with support from Hennepin County and City of Minneapolis
- Introductions of project staff



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B Line Location (Midtown section)



Western edge: 5th Ave



Eastern edge: 21st Ave

B Line Scope (Midtown)

- **Timeline:** 4-5 months, starting in April or mid-summer (phasing TBD)
- **Work to be completed:**
 - Build new stations for B Line bus
 - Rebuild most intersection curbs (ADA)
 - Repaving top layer of asphalt
 - Restriping road to new layout
 - Utility work as needed
- No major permanent parking changes
- No property assessments or cost to you



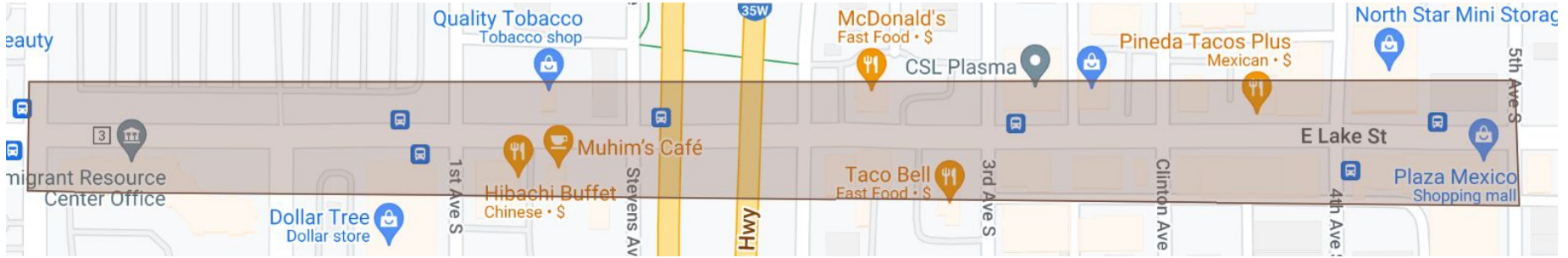
B Line

Construction Impacts (Midtown)

- Closures and construction, one side at a time
 - Two-way traffic open but slower
 - No parking on one side
- New curbs & ramps at most intersections
- B Line stations at key intersections
- Possible utility work at some intersections
- Possible CenterPoint gas meter work



B Line Location (35W section)



Western edge: Blaisdell Ave



Eastern edge: 5th Ave

B Line Scope & Construction Impacts (35W section)

- **Timeline:** TBD – likely late fall
- **Work to be completed:**
 - Very minimal
 - Installing shelters onto existing bases
 - Restriping street and painting bus lanes
- **Impacts during construction:**
 - Minimal traffic impacts
 - Closures of 1-2 lanes at a time for 1-2 weeks



Photo: Metro Transit

B Line Contacts & Communications

Project Contacts

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[https://www.metrotransit.org/
B-line-project-construction](https://www.metrotransit.org/B-line-project-construction)

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Preparation for Construction



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How we plan to support your businesses

- Keeping you up to date about projects
 - Email newsletter and texts
 - Occasional door to door outreach
- Marketing to bring customers to Lake Street
 - Promoting businesses in construction areas
 - “Open During Construction” messaging
 - Postcards to nearby residents
 - Direct marketing advising
- Do you have other ideas?



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How you can prepare for construction



- Follow the links on our website:
- Sign up for and read agency communications
- Plan your own marketing and tell LSC about it
- Use positive, encouraging public messaging
- Consider impacts to your plan for this year
 - Risk of marginally lower sales
 - Think about timing of other work
- Consider taking photos of your building

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**Thank you for being here.
We'll get through this!**

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