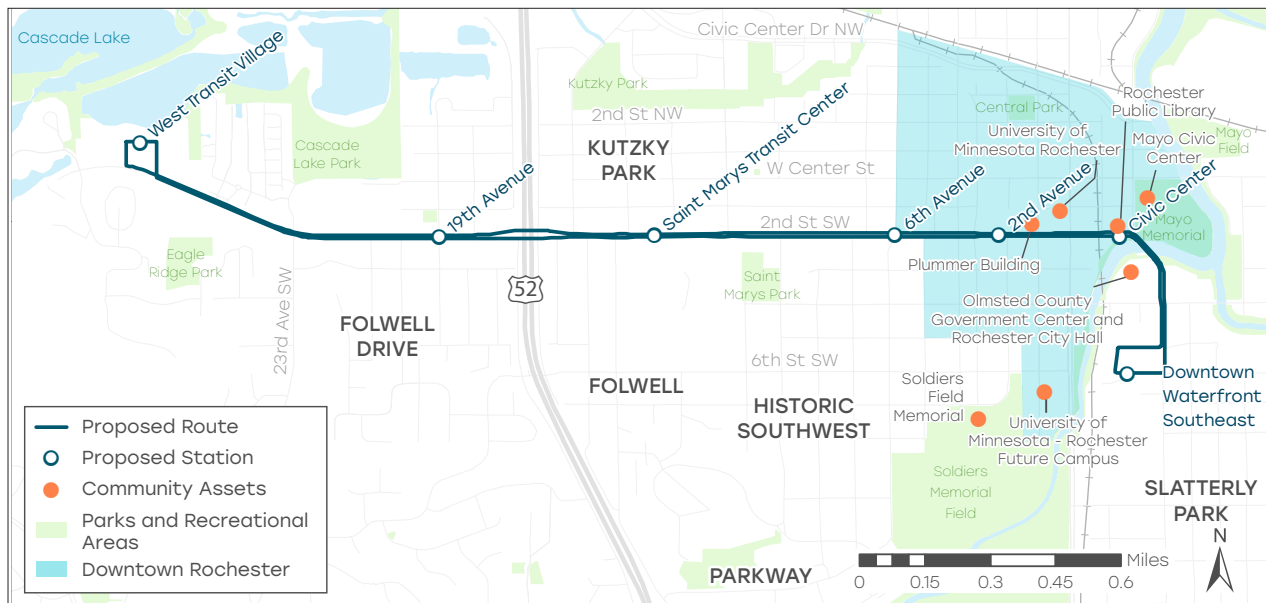


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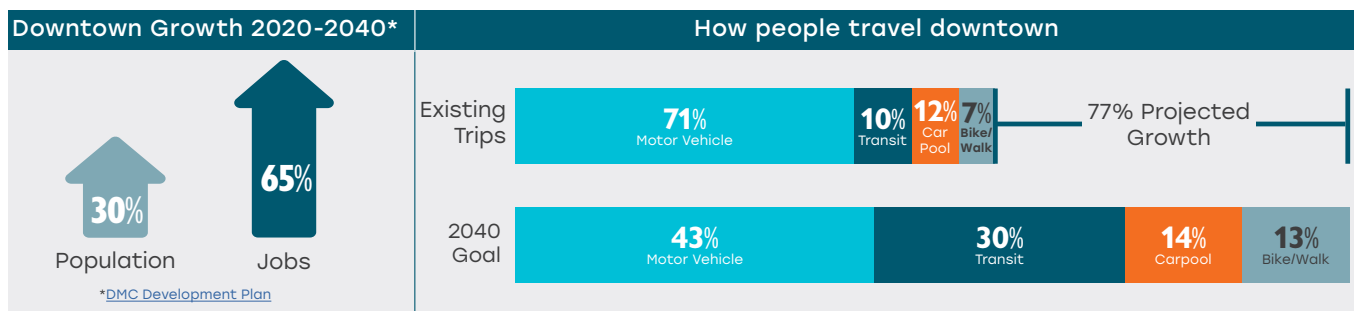


Link Rapid Transit is a proposed 2.8-mile bus rapid transit (BRT) route along 2nd Street SW. Scheduled to begin service in 2026, it will connect downtown Rochester, the Mayo Civic Center, Cascade Lake, Mayo Clinic campuses, and the Rochester-Olmsted Government Center, and will be the first BRT route in Minnesota outside the Twin Cities.

The Link Rapid Transit project, with an estimated cost of \$150 million, is the first bus rapid transit line in greater Minnesota. Link will provide fast, frequent service across the city to support economic development—especially along the route, enrich the quality of life, and achieve important transportation goals. This generational investment in infrastructure will become a significant amenity to a broad cross-section of residents, commuters, and visitors.



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KEY CHARACTERISTICS OF LINK

- Service early in the morning to late at night.
- Service every 5 minutes during rush hours & 10 minutes other times.
- Located within a half-mile of over 16,000 residents and 48,000 jobs.
- Connect people to jobs, healthcare, education & recreation. Support economic development.
- Stations with shelter, heating, light, fare payment machines, and real-time signage.

PROJECT TIMELINE

The Link Rapid Transit Project is currently in the design phase, during which project staff are advancing the guideway and station design and completing an environmental analysis. The environmental analysis will explain why the project is needed, potential social and environmental benefits, potential impacts to the natural and built environments, and mitigation strategies for those impacts. When project design is completed, the City will begin to procure vehicles and construct the project, with service anticipated to begin in 2026.

Link Rapid Transit Project Development Process



Link platforms will be safe and convenient.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Updates about the project are provided on the [Link project website](#) and through monthly webinars and other virtual events. Project staff are seeking community input on:

- How stations should function.
- How people will access stations.
- How communities along the route can benefit from this investment.



19th Avenue station development concept (SOM)

PROVIDE INPUT. ASK QUESTIONS.

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