Gold Line Project – Phase 1

Fall 2026 Public Meeting

Gold Line Overview

The Gold Line is Metro and DDOT's bus rapid transit (BRT) project that will make it easier to travel east-west across DC with faster, more reliable bus service, and safer streets.

Phase 1 will connect Farragut Square, H Street and Benning Rd NE, the RFK Stadium and Campus, and Minnesota Avenue/Benning Road, providing access to Metro Rail, and regional operators at Union Station. Future phases will include extensions east of the Anacostia River and west to Rosslyn.

Line will upgrade today's existing D20/ D2X service with faster, more reliable trips everyday and additional capacity to support events at RFK Stadium.

What is BRT?

BRT is high-frequency bus service designed to make trips faster, easier, and more reliable. Buses travel in dedicated lanes, get priority at traffic signals, and stop at enhanced stations for quicker boarding.



Key Gold Line Features

1. Fast, frequent, reliable buses 24X7
2. Dedicated, center-running lanes away from the curb to keep buses moving quickly
3. Signal priority for shorter waits at traffic signals
4. New accessible bus stations with improved amenities and near-level boarding
5. Faster boarding through any door



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Gold Line Benefits

Better Everyday Travel

- Faster, more reliable service for 16,000 daily customers
- Easier access to jobs, schools, and everyday destinations
- Stronger connections to Union station and regional transit
- Safety improvements on a high-injury corridor

More Customers, More Business Opportunity

- More customers and foot traffic
- Easier commutes for employees
- More RFK Campus visitors supporting local businesses
- Increased confidence for investment and growth
- More curb space for deliveries and freight

More Ways to Reach RFK

- High-capacity event access
- Direct link from Union station
- Seamless regional connections
- Relief for crowded rail lines

The Gold Line is a Metro / DDOT Collaboration

Concept plans for the Gold Line Phase 1 are being jointly developed by Metro and DDOT. As the District's first BRT project, with an accelerated timeline, Metro and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) developed a new project delivery model to capitalize on each agency's strengths.

Metro is managing planning, design, construction and future operation of Phase 1.

DDOT is incorporating multimodal improvements and approving public street infrastructure

Funding for Phase I planning and 30% design is being provided by the District. Construction is not funded.

Project Schedule

The Gold Line is in early planning stages. What's ahead:

