

Welcome to the **METRO** Red Line

Go out after work with friends.  
Go downtown for a ballgame.  
Take the afternoon off.

The **METRO Red Line** gives you more options for more of your life's destinations.

There's service from 5 a.m. to midnight on weekdays, and from 7 a.m. to around midnight on weekends. PLUS during most of the day, buses leave every 15 minutes – so frequent you won't even need to look at a schedule.

**Red Line buses**

- Wider doors and step-free boarding = easy and fast to get on and off the bus
- Upgraded heating/air conditioning system and an open interior design for maximum comfort
- 2 bike racks on each bus
- Onboard security cameras
- "Next Stop" display and audio announcements so you'll always know where you are
- Faster boarding – use your Go-To Card at the front or back door

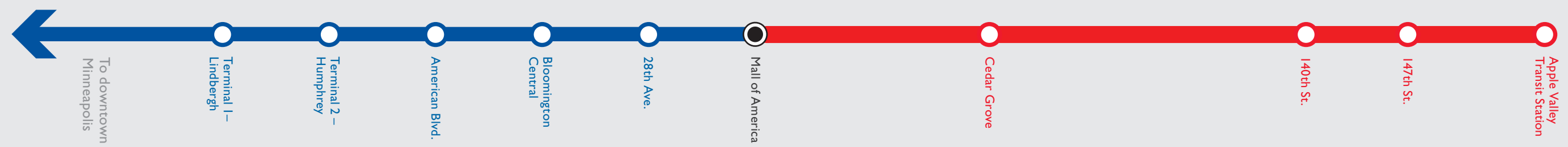


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# Getting Started

## It's easy to ride – here's how:

### RED LINE

- 1 Arrive at your station at least five minutes before the scheduled departure time.
- 2 Check the sign above the windshield to make sure it says METRO Red Line.
- 3 Pay your fare as you board. If paying in cash, or with a SuperSaver or transfer, enter through the front door. If paying with a Go-To Card or pass, you may enter through the front or back door.
- 4 Take a seat, making sure to place bags on your lap or under your seat rather than on the seat next to you.
- 5 Red Line buses serve all stations. As you approach your stop, collect your belongings. At the station, please exit through the back door if possible.



### FARES

Standard Fares (Adults 13-64)	Regular Hours	Rush Hours M-F: 6-9am 3-6:30pm
Local Bus & METRO	\$ 1.75	\$ 2.25
Express Bus	\$ 2.25	\$ 3.00
Downtown Zone	\$ .50	\$ .50
Reduced Fares		
Youth 6-12	\$ .75 all bus & METRO	Standard rush hour rates apply –see above
Seniors 65+		
Medicare card holders		
Persons with disabilities	\$ .75	\$ .75
Children 5 and Under	Free when accompanied by a paid fare (limit 3)	

### GO-TO CARD

Connections between METRO lines and other routes are easiest with a Go-To Card or pass.



Your transfer is automatically embedded on your card but you must touch your card to a reader to validate your ride. Transit Police have devices to determine if your fare has been paid. Extra charges apply for transfers to Northstar or express buses during rush hours.

### CONNECTIONS

1. **Red Line > Blue Line**, paying in cash: Ask your driver for a transfer when you pay your fare. It is your proof of fare payment on a Blue Line train. Keep your transfer handy and show it to a Transit Police officer if asked. With a Go-To Card, make sure to touch it to a card reader on the platform before boarding.
2. **Blue Line > Red Line**: With a METRO ticket, board through either door. Have your ticket ready to show to a Transit Police officer if asked. With a Go-To Card, board through front or back door and touch your card to the reader.
3. **Red Line > Buses**: If you have a paper ticket, insert your METRO ticket in the farebox as you board. With a Go-To Card, board through front or back door and touch your card to the reader.

**Transfers** are valid for unlimited rides on METRO lines and buses for 2½ hours from time of issue.

Those who try to ride without paying a fare will be charged with a misdemeanor and fined \$180.

### NORTHSTAR COMMUTER RAIL

Northstar operates morning and afternoon rush-hour service on weekdays, limited weekend service and trips to major events in downtown Minneapolis. Northstar stations are located in Big Lake, Elk River, Ramsey, Anoka, Coon Rapids, Fridley and Target Field in downtown Minneapolis. Learn more at [metrotransit.org/Northstar](http://metrotransit.org/Northstar).



## STATIONS

### Apple Valley

- Park & Ride ramp with 750 spaces
- Restrooms and climate-controlled waiting areas
- Step-free boarding
- Purchase METRO tickets; add value to Go-To Cards
- Connect with routes 420, 440, 442, 475, 477 & 480
- Bike lockers for rent; bike racks

### Cedar Grove

- Park & Ride lot with 150 spaces
- Buy pre-loaded Go-To Cards
- Connect with routes 437, 438, 440, 444, 445, 472 & 475
- Transfer here for service to the Minnesota Zoo
- Bike lockers

### 147th Street

- Buy pre-loaded Go-To Cards
- Connect with route 440

### 140th Street

- Buy pre-loaded Go-To Cards
- Connect with route 440
- Dakota County Technical College is a few blocks away

### Mall of America

- Connect with routes 5, 54, 415, 444, 515, 538, 539, 540 & 542
- Transfer here for METRO Blue Line service to the airport and downtown Minneapolis
- Purchase METRO tickets; add value to Go-To Cards; buy pre-loaded Go-To Cards

### Riding tips

- Keep cell phone use brief & quiet
- Don't put your feet on the seats
- Beverages in covered containers are allowed
- Keep belongings in your lap; not in the seat next to you
- No music without headphones
- Relax and enjoy the ride!

### Safety on the bus

- Please give your seat to elderly customers or those with disabilities, if needed.
- While riding, please remain seated. If standing, hold onto the rails in case of sudden stops.
- Make sure children stay near you and seated.
- Keep suitcases and backpacks out of others' way.
- Secure bikes in racks.

### Safety at the station:

- Wait on the platform or inside the station for your bus to pull up. After the doors open, wait for other customers to exit the bus, then board and pay your fare.
- Customers with bicycles should board through the back door (racks are just inside the rear door).
- Running or horseplay at stations is dangerous – especially near moving buses.
- Skateboarding, rollerblading and riding bikes at stations is not permitted.