

# MALL OF AMERICA TRANSIT STATION



## PROJECT SUMMARY

Mall of America Transit Station (MOA Station) is the busiest transit station in Minnesota. The station sees more than 5,000 boardings a day, serves as a major transit transfer point and is the terminus for the Hiawatha Light Rail Transit (Blue Line) and the Cedar Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (Red Line). In the near future, up to four future Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (Rapid Bus) lines will use the station. MOA Station is on the lower level of Mall of America east parking deck.

The station was last upgraded in 2004 when the Blue Line Light Rail first opened, but never underwent a major renovation from when it opened over 25 years ago. The external security checkpoint required that all vehicles (buses, deliveries, contractors, MOA employees) stop at the checkpoint before entering, causing delays for buses and congestion on the roadway. The station had absolutely no exterior signage or identity. The station was functionally obsolete, and the customer experience was in dire need of an upgrade.

Through partnerships and a clear vision, funding and a plan were delivered to implement upgrades for a safer and more efficient experience for thousands of daily customers. The \$25 million project includes funding from the City of Bloomington, as well as Metro Transit, Minnesota State bonds, federal CMAQ grants, and the former Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB).

The project kicked off in August 2018 and is projected to be complete by fall of 2019.

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## GOALS OF THE TRANSIT STATION UPGRADE

- Improve efficiency of bus/train operations
- Increase the exterior visibility and presences of the station
- Improve station amenities, its aesthetic appeal and visitor experience
- Provide clear and convenient pedestrian access
- Simplify access for mass transit vehicles

