

City of St. Louis Light Rail Alignment

The City of St. Louis is updating the Northside-Southside light rail alternative that was chosen in 2018 to accommodate changing travel patterns after COVID, new growth centers in Downtown West and Midtown and better access to education and health services. Now called the Jefferson Alignment, this 5.6 mile extension will travel along Jefferson Avenue from Chippewa on the south toward Fairground Park on the north.



Project Goals

- Provide more choice to people with limited transportation options
- Invest in historically underserved neighborhoods



Alignment will feature modern in-street light rail technology:

- Minimizes impacts to adjacent properties
- Operates in dedicated lane, separated by curb to enhance safety and travel times
- Enhances pedestrian experience with level station boarding



survey **[** thru May 15

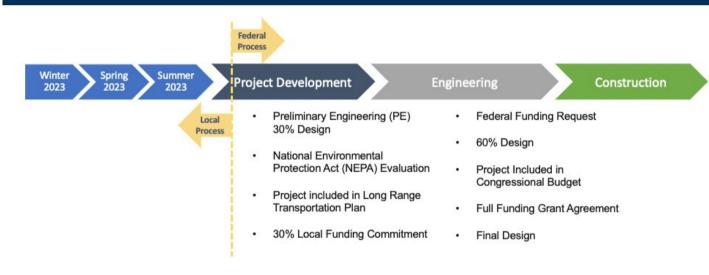


Jefferson Alignment vs. Current Bus Service

	Jefferson Alignment	Existing Bus Service
Grand to Chippewa Travel Time	20-25 minutes	30-40 minutes w/transfer
Frequency	10-20 minutes	20-30 minutes
Average wait time	5-10 minutes	10-15 minutes
Passenger Amenities	Safe crossings, seating, ticketing, and weather protection at all stations	Limited passenger amenities at select stops



Timeline



Similar projects typically take 2 years for project development, then 3 years for engineering, and 2 years for construction.



Part of the current planning phase for the Jefferson Alignment includes developing the cost estimate. Bi-State Development will be applying for federal funding through the Federal Transit Administration's New Starts program. This program typically awards about 50% of the project's capital costs. The rest is a local match. Thanks to Proposition 1 that City voters passed in 2017, the City has been collecting funds for the local match.







