

Central Corridor Light Rail Transit

Met Council Project Update

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*Improving
mobility*

*Easing
congestion*

*Strengthening
our communities*

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Route and Stations

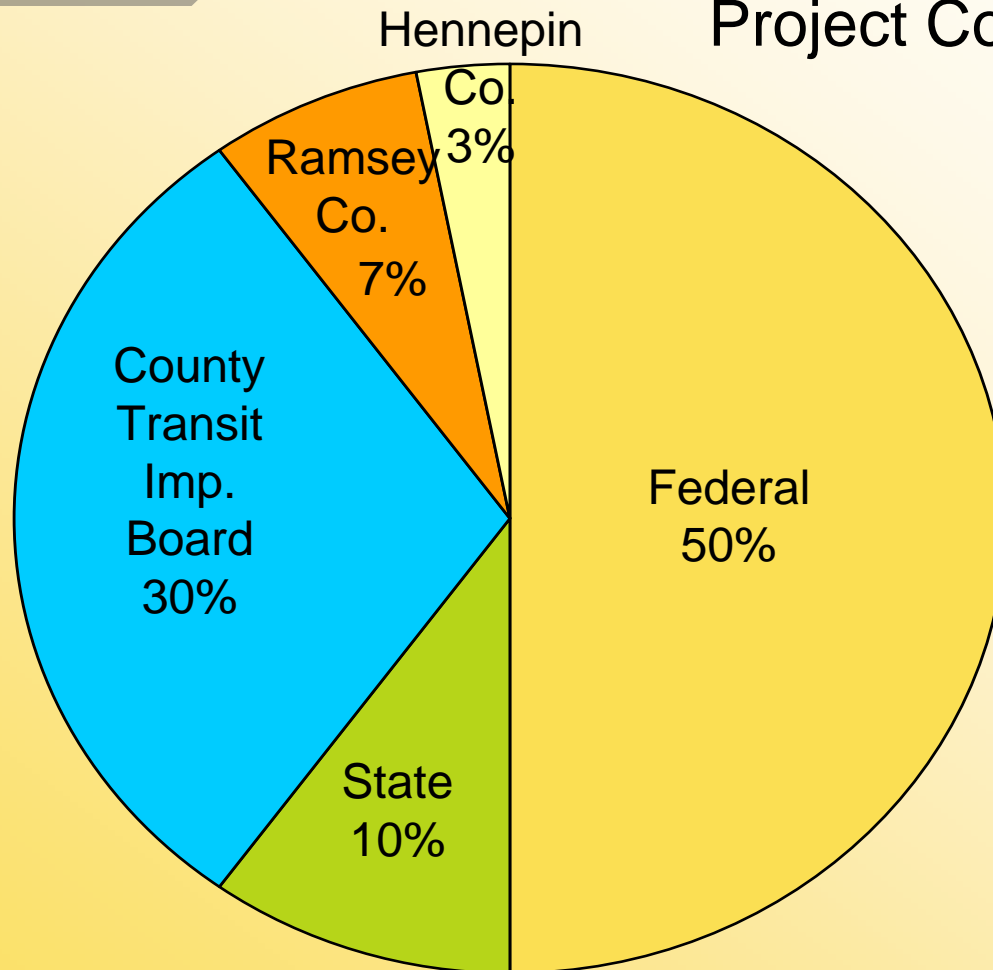
- 11 miles
- 15 new stations
- 31 light rail vehicles



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Sources of Funds

Project Cost \$941 Million



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Timeline

Complete

Prepare DEIS; select alignment & mode

2007-2009

Conduct Preliminary Engineering

2009

Enter final design and apply for federal funding

2010

Begin heavy construction

2014

Start operation

Washington Ave. Transit/Ped Mall

Central Corridor
Light Rail Transit



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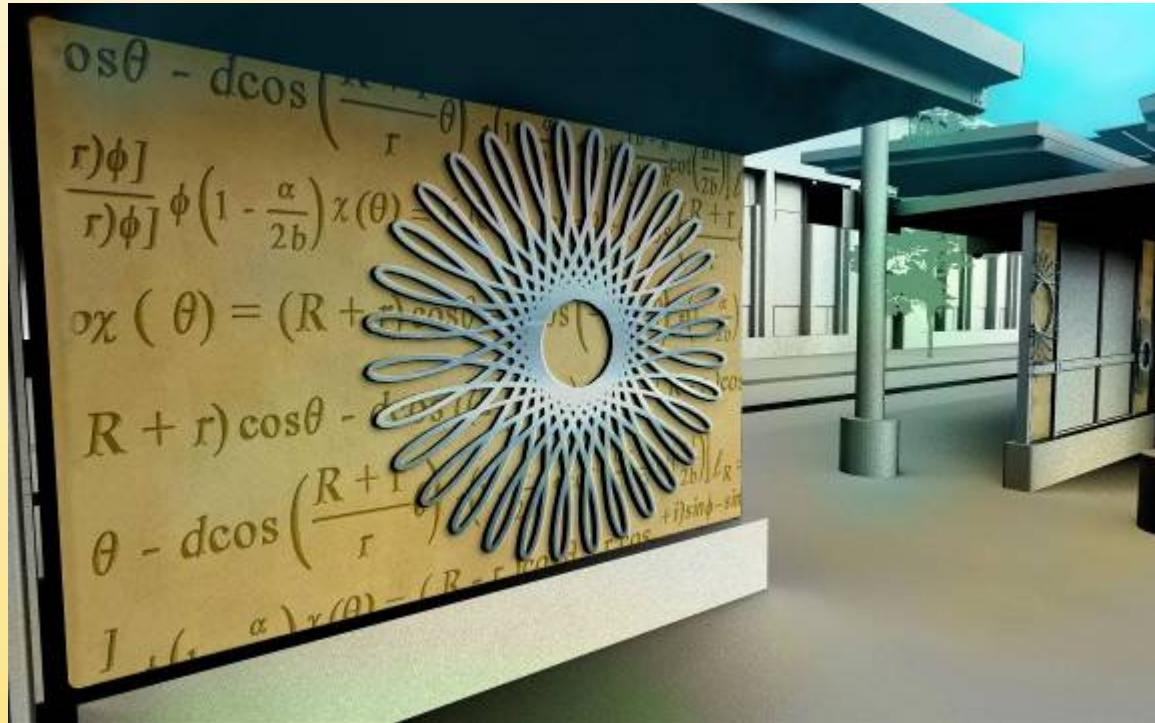
Rice Street Station



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Public Art East Bank Station

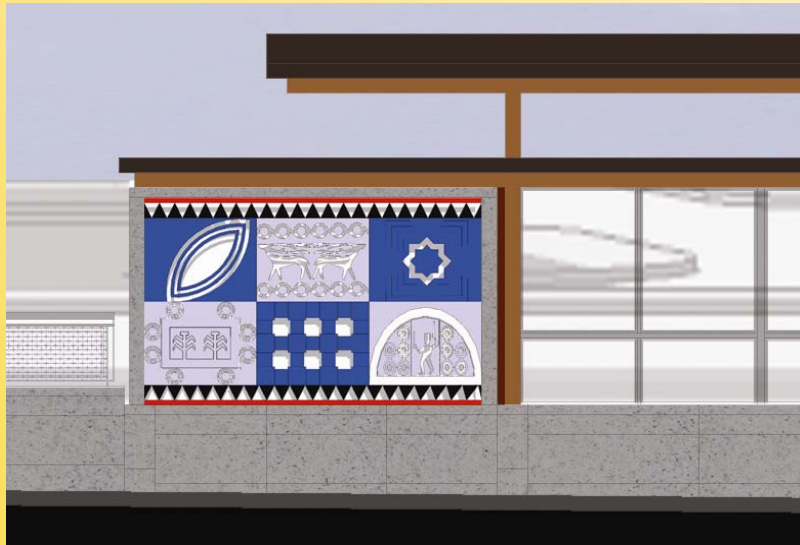
- Design focused around mathematics and science
- Large scale spirographs cut out of thick stainless steel mounted on precast panels



Nancy Blum

Public Art Dale Street Station

- Painted steel inset into large panels on street side features cultures of past and present immigrants
- Platform pattern represents people crossing major rivers in homelands to get to St. Paul



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Construction Schedule and Sequencing

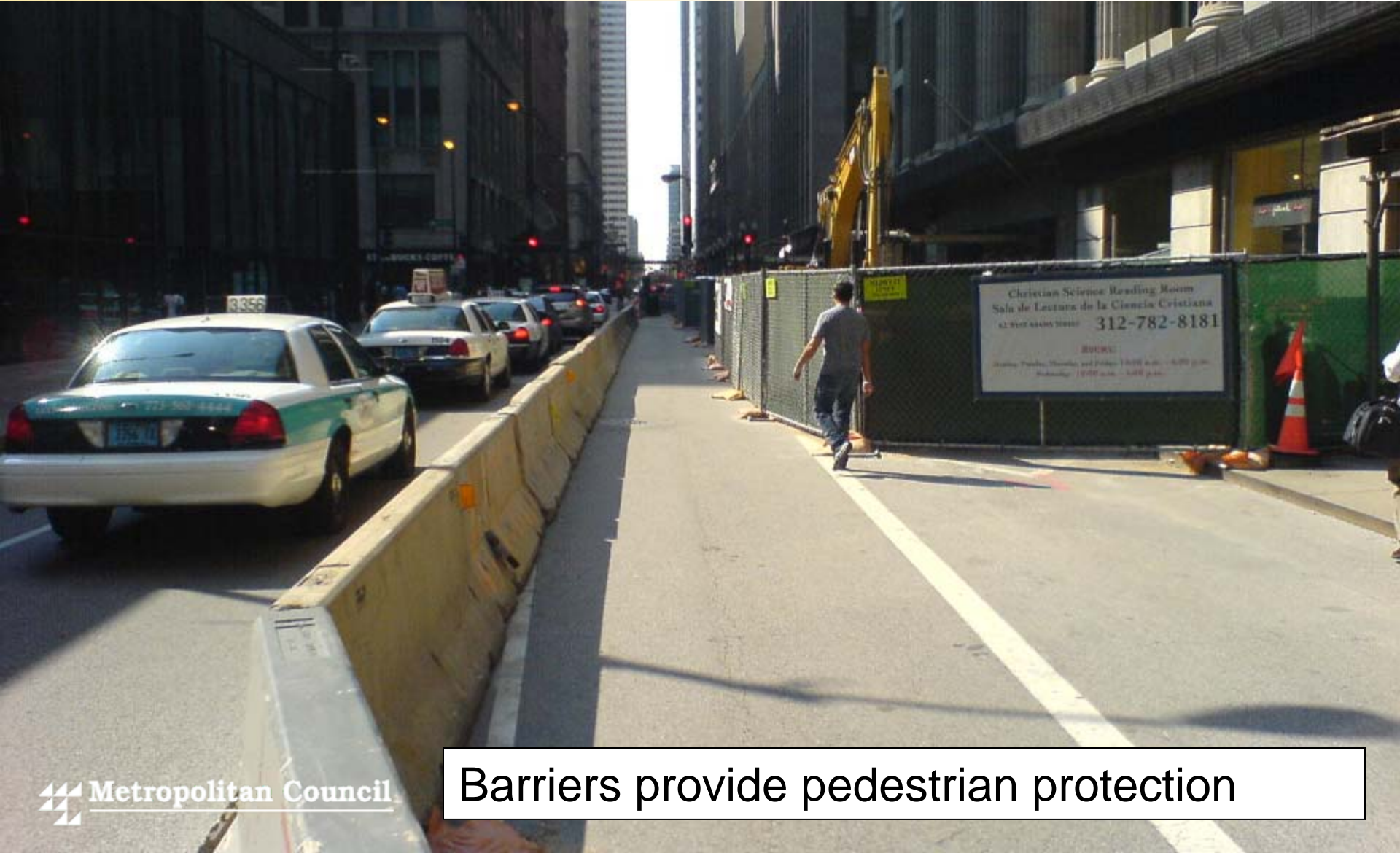
- Determine best strategy that balances cost and impacts
 - Length of segments
 - Sequencing of segments
 - Vehicle and pedestrian access



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Downtown
Construction
Limited
Through Traffic
Maintained





Barriers provide pedestrian protection

Construction Begins on 4th St.



Protective barriers provide safe space for pedestrians



Next Steps

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Fall 2009

- Enter Final Design
- Initiate right-of-way acquisition
- Advertise light rail vehicle RFP

Winter 2010

- Advertise contract packages

Spring 2010

- Construct traffic improvements prior to Washington Ave. closure
- Receive Full Funding Grant

Summer 2010

- Start heavy construction

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