

What is the Washington Avenue Transit/ Pedestrian Mall?

This area in the heart of the University of Minnesota's East Bank spans Washington Avenue between Walnut and Church streets.

Only buses, METRO Green Line trains, emergency vehicles and bicycles are permitted on this portion of Washington Avenue. Buses and trains operate jointly on light-rail tracks at restricted speeds.

Always practice good safety habits

The Washington Avenue Transit/ Pedestrian Mall is a busy place. Green Line trains travel on Washington Avenue as well as bus routes operated by Metro Transit, Minnesota Valley Transit Authority, SouthWest Transit and Maple Grove Transit.

No matter how you travel – by bus, train, bicycle or on foot – always have safety in mind and pay attention to what's happening around you.

Don't be distracted by your electronic devices!

- Take your headphones off and your earbuds out
- Make your phone calls away from tracks and stations
- Be smart now – text or read your messages later

For more safety tips, visit metrotransit.org/safety.



SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU!

A safety guide for the Washington Avenue Transit/ Pedestrian Mall

- Never walk on the tracks
- Obey all warning signs and signals
- Use marked crosswalks

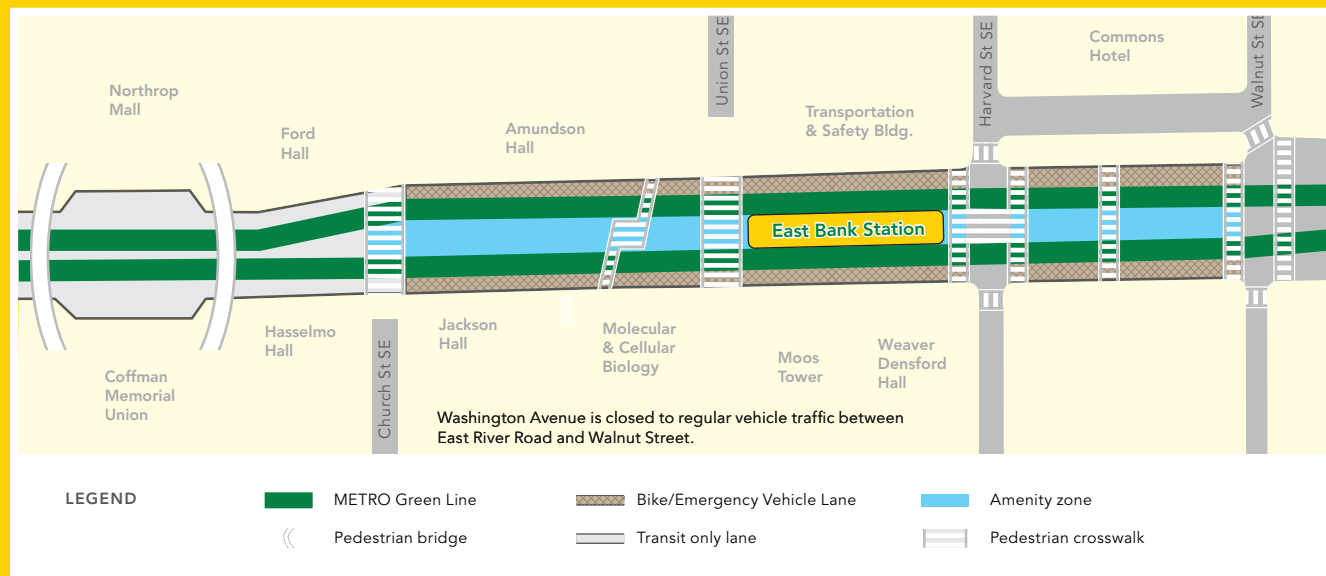
Safety is a shared responsibility

Make safety a priority!

- **Always look both ways.** Trains can come on any track, at any time, from either direction.
- **Never try to beat a train through a crossing.** It takes a METRO Green Line train more than 80 feet to stop when moving at its top speed through the new mall.
- **Be alert near platforms and intersections.** Turn down your smartphones and mobile devices.
- **Walk your bicycles on rail platforms, near the benches and tables and across pedestrian crossings.**
- **Keep it safe in the amenity zone.** The mall features benches, tables, trees and other plantings in an area that provides a place to relax. Always respect safety barriers when you're using this space.



Where do pedestrians cross Washington Avenue?



Follow pedestrian signals, not traffic signals.



Cross ONLY when you get a walk signal. A red light for a bus doesn't mean that a train is required to stop. Trains operate on a separate signal system – not according to traffic lights.

Push the button under this sign to trigger a signal that allows you to safely cross the street.