



Expect Increased Light Rail Traffic Starting Next Week

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Starting next week there will be increased light rail traffic on the State Capitol Complex as testing continues to ramp up in advance of the new METRO Green Line's public opening. On Monday, February 24, light rail operators will begin doing training runs of weekday roundtrip service, with trains running as often as every 10 minutes. Other testing will also continue to occur outside of these training runs. Beginning in April, trains will be tested on the regular-service schedule, from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m., seven days a week.

In advance of this increased traffic, employees are reminded to **stay off of the tracks at all times** and to practice safe habits around light rail tracks, stations and trains. More information about what to expect during light rail operations is listed below, and complete safety information is available at metrotransit.org/green-line-safety.

What to Expect During Light Rail Operations

- Traffic should not be affected. Trains will operate with automobile traffic, following traffic signals. If signals are unavailable or not functioning, trains will operate under guidance from Metro Transit controllers.
- Trains normally will not exceed 35 mph during training and after public service begins. Speeds will be lower in downtown St. Paul.
- **Operators will not open train doors at stations or give rides to the public** in advance of the public opening on June 14, 2014.

Stay safe, Stay off tracks

- When in the presence of light rail, always remember these four main safety points:
 - Always stay off the tracks.
 - **Stay off station platforms until service begins in June 2014.** After service begins, a paid fare will be required to be on platforms.
 - Look both ways for oncoming trains during training and testing and after service begins.
 - Cross only at intersections and legal mid-block crosswalks.
- As a reminder from Metro Transit police, violations of basic transit laws are misdemeanors that carry \$180 fines.



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How to Learn More

See [Metro Transit's safety webpage](#) for safety posters, brochures, and other tips and resources for staying safe. View the public service announcement (PSA) videos below for additional important safety information:

- Green Line Safety “Quiz Bowl” PSA:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=cH2iAQBVF0I
 - Mid-block crossing PSA:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=BYduwYwAaxQ
 - Crossing tracks PSA: www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqHgEXaXS2I
 - Stations PSA: www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2vE6FnLnMs

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