



**HE'S BIG AND BOLD
AND DEMANDS
YOUR ATTENTION.
JUST LIKE A LIGHT-RAIL TRAIN.**

New
METRO
Going Places 

**A DRIVER'S GUIDE
TO THE LINES**

An aerial photograph showing a modern light rail train on a track. The train is silver and black, moving through a lush green area with many trees. In the background, there's a large fountain with a dome and a paved walkway. The scene is captured during the golden hour, with warm sunlight filtering through the trees.

You've probably noticed the new light-rail tracks and stations around town. There are 15.4 new miles of track, to be exact, tripling METRORail's existing footprint.

WHERE THERE ARE TRACKS, THERE ARE TRAINS

The new tracks are actually three new lines. The North Line extends the existing Red Line north to Houston Community College's Northline Campus. The East End Line connects downtown with Houston's historic East End along Harrisburg Boulevard. The Southeast Line runs along Scott, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Griggs past the University of Houston, Texas Southern University and other major points southeast.

COEXISTING FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT



This guide will help you drive safely around the trains. That's important considering the nature of light rail. The trains themselves weigh nearly 50 tons. That's about the same as 16 full-sized SUVs. Trains can move fast, but they can't stop fast. They also can't veer to avoid accidents. You can maneuver around them. They can't maneuver around you.

Spend a little time with the details of the lines. Better still, hop aboard a train and see the perspective from inside. You might even discover a new way to get to major destinations all around Houston in the process.

RULES OF THE RAILS



Respect red lights.



Watch out for trains.



Trains are quiet. Listen for horns, whistles and signal bells.



Follow lane markings in lanes shared by cars and trains.



Obey all traffic signs and signals around trains.



Don't block intersections across tracks.



STATION TYPES AND INTERSECTIONS

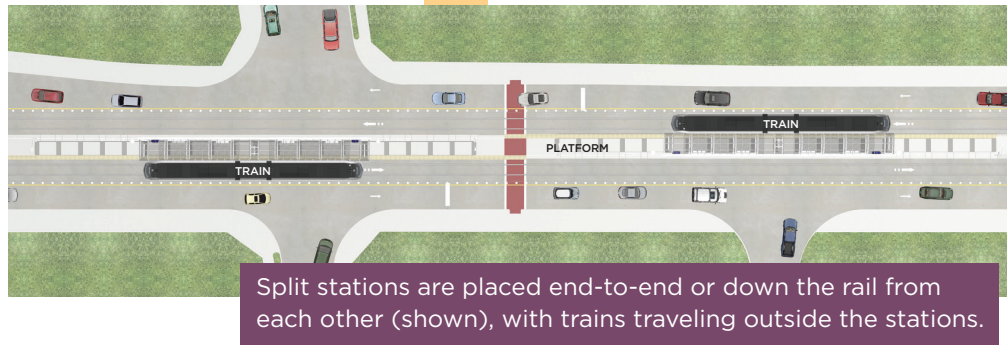
You'll find these station types and intersection layouts along all three new lines.

STATION TYPES

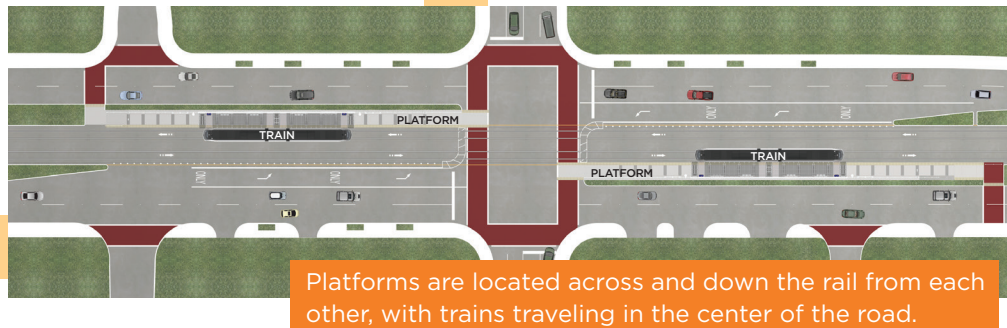
CENTER STATION PLATFORM



CENTER PLATFORM SPLIT STATION

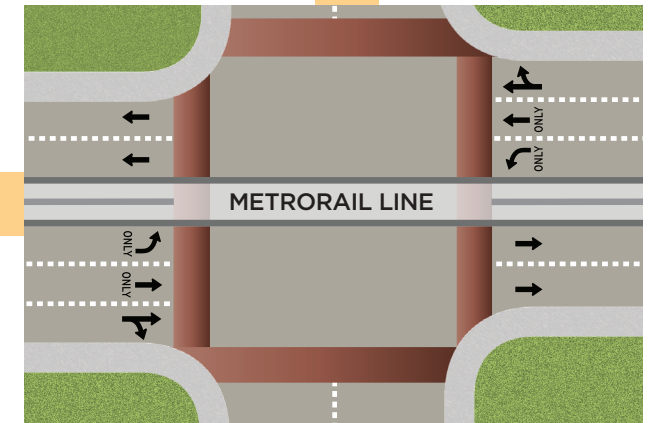


SIDE PLATFORM SPLIT STATION

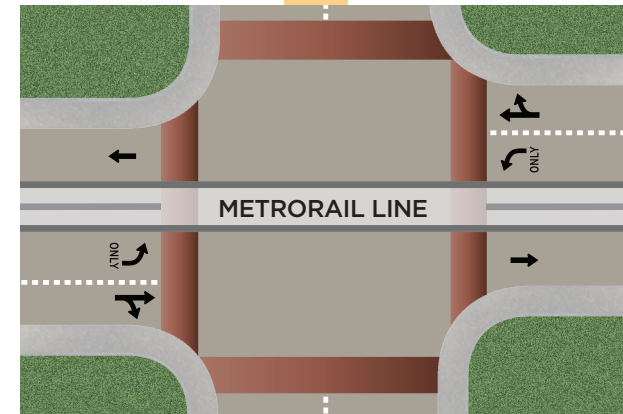


INTERSECTIONS

3 LANES TO 2 LANES



2 LANES TO 1 LANE



No curbside parking allowed except in designated areas

Configuration may vary according to location.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR



Left turn signal



Train approaching



Left turn lane open/closed



No left turn over track



No right turn over track



No passenger vehicles on track



Turn warning



Light-rail crossing



Look both ways



Crosswalk warning



Stopped train at station ahead when flashing



Pedestrian crossing information



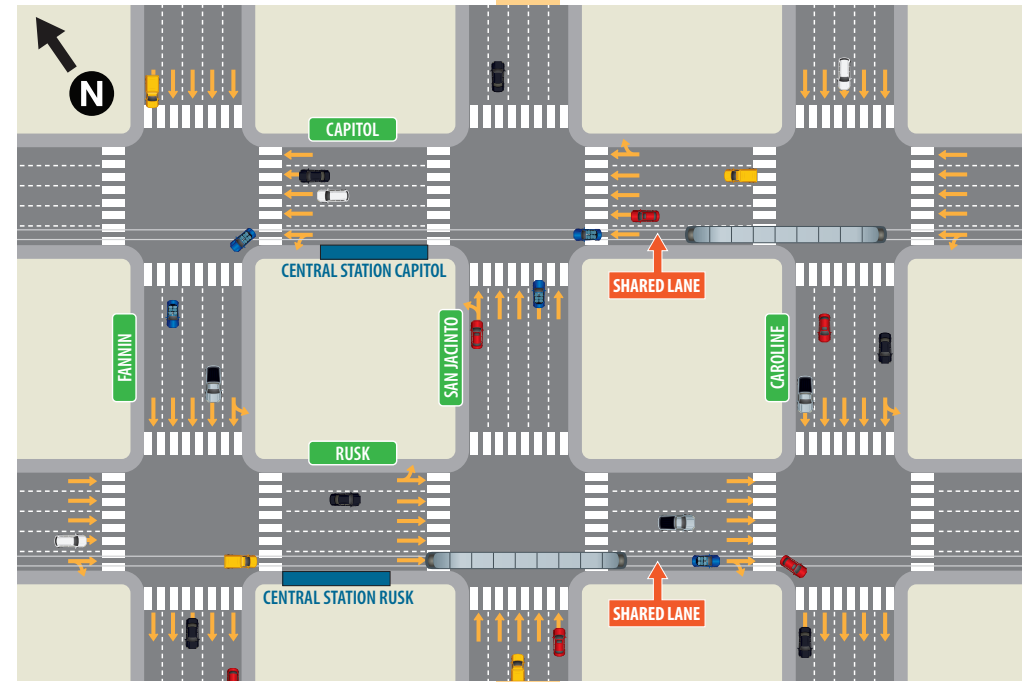
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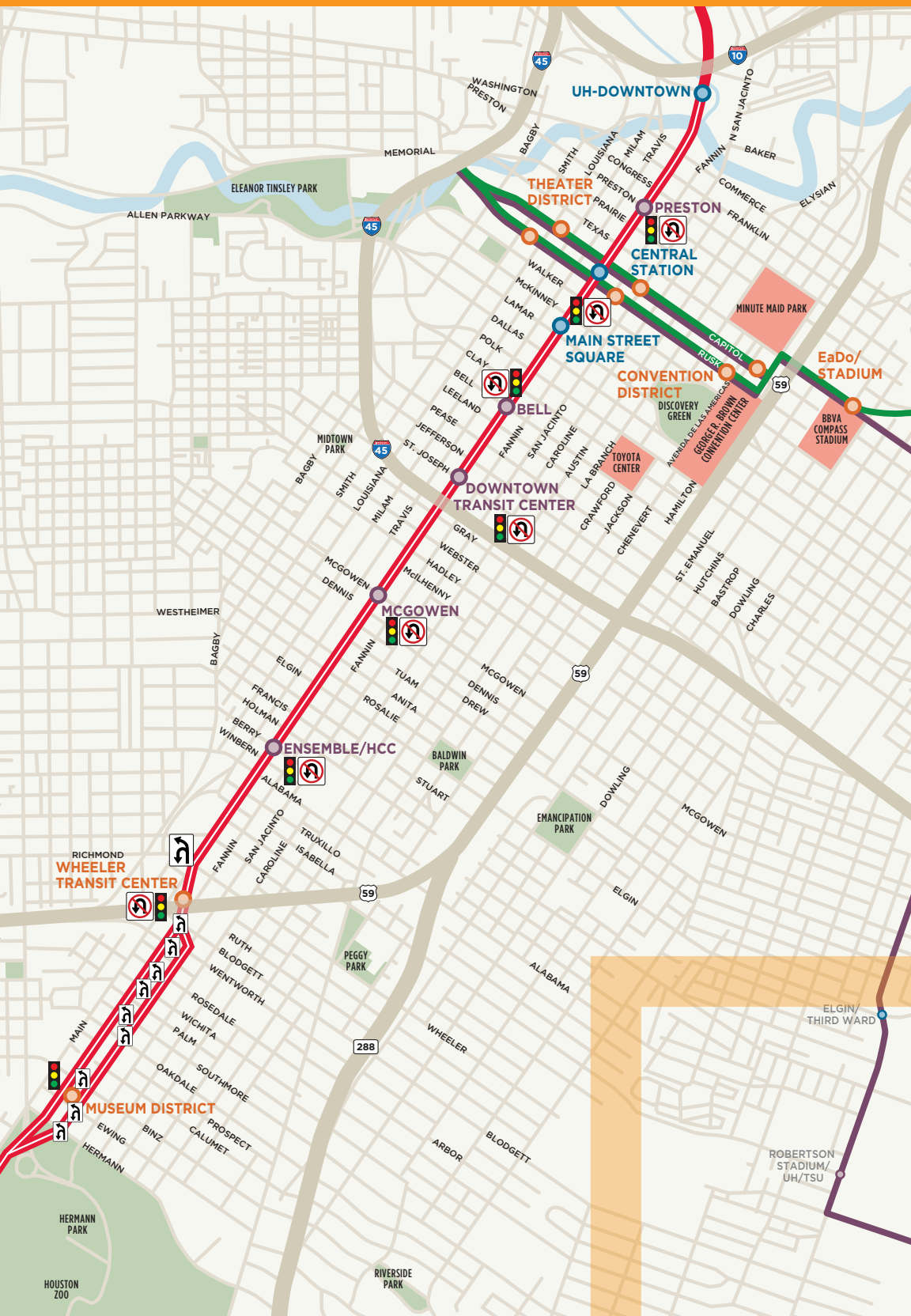


Every intersection and pedestrian crosswalk along the lines is clearly marked.

SHARED LANES DOWNTOWN

You may find yourself sharing lanes with trains on the East End and Southeast Lines downtown. Cars, trains, bikes and buses will all share the south lane on Rusk traveling eastbound and on Capitol traveling westbound. You can still make left and right turns like you do now on those streets. Just pay attention to the signs and signals and make sure you know where the trains are.





A CLOSER LOOK AT THE EXISTING RED LINE

UH-Downtown to Museum District

NO TURN RESTRICTIONS, SOUTHBOUND

- Main at Commerce
- Main at Richmond/Wheeler
- Fannin at Blodgett
- Fannin at Wentworth
- Fannin at Rosedale
- Fannin at Wichita
- Fannin at Southmore
- Fannin at Oakdale
- Fannin at Binz

NO TURN RESTRICTIONS, NORTHBOUND

- San Jacinto at Hermann Dr.
- San Jacinto at Ewing
- San Jacinto at Binz
- San Jacinto at Oakdale
- San Jacinto at Southmore
- San Jacinto at Wichita
- San Jacinto at Rosedale
- San Jacinto at Wentworth
- San Jacinto at Blodgett
- Main at Richmond/Wheeler

NO LEFT TURNS OR U-TURNS, EITHER DIRECTION

All intersections at Main between Richmond/Wheeler and Commerce

- CENTER PLATFORM STATION
- CENTER PLATFORM SPLIT STATION
- SIDE PLATFORM STATION
- TRAFFIC SIGNAL STOP
- NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND LEFT TURNS ALLOWED
- NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND LEFT TURNS AND U-TURNS ALLOWED
- NO U-TURNS

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE EXISTING RED LINE

Museum District to Fannin South



- CENTER PLATFORM STATION
- CENTER PLATFORM SPLIT STATION
- SIDE PLATFORM STATION
- TRAFFIC SIGNAL STOP
- NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND LEFT TURNS ALLOWED
- NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND LEFT TURNS AND U-TURNS ALLOWED
- NO U-TURNS

LEFT TURNS ALLOWED, BOTH DIRECTIONS

- Fannin at Braeswood
- Greenbriar at Braeswood
- Greenbriar at Old Spanish Trail
- Fannin at Holly Hall/Astrodome
- Fannin at Naomi
- Fannin at I-610
- Fannin at Bellfort

LEFT TURNS ALLOWED, SOUTHBOUND

- Fannin at John Freeman
- Greenbriar at Colonnade

NO U-TURNS, EITHER DIRECTION

- Fannin at Montrose/Hermann Dr.
- Fannin at Cambridge
- Fannin at Ross Sterling
- Fannin at John Freeman
- Fannin at University
- Fannin at Pressler

SHARED LANE LEFT TURNS, BOTH DIRECTIONS

- Fannin at University

SHARED LANE LEFT TURNS, NORTHBOUND

- Fannin at University

SHARING LANES IN THE MEDICAL CENTER

The Texas Medical Center (TMC) is another unique area where light-rail trains and cars share lanes. Unlike downtown, cars and trains only share left-turn lanes in the TMC. It's important that you only enter shared lanes here where there are openings and when you have the green arrow. Always check to make sure no trains are coming, and obey all traffic signs and signals.



- CENTER PLATFORM STATION
- CENTER PLATFORM SPLIT STATION
- SIDE PLATFORM SPLIT STATION
- ELEVATED STATION
- TRAFFIC SIGNAL STOP
- PEDESTRIAN CROSSING STOP
- NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND LEFT TURNS ALLOWED
- NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND LEFT TURNS AND U-TURNS ALLOWED
- U-TURN RESTRICTIONS FOR TRUCKS
- NO U-TURNS

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE NORTH (RED) LINE EXTENSION

LEFT TURNS AND U-TURNS ALLOWED, BOTH DIRECTIONS

- Fulton at HCC Northline
- Fulton at Crosstimbers
- Fulton at Dorchester
- Fulton at Melbourne
- Fulton at I-610
- Fulton at English
- Fulton at Cavalcade
- Fulton at Patton
- Fulton at Hays
- North Main at Boundary
- North Main at Quitman
- North Main at Hogan
- North Main at Burnett
- North Main at Naylor
- North Main at Rothwell

LEFT TURNS ONLY, BOTH DIRECTIONS

- Fulton at Collingsworth
- Fulton at Bigelow

NO U-TURNS









- Northbound Fulton at Boundary

NO U-TURNS FOR TRUCKS

- Fulton at HCC Northline
- Fulton at Melbourne
- Fulton at I-610
- Fulton at Patton
- Fulton at Hays
- North Main at Boundary
- North Main at Quitman
- North Main at Hogan
- Southbound Fulton at Boundary



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE EAST END (GREEN) LINE

-  CENTER PLATFORM STATION
-  CENTER PLATFORM SPLIT STATION
-  SIDE PLATFORM STATION
-  SIDE PLATFORM SPLIT STATION
-  TRAFFIC SIGNAL STOP
-  PEDESTRIAN CROSSING STOP
-  EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND LEFT TURNS ALLOWED
-  EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND LEFT TURNS AND U-TURNS ALLOWED



LEFT TURNS AND U-TURNS ALLOWED, BOTH DIRECTIONS

- Harrisburg at Milby
- Harrisburg at Eastwood
- Harrisburg at Lockwood
- Harrisburg at Adams
- Harrisburg at Cesar Chavez

LEFT TURNS AND U-TURNS ALLOWED, WESTBOUND ONLY

- Harrisburg at Wayside
- Harrisburg at Sampson
- Harrisburg at Altic

LEFT TURNS AND U-TURNS ALLOWED, EASTBOUND ONLY

- Harrisburg at York
- Harrisburg at Latham
- Harrisburg at S/Sgt Macario Garcia (69th St)

LEFT TURNS ALLOWED

- Texas at Dowling



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SOUTHEAST (PURPLE) LINE

LEFT TURNS AND U-TURNS ALLOWED, BOTH DIRECTIONS

- Scott at Polk
- Scott at Leeland
- Scott at Elgin
- Cullen at Wheeler
- MLK/Calhoun at Wheeler
- MLK at MacGregor
- MLK at Old Spanish Trail
- MLK at Albemarle
- MLK at Cortelyou
- MLK at Griggs

LEFT TURNS ONLY, BOTH DIRECTIONS

- Scott at I-45
- Scott at Hadley

LEFT TURNS AND U-TURNS, WESTBOUND ONLY

- Scott at Cleburne

NO U-TURNS

- Southbound Scott to northbound York

NO U-TURNS FOR TRUCKS

- Scott at Polk
- Scott at Leeland
- Scott at Hadley
- Scott at McGowen

NO LEFT TURNS

- Northbound Dowling at Texas





THANKS FOR HELPING MAKE SURE EVERYONE'S SAFE ON THE ROAD.

We all have responsibilities when we get behind the wheels of our cars, and trains aren't the only things to be aware of. But now, with close to 23 miles of light-rail tracks spreading out along some of our major streets, it's even more important to understand how to coexist with trains.

Light rail may be relatively new to Houston, but it's here to stay. So enjoy what it has to offer. And be safe out there.





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ENJOY THE RIDE.

THINK RAIL WE'RE ROLLING.