About the Project

The Valley Metro Operations and Maintenance Center (OMC) opened in 2006 to store and maintain a fleet of 50 light rail vehicles. The light rail vehicles are used to operate the current 28-mile Valley Metro rail system. With expansion to a 66-mile system by 2034, new vehicles will be added to the fleet and additional space is needed at the OMC to properly operate and maintain them.

Construction for additional space will include expanding various maintenance buildings, adding three new storage tracks, and adding new service and cleaning facilities. The expansion will allow the OMC to operate and maintain a fleet of approximately 90 vehicles. Construction will be phased to ensure operations and maintenance of the current light rail system is unaffected.

PROJECT STATUS

- Began testing and commissioning installed switches in yard.
- Installed all overhead catenary poles, head spans, and wires to start powering new system.
- Continued remodeling existing Maintenance of Equipment (MOE) building to accommodate larger workforce.
- Installed HVAC equipment on both building roofs.
- Started expanding Maintenance of Way (MOW) building shop bays to make larger.
- Connected AC/DC (alternating current/direct current) power to the new Traction Power Substation (TPSS).

NEXT STEPS

- Complete MOW building office renovation.
- Complete electrical checks and commissioning of the new TPSS 15A.
- Complete west yard special track work installation including surrounding roadwork.
- Begin MOE second floor office renovations and ground floor locker rooms.
- Begin Systems Integration testing.

COST FORECAST*

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*Estimated as of February 2021.