

# The new METRO E Line

*Faster transit is coming to the Route 6 corridor*

The METRO E Line is a planned Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line that will provide faster and more reliable transit in the Route 6 corridor. BRT service is a package of transit enhancements that adds up to a **faster trip and an improved experience** on Metro Transit's busiest bus routes.

Pre-pandemic, buses carried approximately 45% of people traveling by vehicle on Hennepin Avenue, but made up just 3% of the motorized traffic. More than 8,000 rides were taken on Route 6 each weekday in 2019. Route 6 ridership has remained strong, even during the pandemic.

The METRO E Line will travel along 4th Street and University Avenue, through downtown Minneapolis and Uptown on Hennepin Avenue to Southdale Transit Center in Edina via 44th Street and France Avenue.

Route 6 is planned to travel from downtown Minneapolis to Minnesota Drive and France Avenue primarily via Hennepin Avenue and Xerxes Avenue, running every 20 minutes most of the day.

View a detailed map at [metrotransit.org/e-line-project](https://metrotransit.org/e-line-project)



## Changes coming to Route 6

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## Preliminary Project Schedule (subject to change)



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# Bus Rapid Transit: A faster, more reliable, and more comfortable ride

Metro Transit is developing a network of bus rapid transit lines across the Twin Cities region. This cost-effective way to speed up service substantially improves the customer experience and has proven to attract more people to use transit regularly.



## Neighborhood-scale stations with amenities

Stations are equipped with features for a safe and comfortable experience, similar to light rail.

- NexTrip real-time arrival and departure information
- On-demand heat, security lighting, and emergency communications
- Near-level boarding – walk onto the bus without having to climb steps
- Bike parking and trash receptacles

## Limited stops, frequent service

BRT will operate every 10-15 minutes for most of the day with stations every 1/3 to 1/2 mile.

As planning progresses on each line, Metro Transit will evaluate the market and demand for additional local bus service in areas along the corridor.

## Pre-boarding fare payment for faster stops

For faster boarding through all doors, BRT buses don't have fareboxes. Customers will purchase a ticket or tap a Go-To Card at the station, just like light rail. Fare inspections will be conducted by Metro Transit police.

## New infrastructure to increase speed

In addition to the improved stations and wider stop spacing, Metro Transit and its partners are exploring options to make these BRT lines even faster. Options include:

- Signal priority to keep moving; buses could "ask" for early or extended green lights at certain intersections
- Bus-only lanes along portions of the line to keep buses out of traffic