Planning Study
Over the summer of 2017, Metro Transit staff evaluated potential D Line station platform locations in the Chicago-Lake area.

The planning study included:

- Technical evaluation of travel time, traffic impacts, ridership trends, pedestrian flow, and transfer movements
- Research on transit center history and original project goals
- Scoping interviews with internal Metro Transit departments
- Customer survey at Chicago-Lake Transit Center
- Engagement with area property owners and neighborhood organizations

The outcome of this planning study is the recommendation to locate D Line station platforms at the intersection of Chicago Avenue and the transit center promenade.

Recommendation
Benefits of these platform locations include:

Direct routing
Stopping on Chicago Avenue in both directions allows for a speedier trip

Transfer access
Adjacency to the transit center maintains an easy connection to Routes 21 and 53 for the large number of people transferring here

Proximity to future transitways
Locating at the midpoint between Lake Street and the Midtown Greenway preserves future access to the planned B Line (Lake Street rapid bus) and planned rail in the Midtown Greenway

Traffic Operations
Operating rapid bus service at the transit center promenade minimizes the traffic impact to the congested Chicago Avenue and Lake Street intersection

Use of existing bus stop zone
A better shelter and other features can be located where the existing northbound Route 5 stops today
Rapid bus station example:
A Line’s Snelling & University Station