The METRO E Line is a planned Bus Rapid Transit line that will provide faster and more reliable transit in the Route 6 corridor. Bus Rapid Transit 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.

Buses carry approximately 45% of people traveling by vehicle on Hennepin Avenue today, but buses make up just 3% of the motorized traffic. More than 8,000 rides are taken on Route 6 each weekday.

In 2020, the Metropolitan Council approved E Line routing along 4th Street and University Avenue, through downtown and Uptown on Hennepin Avenue to Southdale Transit Center via 44th Street and France Avenue.

Route 6 will be simplified 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.

**E Line Corridor Planning**

In summer-fall 2021, Metro Transit staff will engage the community to seek public input on a Draft Corridor Plan, with specific locations for planned station platforms.

**PRELIMINARY PROJECT SCHEDULE (subject to change)**

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What makes the METRO E Line different?  metrotransit.org/e-line-project

This will be the fifth arterial Bus Rapid Transit line in the 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

The E Line will run every 10 minutes for most of the day with stations spaced about ½ mile apart. Station placement will be determined in the planning phase in late 2021.

Pre-boarding fare payment for faster stops

For faster boarding through all doors, E Line buses won’t have fareboxes. Customers will purchase a ticket or tap a Go-To Card at the station, just like light rail. Police officers – not bus drivers – will ensure customers have paid.

New infrastructure to increase speed

In addition to the improved stations and wider stop spacing, we are exploring options to make the E Line even faster. Options include:

• More green time with signal priority, to keep E Line moving, buses could “ask” for early or extended green lights at certain intersections
• Bus-only lanes along portions of the E Line corridor to keep buses out of traffic