



## METRO F Line – Corridor Planning

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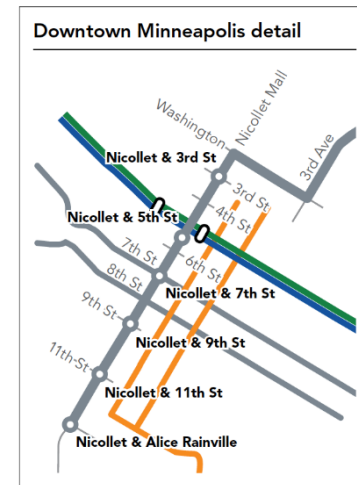
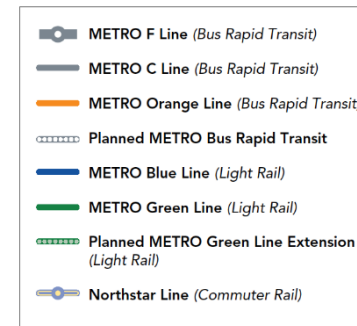
## Arterial Bus Rapid Transit

- Substantial upgrade to Route 10
  - Region’s 5th highest ridership bus route
- 13-mile corridor from downtown Minneapolis to Northtown Transit Center
  - Nicollet Mall, Washington, 3rd Ave, Central, 53rd Ave, University
- Fast, frequent, all-day service
  - Goal of approximately 20% faster than Route 10
- 32 stations (63 platforms) with enhanced features planned across corridor



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# Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

2-3 stations per mile, designed for faster stops

Pre-boarding fare payment for faster stops

Higher-capacity buses & boarding through all doors

High-tech, high-amenity, secure stations

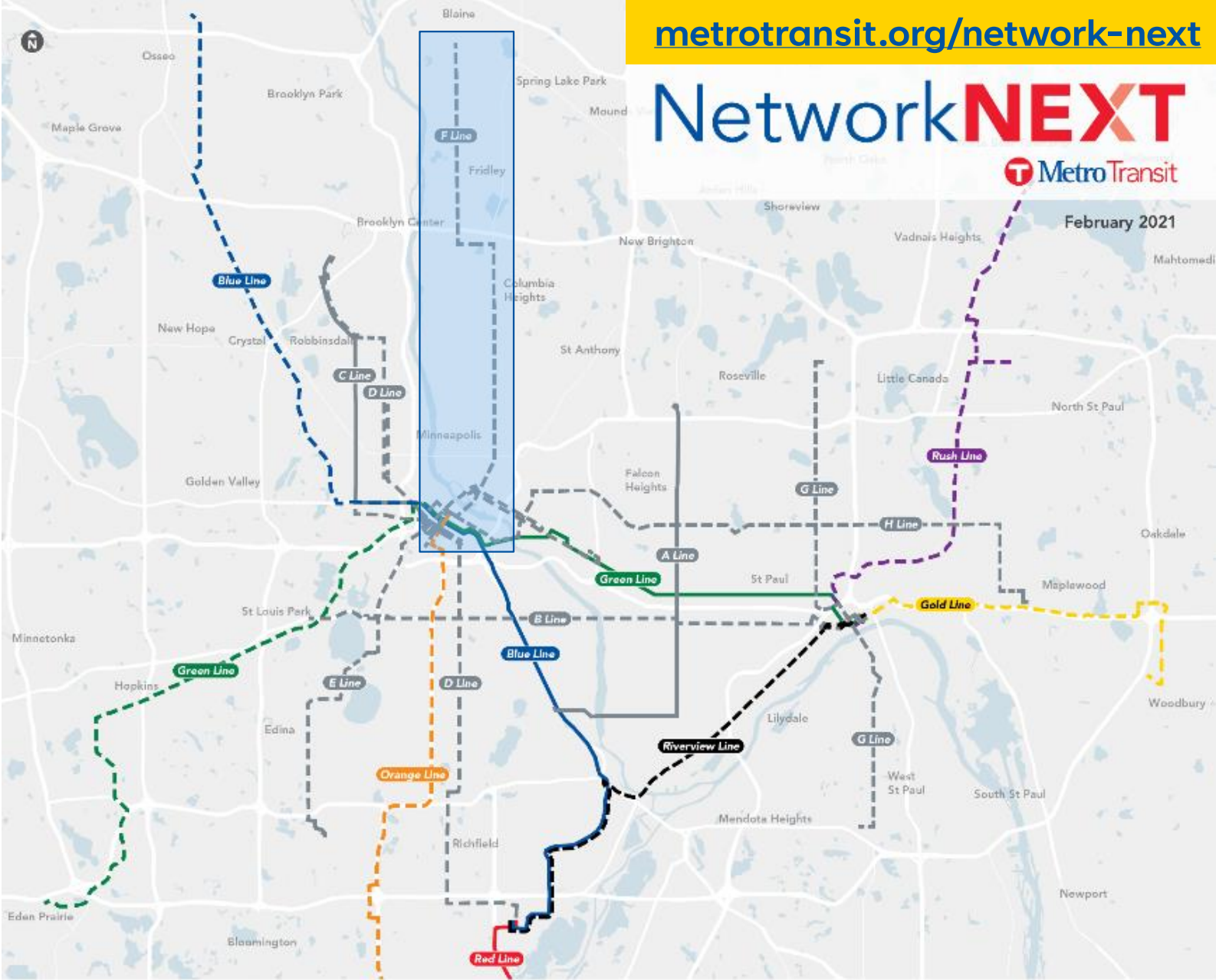
Faster, frequent, all-day service

Bus priority signals & lanes



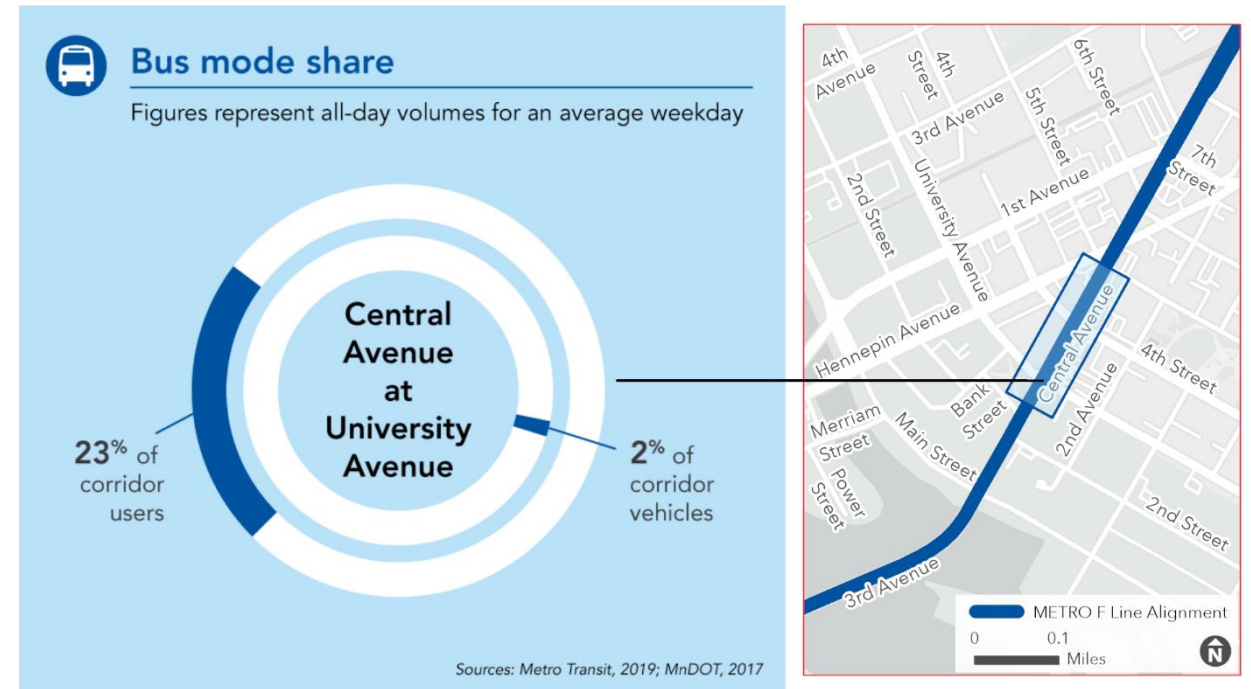
# Eight arterial BRT lines operating by 2030

- A Line (Snelling): Open 2016
- C Line (Penn): Open 2019
- D Line (Chicago/Fremont – Route 5) Opens late 2022
- B Line (Lake/Selby – Route 21) Construction 2023, opens 2024
- E Line (Hennepin/France – Route 6) Construction 2024, opens 2025
- F Line (Central Avenue – Route 10) Construction 2025, opens 2026
- G Line (Rice/Robert – Routes 62/68) 2025-2030 implementation
- H Line (Como/Maryland – Route 3) 2025-2030 implementation



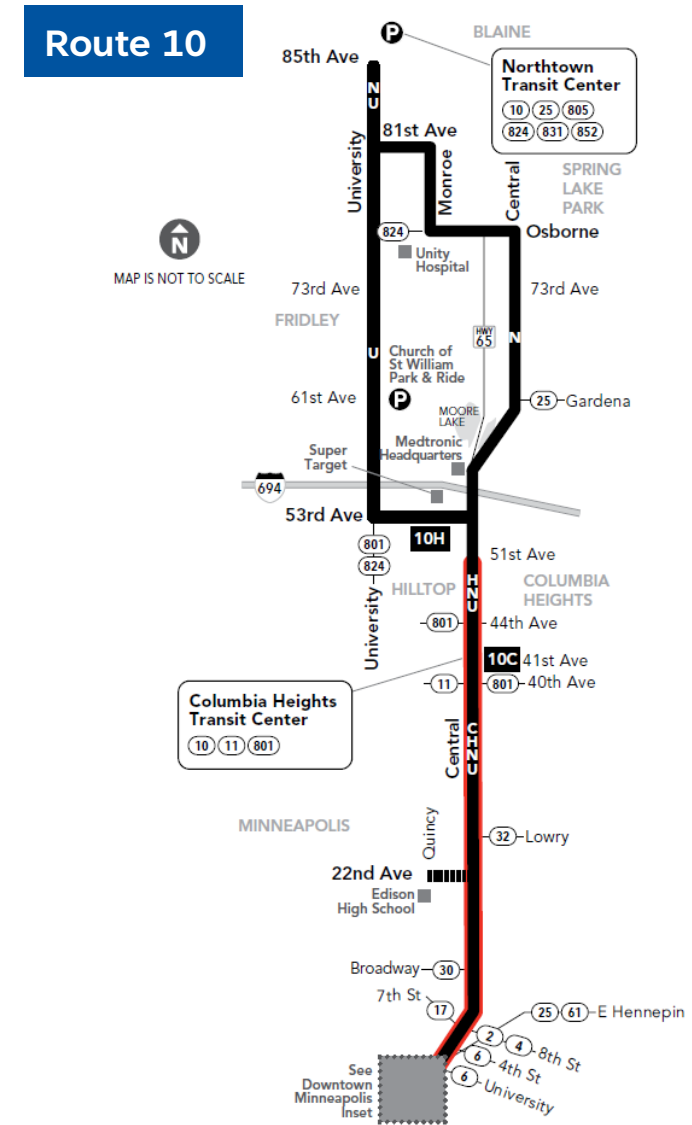
# Why arterial BRT?

- Provide faster, more reliable, more attractive bus service
- Improve current slow and unreliable transit service
- Address passenger facilities inadequate for the volume of people using them
- Improve the transit experience at stops and on vehicles

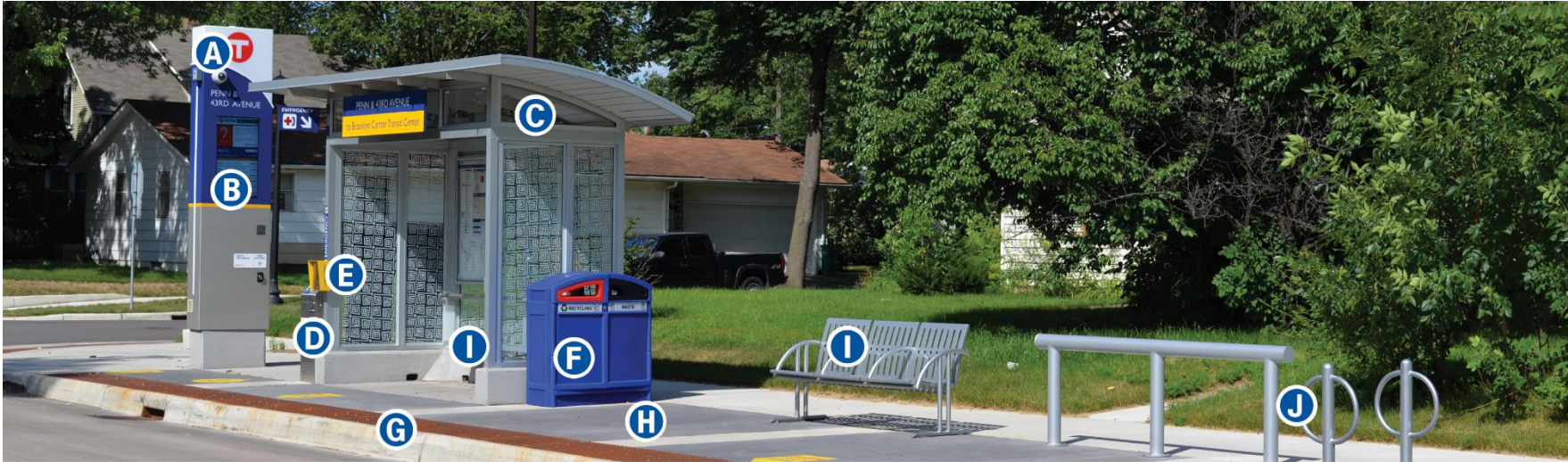


# Why Route 10 for the F Line?

- Identified through Network Next project (2020-2021) [metrotransit.org/network-next](https://metrotransit.org/network-next)
- Prioritized for near-term implementation through public surveys
- High ridership corridor, high impact
- Improved transit access in NE Minneapolis and northern suburbs – connection to METRO network of LRT and BRT lines



# What will F Line stations look like?



**A** Pylon markers help riders identify stations from a distance.

**B** Real-time NexTrip signs provide bus information, and on-demand annunciators speak this information for people with low vision.

**C** Shelters provide weather protection and feature push-button, on-demand heaters and shelter lighting. Shelter sizes will vary based on customer demand (small shown here).

**D** Ticket machines and fare card readers collect all payment before customers board the bus.

**E** Emergency telephones provide a direct connection to Metro Transit police. Stations also feature security cameras.

**F** Stations feature trash and recycling containers.

**G** Platform edges are marked with a cast-iron textured warning strip to keep passengers safely away from the curb while the bus approaches. Many stations also feature raised curbs for easier boarding.

**H** Platform areas are distinguished by a dark gray concrete pattern.

**I** Benches at stations provide a place to sit.

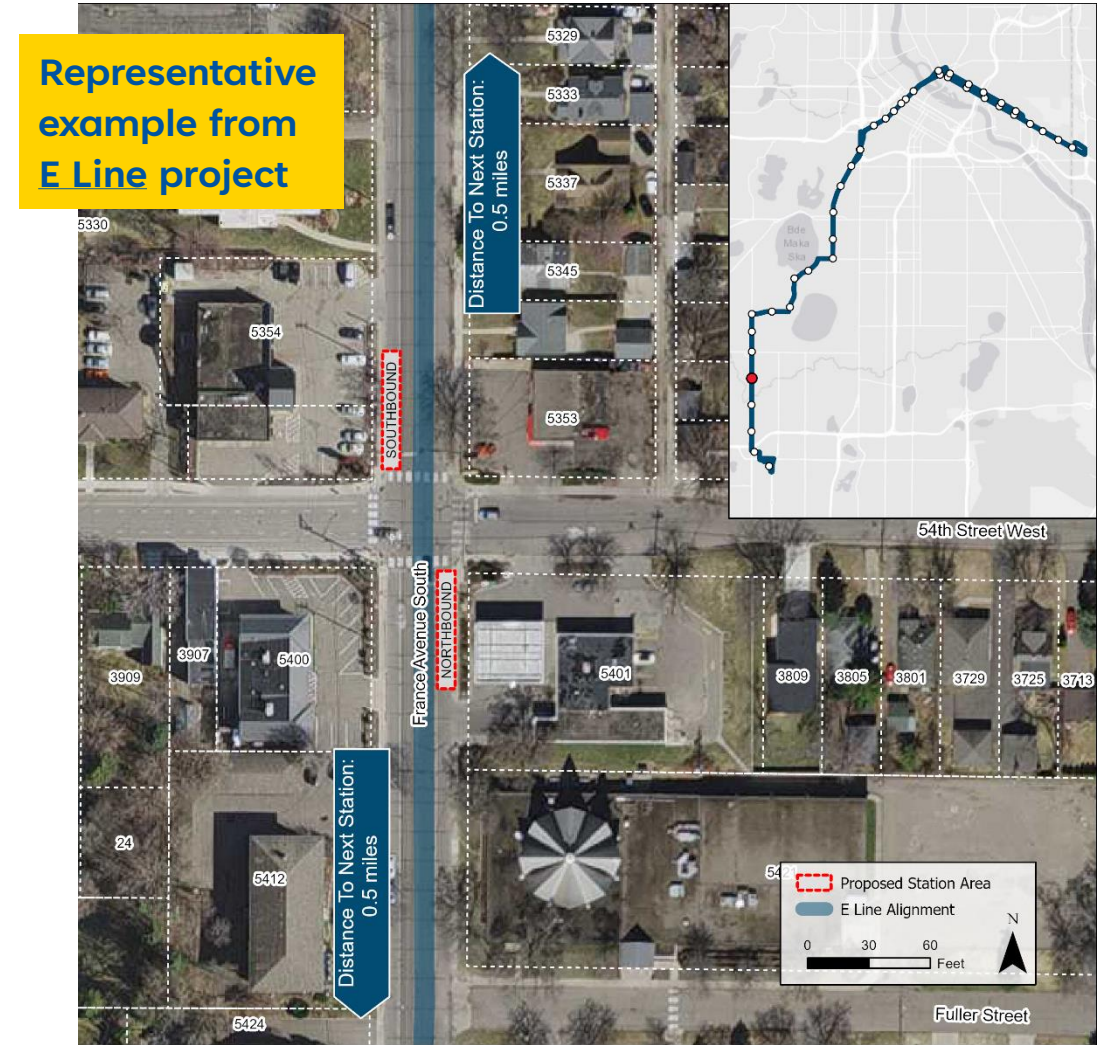
**J** Most stations have bike parking.

At some stations, railings separate the platform from the sidewalk.

Some stations have pedestrian-scale light fixtures to provide a safe, well-lit environment.

# Draft Corridor Plan

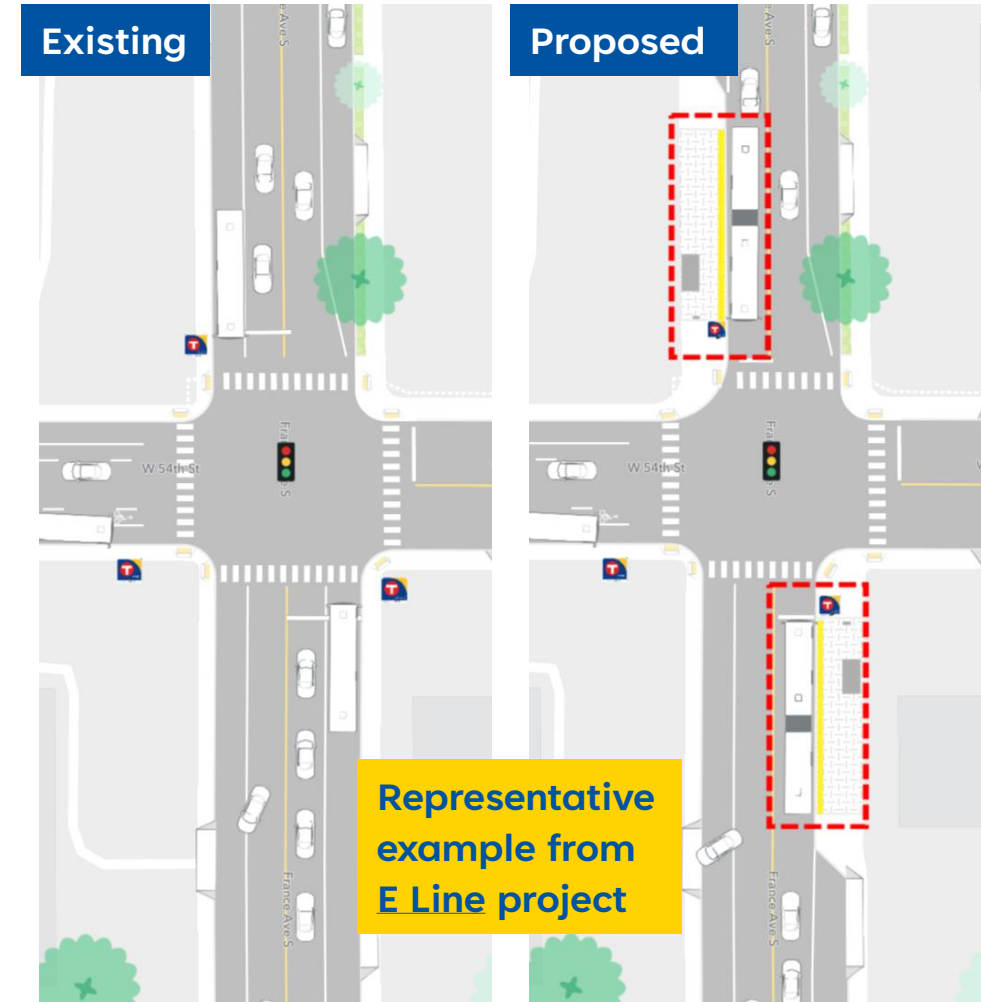
- Coming soon!
- **Early, important opportunity for community input**
  - Draft Corridor Plan released for public comment **October 24, 2022**
- Address key station location questions:
  - What **intersections** will have BRT stations?
  - In which **quadrants (corners)** of the **intersections** will platforms be located?
  - How was the location determined?





# Draft Corridor Plan

- Proposed platform locations developed through site-specific review
- Concept designs evolve and are refined through detailed engineering (beginning mid-2023) and coordination with other projects
- Other planning issues (ongoing)
  - Bus priority treatments
  - Project coordination with MnDOT, Hennepin County, City of Minneapolis, among others
- Metropolitan Council will approve corridor plan to establish the number and location of stations



# Public engagement

- Spring-fall 2022: Raising awareness about the project
- Fall-winter 2022: Draft Corridor Plan public comment period, **October 24 – December 5**
  - Direct mailing
  - Email: Project newsletter, Route 10 Rider Alerts, etc.
  - Door knocking homes and businesses
  - In-person feedback at Route 10 stops and aboard buses
  - Community organizations and neighborhood groups
  - Community events
  - Social media
  - Online survey
  - Virtual open house (date TBD)

**The new METRO F Line**  
*Faster transit is coming to the Route 10 corridor*

The METRO F Line is a planned Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line that will provide faster and more reliable transit service in the Route 10 corridor. BRT is a package of transit enhancements that adds up to a **faster trip and an improved experience** on Metro Transit's busiest bus routes.

The METRO F Line will travel along Nicollet Mall in downtown Minneapolis; Central Avenue through northwest Minneapolis, Columbia Heights, and Hilltop; and University Avenue through Fridley and Spring Lake Park to Northtown Mall in Blaine.

The METRO F Line will improve a busy transit route:

- Before the pandemic, customers took more than 7,000 daily rides in the Route 10 corridor, making it one of Metro Transit's busiest bus routes.
- Route 10 ridership remains strong, even during the pandemic.

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

**Preliminary Project Schedule** (subject to change)

|           |             |              |                  |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|------------------|
| 2022-2023 | 2023-2024   | 2025-2026    | 2026             |
| PLANNING  | ENGINEERING | CONSTRUCTION | OPEN FOR SERVICE |

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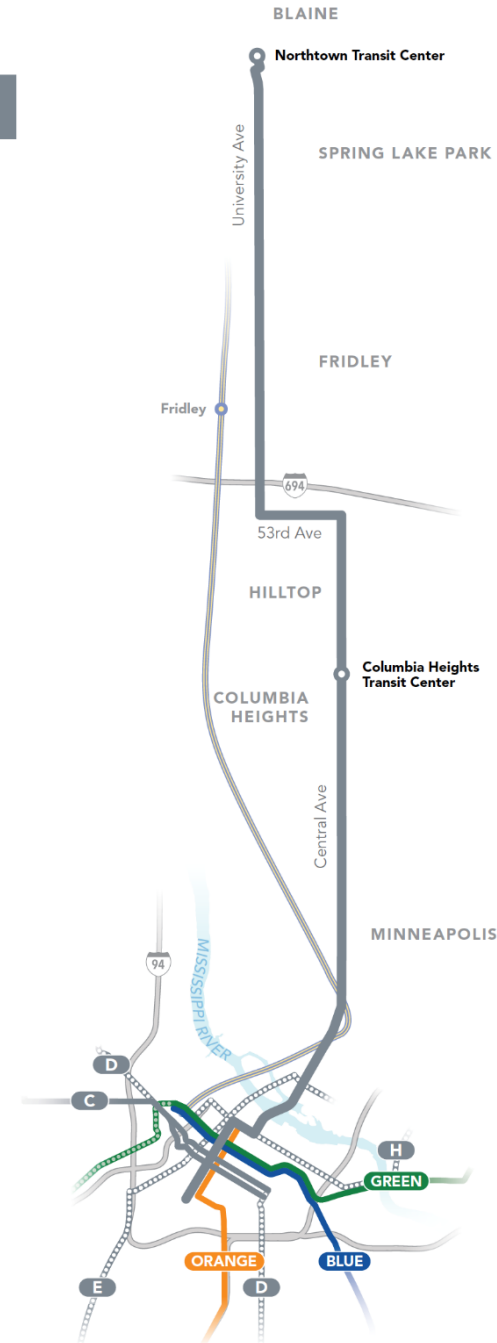
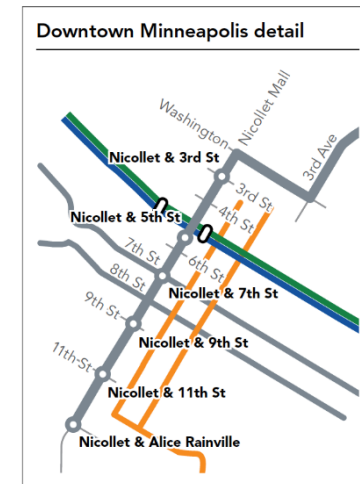
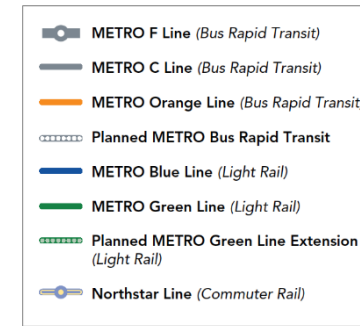
# F Line project schedule

- Corridor Plan
  - **October 24, 2022: Release Draft Corridor Plan** (Council action to release for public comment)
  - Spring 2023: Recommended Corridor Plan (Council action to release for public comment)
  - Summer 2023: Final Corridor Plan (Council action to approve)
- Engineering: Mid-2023 – Late 2024
- Construction: 2025 – 2026
- Start of service: 2026



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# Next steps

- Review the F Line project webpage
  - Subscribe to the F Line Update **email newsletter**
- Coming soon! to the project webpage
  - F Line Draft Corridor Plan released **October 24**
  - Review the plan and provide comments
  - Public comment period: October 24 – December 5

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# Thank You!

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