METRO F Line – Corridor Planning

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**METRO F Line**

**Arterial Bus Rapid Transit**

- Substantial upgrade to Route 10, the 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 the corridor
- Targeted opening in 2026
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

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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

• Determine where F Line stations and platforms should be

• Early, important opportunity for community input
  – Draft Corridor Plan released for public comment on October 24, 2022

• Address key station location questions:
  – What intersections will have BRT stations?
  – In which quadrants (corners) of the intersections will the platforms be located?
  – How was the location determined?
Draft Corridor Plan

• Proposed platform locations developed through site-specific review

• Concept designs will evolve and be refined through engineering 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 to nearby homes and businesses
  – Email: Project newsletter, Route 10 Rider Alerts, etc.
  – Distribute flyers to homes and businesses near proposed station locations
  – Meet Route 10 riders at stops and aboard buses
  – Partner with neighborhood, community, business, and advocacy groups
  – Attend community events
  – Social media
  – Online survey
  – Virtual open house

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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
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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