

### **METRO F Line – Corridor Planning**

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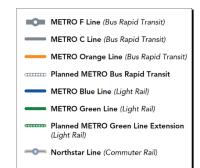


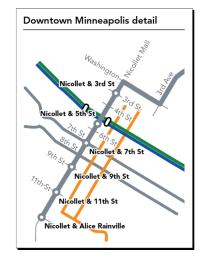
## METRO F Line Arterial Bus Rapid Transit

- 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



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## **Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)**

# Learn more at metrotransit.org/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, highamenity, secure stations

Faster, frequent, all-day service

Bus priority signals & lanes







- **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.
- 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).

- Ticket machines and fare card readers collect all payment before customers board the bus.
- Emergency telephones provide a direct connection to Metro Transit police. Stations also feature security cameras.
- Stations feature trash and recycling containers.
- Platform edges are marked with a castiron **textured warning strip** to keep passengers safely away from the curb while the bus approaches. Many stations also feature **raised curbs** for easier boarding.

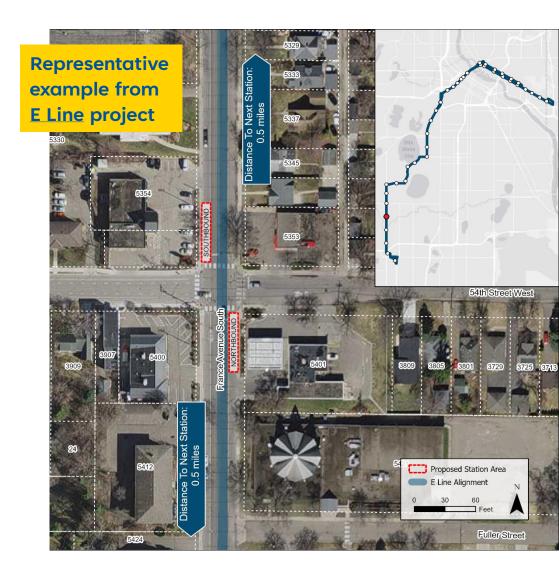
- Platform areas are distinguished by a dark gray concrete pattern.
- Benches at stations provide a place to sit.
- Most stations have bike parking.

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**

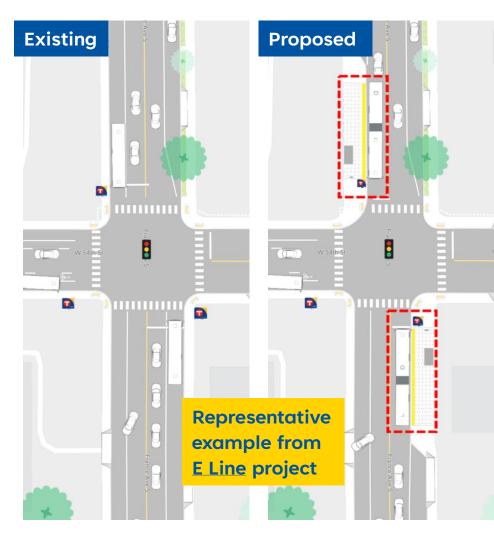
- Determine where F Line stations and platforms should be
- Early, important opportunity for community input
  - Draft Corridor Plan released for public comment on October 24, 2022
- Address key station location questions:
  - What **intersections** will have BRT stations?
  - In which quadrants (corners) 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: <u>Draft</u> Corridor Plan public comment period, <u>October 24 December 5</u>
  - 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

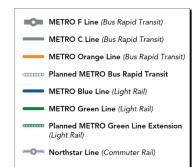


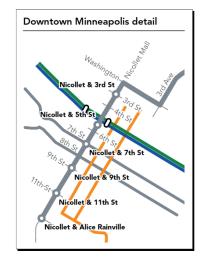
## F Line project schedule

- Corridor Plan
  - October 24, 2022: Release <u>Draft</u> Corridor Plan (Council action to release for public comment)
  - Spring 2023: <u>Recommended</u> Corridor Plan (Council action to release for public comment)
  - Summer 2023: <u>Final</u> 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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