METRO F Line – Draft Corridor Plan

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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

Bus priority signals & lanes

High-tech, high-amenity, secure stations

Higher-capacity buses & boarding through all doors

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Learn more at metrottransit.org/brt
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.
Project schedule

• Currently seeking **community input** to establish **station locations** prior to the Engineering phase

• Community engagement will continue through the Engineering and Construction phases

- F Line identified: March 2021
- Early project coordination: 2021 – 2022
- Draft Corridor Plan: Oct. 24 - Dec. 5, 2022
- Recommended Corridor Plan: Spring 2023
- Final Corridor Plan: Summer 2023
- Engineering: 2023 – 2024
- Construction: 2025 – 2026
- Service starts: 2026
Coordination with other projects

- Coordinating design with several projects from MnDOT, county and city partners

- MnDOT: Hwy 47 and Hwy 65 Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study
  - Evaluating broader multimodal alternatives to improve safety and mobility
  - Higher-level concepts, narrowing options
  - Timing of project outcomes uncertain
  - Close collaboration to ensure compatibility

Learn more about MnDOT’s PEL Study
[link] talk.dot.state.mn.us/hwy-47-hwy-65-study
Help us plan station locations
Draft Corridor Plan – seeking input now!

• Identifies proposed station locations
• Early, important opportunity for community input
• Addresses 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

• Other planning issues (ongoing)
  – Opportunities and priorities for bus priority treatments to meet speed and reliability goals
  – Supporting local service
Public engagement

• Spring-fall 2022: Raised awareness about the project

• Public comment period: October 24 – December 5

• Available now on the project website:
  – Key project information
  – Draft Corridor Plan (full document) and station concepts
  – Survey to provide feedback on specific stations and/or overall project

• Virtual open house Nov. 15, 6:30-8:00 (register on the project website)

metrotransit.org/f-line-project
Out in the community

• Meet Route 10 riders at stops and aboard buses

• Door knock and distribute flyers to all homes and businesses near proposed station locations

• Direct mailing to all homes, businesses, and property owners along the corridor

• Email newsletters and social media

• Partner with neighborhood, community, business, and advocacy groups

• Attend community events

• Documents available in Spanish, Somali, Hmong, Oromo, and Arabic
Station Locations

• 32 stations, 25 built by the project
  – 3 new stations proposed on Central in the Northeast Park neighborhood

• Considerations
  – Spacing between stations
  – Existing ridership
  – Connecting transit service
  – Community input
  – Land use and access to destinations
  – Street design and available right-of-way
Central & Broadway

- **Proposed** platform locations are at existing Route 10 bus stops
- Transfer to Route 30 (on Broadway)
- On bridge, posing construction limitations
  - Resulting in atypical platform configurations
- Coordination with MnDOT PEL Study
Central & 14th Ave

- **Proposed** platform locations differ from existing Route 10 bus stops
- Northbound farside (NE corner) of 14th Ave
- Southbound farside (SW corner) of 14th Ave
- Coordination with MnDOT PEL Study
Central & 18th Ave

- Proposed **southbound** platform location at existing Route 10 bus

- Proposed **northbound** platform location **differs** from existing Route 10 bus stop
  - Exploring relocation of disability transfer zone currently on Central Ave at NE corner
  - Working with City and Housing Authority

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Corridor Plan next steps

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Seeking community input to establish station locations

Community engagement
Help us plan F Line station locations

• Public comment period: **October 24 – December 5**

• Review the Draft Corridor Plan and submit comments
  – **Survey** at metrotransit.org/f-line-project
  – Email FLine@metrotransit.org
  – Call Nasser Mussa, Community Outreach Coordinator at 651-829-5305

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• F Line Update newsletter
Thank You!

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