METRO F Line – Draft Corridor Plan

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• Substantial upgrade to Route 10, one of the region’s highest-ridership bus routes

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Arterial bus rapid transit (BRT)

- 2–3 stations per mile for faster stops
- High-tech, high-amenity, secure stations
- Pre-boarding fare payment for faster stops
- Higher-capacity buses & boarding through all doors
- Bus priority signals & lanes
- Faster, frequent, all-day service

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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.
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

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

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Project partners
Coordination with other projects

• Coordinating design with several projects from agency 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
  talk.dot.state.mn.us/hwy-47-hwy-65-study
Draft Corridor Plan – seeking input now!

- Identifies proposed station locations
- Early, important opportunity for community input
- Addresses key station location questions:
  - Which intersections will have BRT stations?
  - In which quadrants (corners) of the intersections will the platforms be located?
  - How were the locations 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)
  – Project coordination with partners
  – Bus priority treatments
  – 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:
  – Draft Corridor Plan (full document)
  – Station concepts
  – Survey to provide feedback on specific stations and/or overall project

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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
• Postcards sent to all homes and businesses along the corridor
• Share information via 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 Logan Park neighborhood

• Station location 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
  - Property owned by City of Minneapolis
- Southbound farside (SW corner) of 14th Ave
- Youngblood Apartments, Timber & Tie
- 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

• More space on north leg of intersection

• 1717 Central Ave development

• Coordination with MnDOT PEL Study

![Map of Central & 18th Ave with proposed platform locations and 1717 Central Ave development](image-url)
Corridor Plan next steps

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Seeking community input to establish station locations

Community engagement

We are here
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

• F Line Update newsletter sign-up

Review and submit comments at metrotransit.org/f-line-project
Thank You!

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