METRO F Line – Draft Corridor Plan

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### Arterial bus rapid transit (BRT)

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<td>2–3 stations per mile for faster trips</td>
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[metrotransit.org/brt](http://metrotransit.org/brt)
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
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
StationLocations

• 32 stations, 25 built by the project
  – 2 new stations proposed on Central in the Nicollet Island-East Bank 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 & University/4th St

- First proposed station east of the river
- Proposed platform locations differ from existing Route 10 bus stops
- Northbound farside (NE corner) of University
- Southbound farside (SW corner) of 4th St
- Transfers to METRO E Line
- Coordination with MnDOT PEL Study
Central & 1st Ave NE/7th St SE

- Proposed platform locations differ from existing Route 10 bus stops
- Northbound farside (NE corner) of 7th St SE
- Southbound farside (SW corner) of 1st Ave NE
- Connections to Routes 2, 4, 17, 25, and 61
- Coordination with Hennepin & First project and MnDOT PEL Study
Corridor Plan next steps

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We are here

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](http://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
Thank You!

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