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Arterial bus rapid transit (BRT)

- 1/8 mile between stops
- 1/3 to 1/2 mile between stations
- 2-3 stations per mile for faster trips
- High-tech, high-amenity, secure stations
- Pre-boarding fare payment for faster stops
- Higher-capacity buses & boarding through all doors
- 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.
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

**Timeline**
- 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

- Metro Transit
- Metropolitan Council
- Federal Transit Administration
- Department of Transportation
- Hennepin
- Anoka County
- Minneapolis City of Lakes
- Brooklyn Park
- Hilltop Minnesota
- Spring Lake Park
- City of Blaine
- Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board
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

• Identifies proposed station locations

• Early, important opportunity for community input

• Addresses key station location questions:
  – Which intersections will have BRT stations?
  – In which 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 (closed)

• Email comments to FLine@metrotransit.org by end of day December 9

• Call Nasser Mussa, Community Outreach Coordinator at 651-829-5305

• Available now on the project website:
  – Draft Corridor Plan (full document)
  – Station concepts
  – Survey to provide feedback on specific stations and/or overall 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
• 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 Northeast Park neighborhood

• Station location considerations
  – Pedestrian safety and environment
  – Spacing between stations
  – Existing ridership and connecting transit service
  – Community input
  – Land use and access to destinations
  – Street design and available right-of-way
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

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• F Line Update newsletter sign-up

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

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