METRO F Line – Recommended Corridor Plan

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Arterial BRT: Designed to be faster, more reliable, and easy to use

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

Faster, frequent, all-day service
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.
F Line identified: March 2021
Early project coordination: 2021 – 2022
Recommended Corridor Plan: Comment period April 12 – May 14, 2023
Final Corridor Plan approved: Summer 2023
Engineering: 2023 – 2024
Construction: 2025 – 2026

Seeking community input to establish station locations

Community engagement

Planning phase

We are here
Corridor Plan contents

• Early, important opportunity for community input

• Station locations: station intersections and locations of platforms within each intersection

• Concept bus service plan

• Priorities for bus priority treatments to meet speed and reliability goals

• Project history and planning process to date
Recommended Corridor Plan engagement

• Collecting feedback
  – Public comment period: April 12 – May 14
  – Survey linked on project website metrotransit.org/f-line-project
  – FLine@metrotransit.org, 651-829-5305

• Meeting people in community
  – Door knocking
  – At bus stops, aboard buses
  – Community groups
  – Staff at libraries and other public places

• Postcards, email subscriptions, social media

• Translation
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
Arterial BRT platform typical dimensions

- Clear Zone (6 ft)
- Furnishing Zone (5.5 ft)
- Through Zone (varies)

Dimensions:
- 60 ft
- 11.5 ft
Central & Broadway

• Proposed platform locations are at existing Route 10 bus stops
• Transfer to Route 30 (on Broadway)
• On bridge, posing construction limitations
• Coordination with MnDOT, City, County
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, City, County
Central & 18th Ave

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

- Proposed **northbound** platform location **differs** from existing Route 10 bus stop

- Parker Skyview

- 1717 Central Ave development (SE corner)

- Coordination with MnDOT, City, County
Help us plan F Line station locations

• Review the Recommended Corridor Plan and comment by May 14
  – Submit comments via survey metrotransit.org/f-line-project
  – Email FLine@metrotransit.org
  – Call Nasser Mussa, Community Outreach Coordinator at 651-829-5305

• Sign up for the F Line Update newsletter
Thank You!

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