METRO F Line – Recommended Corridor Plan

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METRO F Line Bus Rapid Transit

• Faster, frequent, all-day service

• 13-mile corridor from downtown Minneapolis to Northtown Transit Center
  – Downtown alignment: Nicollet Mall, Washington Ave, 3rd Ave

• Substantial upgrade to Route 10
  – F Line will be the primary service on Central Ave in Minneapolis

• Improved speed and reliability

• Serve all-day, all-purpose trips

• Planned 32 stations with enhanced features
  – 7 downtown: 6 existing on Nicollet Mall, 1 new at 3rd Ave & 2nd St

• Targeted opening in 2026
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
Project schedule

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

View the Recommended corridor plan at metrotransit.org/f-line-project
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
  – Neighborhoods and community groups
  – Staff at libraries and other public places

• Postcards, email subscriptions, social media

• Translation: English, Spanish, Somali, Hmong, Oromo, and Arabic
Station Locations: Nicollet Mall

• F Line will serve 6 stations along Nicollet Mall – served today by Route 10

• Use existing enhanced bus stops added with 2017 redesign of Nicollet Mall

• F Line project will add fare collection equipment and signage

• Route transfer opportunities at cross streets

• Many downtown destinations
Station Locations: 3rd Ave & 2nd St

- New station, using some existing facilities
- Station location considerations
  - Pedestrian safety and environment
  - Land use and access to destinations
  - Spacing between stations
  - Existing ridership
  - Connecting transit service
  - Community input
  - Speed and reliability
  - Street design and available right-of-way
3rd Ave S & 2nd St S

- NB platform locations is existing Route 10 bus stop
- SB platform location not an existing bus stop
- Curb extensions ("bump outs") at platforms to reduce crossing distances, provide space for amenities, and improve speed and reliability
- Platforms will safely incorporate bikeways (sidewalk level), pedestrians, and transit users
- Coordination with MnDOT, City, County
3rd Ave S & 2nd St S – Northbound platform

- New shelter not anticipated
- Use existing integrated waiting area for shelter, light and heat
- Curb extension and lack of free-standing shelter provide additional space
- Continuous sidewalk level protected bike lane
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](http://metrotransit.org/f-line-project)
  – Email [FLine@metrotransit.org](mailto: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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