METRO F Line Recommended Corridor Plan

City of Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee – Engineering Subcommittee
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METRO F Line arterial bus rapid transit project

- Faster, frequent, all-day service
- 13-mile corridor from downtown Minneapolis to Northtown Transit Center
- Substantial upgrade to Route 10
- Improve speed and reliability
- Serving all-day, all-purpose trips
- Planned 32 stations with enhanced features
  - 25 built by the project (13 in Minneapolis)
  - Existing facilities on Nicollet Mall
- Targeted opening in 2026

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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

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Project schedule

F Line identified: March 2021

Early project coordination: 2021 – 2022

Draft Corridor Plan: Comment period Oct. 24 - Dec. 5, 2022

Recommended Corridor Plan: Comment period April 12 – May 14, 2023

Final Corridor Plan approved: Summer 2023

Engineering: Summer 2023 – 2024

Construction: 2025 – 2026

Seeking community input to establish station locations

Community engagement

Planning phase

We are here
Project coordination highlight: 
MnDOT Hwy 47 & Hwy 65 Planning Study

- 23 of 32 proposed F Line stations are within MnDOT’s study area
- F Line team identifying BRT platform locations that do not preclude MnDOT Planning Study outcomes
- Bus-only lanes support F Line speed and reliability goals
- Improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities support success of the F Line
- Coordinating closely on next steps for a MnDOT project(s)
F Line Corridor Plan

• Planning process and document to establish station locations and inform design

• Station intersections and locations of platforms within each intersection

• Policy basis for design

• Three versions for review and comment
  – Recommended: April 12 – May 14, 2023
  – Final: July 2023 (anticipated)
Feedback on the *Draft* Corridor Plan

• 300+ total comments received during fall/winter 2022 comment period

• Key themes
  – Support for bus priority treatments
  – Importance of pedestrian safety and connections
  – Suggested changes to route alignment
  – Concerns about the removal of on-street parking
  – Support for station designs that integrate bicycle facilities
F Line platforms + bikeways

- F Line platforms will accommodate existing bike lanes
- F Line platforms will be designed to accommodate future bike lanes in the corridor introduced by a MnDOT project(s)
- Design details explored during the engineering phase (beginning this summer)
- Design collaboration with City, Hennepin County, and MnDOT
- Preference for bike lanes behind the bus shelter, where space allows
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

• Materials in English, Spanish, Somali, Hmong, Oromo, and Arabic

• F Line Update newsletter
Thank You!

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