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
- Substantial upgrade to Route 10
  - F Line will be the primary service on Central in Minneapolis
- Improved speed and reliability
- Serve all-day, all-purpose trips
- Planned 32 stations with enhanced features
  - 3 proposed on border of neighborhood
- 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
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

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
Project partners
Recommended Corridor Plan engagement

• Collecting feedback
  – Public comment period: April 12 – May 14
  – Survey at 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

• 3 new stations proposed on Central in the Windom Park neighborhood

• In the neighborhood (18th Ave to Lowry)…
Station location considerations

- Pedestrian safety and environment
- Land use and access to destinations
- Spacing between stations
- Existing ridership
- Connecting transit service
- Community input
- Transit speed and reliability
- Street design and available right-of-way
Central & 18th Ave

- Proposed **southbound** platform location at **existing** Route 10 bus stop
- Proposed **northbound** platform location **differs** from existing Route 10 bus stop
- Parker Skyview **Entrances**
- Coordination with MnDOT, City, County
Central & 22nd Ave

- Proposed platform locations are at existing Route 10 bus stops
- New Boston Square
- Edison High School two blocks west
- Coordination with MnDOT, City, County
Central & Lowry

- Proposed **northbound** platform location at *existing* Route 10 bus stop
  - City-owned parcel at SE corner provides flexibility

- Proposed **southbound** platform location **differs** from existing Route 10 bus stop
  - Speed and reliability benefits

- Transfers to Route 32 on Lowry

- Coordination with MnDOT, City, County
  - Lowry Avenue corridor improvements
Help us plan F Line station locations

• metrotransit.org/f-line-project

• Review the Recommended Corridor Plan and share your feedback
  – Email FLine@metrotransit.org
  – Call 651-829-5305

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

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