

Engagement Summary 2: Advanced Candidate Corridor Screening



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In July and August 2025, Metro Transit shared the 10 advanced candidate corridors for public review and feedback. The engagement goals for this step included seeking overall feedback on the 10 corridors and participant priorities, and to gather specific feedback on individual corridors. During this step, we used several online and in-person engagement tools to gather community input.



Snelling Avenue and University Avenue community pop-up

- 1 An interactive map on the [Arterial BRT Plan Update webpage](#) showed the 10 advanced candidate corridors along with background information, including the existing and planned transit network. Participants could provide comments on specific corridors, and see and like comments made by other participants.
- 2 Eight community pop-ups were held at major transit centers, bus stops, and transfer points throughout region to connect with transit riders and community members. At each pop-up, community members could share their input and ideas about the candidate corridors and the plan.
- 3 Community members also shared input through community and neighborhood meetings, an on-bus survey, social media comments, email, and a dedicated phone line.

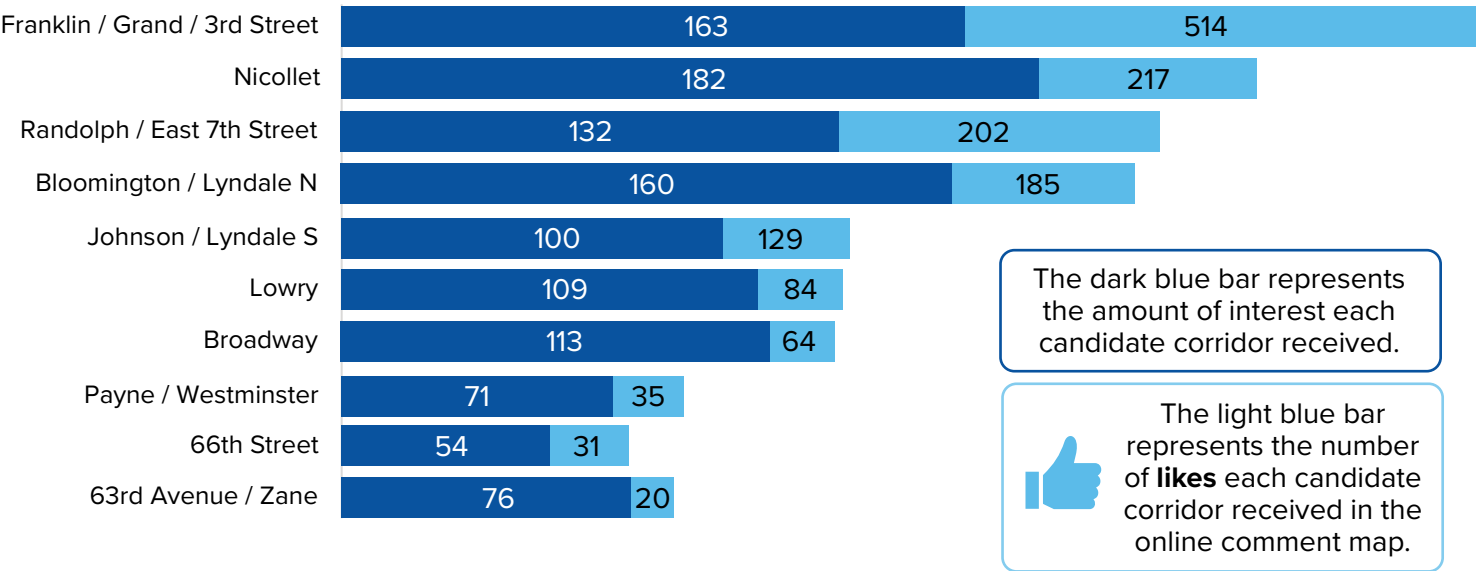
Community pop-ups
July - August, 2025
400 interactions

Interactive comment map
July - September 2025
871 responses

Other methods
June - August 2025
88 comments

What did we hear?

At each community pop-up, participants were asked to distribute three marbles in jars representing one of the 10 candidate corridors. Participants could also share their preferred candidate corridors through the online comment map and on-bus survey. Approximately **1,160 likes and comments** were shared about the preferred candidate corridors.



What we heard:

Approximately 1,357 comments were collected across all methods of community engagement and thematically analyzed. These themes, shown in the chart (below), will inform the technical evaluation used in the next phase of the ABRT plan update.

Route (16%):

Participants shared feedback that supported or suggested changes to the route or destinations of a specific candidate corridor.

Connections & Transfers (12%):

Participants emphasized the importance of cross-town and inter-corridor connections, particularly routes that link major destinations or provide access to light rail (LRT) or other transit lines.

Positive (11%): Comments that were positive or generally supportive of ABRT upgrades or specific candidate corridors.

Missing Destination (11%): Some participants noted that major destinations were left out of consideration. They felt key community, employment, or shopping hubs were missing from the candidate corridor routes.

Frequency (7%): Comments that expressed broad support for improving frequency of service on high-ridership corridors.

Equity (6%): Participants highlighted areas without sufficient transit access, noting the importance of using ABRT to close those service gaps and improve connectivity.

Congestion (4%): Some respondents expressed concerns about congestion and traffic management.

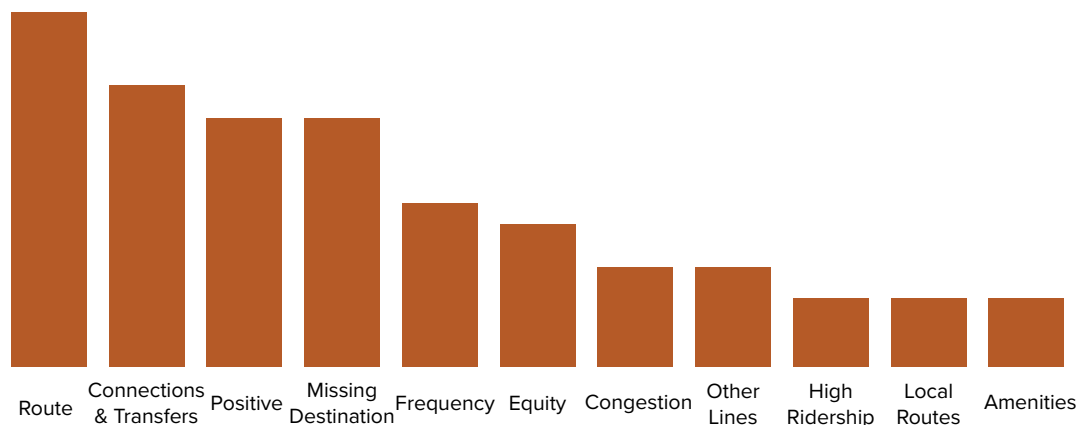
Other Lines (4%): Feedback about other local bus lines, light rail, and future construction.

High Ridership (3%): Participants shared a desire to prioritize routes with high ridership and service needs.

Local Routes (3%): Some respondents expressed concerns about losing local route service if it was selected for upgrades.

Amenities (3%): Respondents expressed broad support for amenities like larger buses, shelters, heat, lighting, benches, and cleaner stations and stops.

Comments categorized by theme and shown by relative number of occurrences



Next steps

Feedback received on the initial candidate corridors and advanced corridors has informed the technical evaluation step of each corridor. It has been used to identify important local knowledge and context within each corridor under consideration, including potential challenges and opportunities, potential routing changes, and documentation of overall support or concern for corridors. This feedback will inform the selection of the J, K, and L Line and future planning work.



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