Metro Transit’s first rapid bus line, the A Line, opened in June 2016. The A Line provides faster, more frequent service along Snelling Avenue, Ford Parkway and 46th Street, connecting the METRO Blue and Green lines and several other destinations.

Trips run every 10 minutes most of the day, and service is sped up through a combination of off-board fare payment, transit signal priority and limited stops.

The A Line is the first of several planned rapid bus lines that will bring faster, more frequent service to the region’s busiest transit corridors.

- 13 Unique Buses
- Free Wi-Fi
- 2 wide doors
- On-board real-time connecting schedule information (new in 2018)
Corridor ridership grew **32%** in the first year of A Line operations.

### Corridor ridership by day of week, 2015-2017

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- **A Line launched June 11**
- **First full year of A Line operations**

More than **1.5 million rides** carried in 2017.

**Highest 2017 single-day ridership:** September 1 **8,996 rides**

**10-mile line serving 4 cities**
Roseville, Falcon Heights, St. Paul & Minneapolis

**Top Ridership Stations (2017):**
1. Snelling & University
2. 46th Street Station
3. Rosedale Transit Center
4. Snelling & County Road B
5. Snelling & Grand

The A Line’s ridership success has been driven by strong connections to the light rail system, shopping destinations, and colleges and universities on the corridor.

**20 stations with:**
- Shelters with heat and improved lighting
- Real-time NexTrip information
- Ticket machines and Go-To card readers
- Trash & recycling containers
- Seating and bike racks
- Security cameras and emergency phones

**Average In-Service Speed**
- **19.7 mph** Local Bus Routes
- **13.4 mph** A Line

- **20-25%** faster than previous Route 84
- **94%** on-time performance (January 2018)
- **63%** of customers are “very satisfied” Similar to light rail

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