Penn Avenue Transit Today

Route 19:
- 7,600 Weekday Riders
- 7th Highest in Metro Transit System
- 5,000 Saturday Riders
- Carries 1 in 4 people traveling on Penn

Major Challenges:
- Limited infrastructure for customers
- Slow speeds caused by fare payment & red lights

In Motion: 65%
Stopped at Signals: 13%
Stopped in Traffic: 0%
Boarding Customers: 22%
Narrow sidewalks do not allow bus shelter installation
• Advancing toward final design through 2016 and construction in 2017
• In planning phase seeking feedback on Station Plan
• Four open houses in November
What is ABRT?

- A new kind of bus service is coming to the Twin Cities!
- Buses will make fewer stops, significantly speed up travel time
- Ticket machines at stations will allow customers to purchase tickets before boarding
- Buses with more seating
- Frequent service

- Improved experience
  - NexTrip signs
  - Litter and recycling containers
  - Security cameras
  - Emergency phones
  - Enhanced lighting
  - Push-button heating
  - Bike parking loops
  - Benches
Station Bumpouts

- 6’ clear zone
- 5’ shelter depth
- Unobstructed sidewalk
100% Off-Board Fare Payment

Boarding through all doors + Pre-paid fares
= short stop times
C Line Station Location Factors

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Specific Station Sites

Preliminary analysis of bumpouts on Penn:

Stations cannot fit on the same side of the street.

Stations must always be on offset corners.

“Farside” (after intersection) is usually preferred
Next Steps & Future Dates

• Comment period extended through December 20
  – Comments can be submitted tonight
  – brtprojects@metrotransit.org

• Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board coordination mid-December to discuss C Line and feasibility of Alternative C

• Recommended Station Plan to be released for public comment in early 2016 before a final approval

• Metropolitan Council approval of Station Plan spring 2016
Project Development Timeline

Preliminary Planning
Coordination with
- Penn Avenue Community Works
- Blue Line Extension LRT
2013–2015

Draft
Station Plan
Fall 2015

Community Input
Winter 2015–16

Recommended
Station Plan
Winter 2015–16

Action to
Approve Plan
Winter 2015–16

Approved
Station Plan
Spring 2016

Detailed Design & Engineering
2016

Construction
(pending full funding)
2017

Project currently here