D Line Rapid Bus Overview

- Substantially replaces Route 5, highest-ridership route in system
- 2030 daily corridor ridership forecast with rapid bus improvements: **23,500**
- 18-mile corridor, serving four cities
- Service every 10 minutes, 20-25% faster than Route 5
  - Fewer stops
  - Pre-boarding fare payment
  - All-door boarding
  - Transit signal priority
- More comfortable
  - Rapid bus style shelters with heat, light, security features, signage
  - Larger buses
- Construction in 2020/2021, pending full project funding
D Line Project Funding

$75 million
preliminary project cost estimate

$35 million remaining need
• Full corridor construction
• Proposed in Governor’s 2018 state bonding bill

$40 million identified to date

$13.5 million
Replacement bus funds and engineering/delivery funds

$21.5 million
TAB-designated federal funds

$6.5 million
Local match funds
The D Line and draft *Station Plan*

- **Draft D Line Station Plan**
  - Released February 5th
  - Objective: Where will stations be located?
  - 37 stations, 71 platforms

- **Station Plan** process
  - Draft plan comments through Mar. 6
  - Recommended plan: Spring 2018
  - Approved plan: Summer 2018

Station and platform locations are confirmed after Metropolitan Council approval of the *D Line Station Plan*. 

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**Metro Transit D Line**
Completed planning work

Arterial Transitway Corridor Study (2012-2013)

Issues-based planning (2016-2017)

Draft Station Plan (2018)
2017 Planning Overview

- Issues-based planning review
  - Key question: Where will stations be located?

- Planning inputs
  - System analysis
  - Technical advisory committee
    - Traffic analysis
  - Community outreach and engagement

Issues-based planning (2016-2017)

Draft Station Plan (2018)
Corridor tour: Brooklyn Center and North Minneapolis
Corridor tour: Downtown Minneapolis
Corridor tour: Richfield and Bloomington

Portland & 66th St
Portland & 73rd St
Portland & 77th St

Bloomington
American & Portland-Chicago
American & Bloomington
American & Thunderbird
Mall of America

Richfield

Portland & 66th Street roundabout
Public comment period and next steps

• Seeking comments through March 6th
  – On-bus conversations
  – Neighborhood group outreach
  – Online comments: metrotransit.org/d-line-station-plan
  – Six open houses
    • February 13, 3–5 p.m. at Chicago-Lake Transit Center
    • February 15, 6–8 p.m. at Richfield Municipal Center
    • February 17, 2–4 p.m. at Mall of America Transit Center
    • February 21, 6–8 p.m. at North Community High School
    • February 22, 6–8 p.m. at Wellstone International High School
    • March 3, 2–4 p.m. at Brooklyn Center Transit Center

• Future Station Plan steps
  – Recommended plan: Spring 2018
  – Final plan for approval: Summer 2018
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