Metro Transit D Line Chicago and 48th Station

Final Station Plan Ongoing Outreach

Additional Frequently Asked Questions

This document contains additional answers to questions asked of Metro Transit at the during the ongoing Final Station Plan outreach around 48th and Chicago.
What about safety at D Line stations?

Security features on the D Line include:

- **A safe, well-lit environment:** D Line customers will notice more lights and brighter bulbs at the D Line stations.

- **Security cameras:** Security cameras are key to Metro Transit's crime prevention strategy and will be deployed at all D Line stations.

- **Emergency telephones:** An emergency telephone will be available at each D Line station with a 24/7 connection to Metro Transit Police Department.

How will the D Line impact vehicle and bicycle traffic?

The D Line buses will pull up to the station, allow passengers to board and exit the bus, and then will pull away. While a bus is stopped, it will occupy the bike lane and the lane of traffic and vehicles and bicycles will not be permitted to drive around the bus. Because all customers pay before boarding and can get on the bus through three wide doors, most stops take about 10-15 seconds. The D Line will not stop at the station if there are no passengers waiting at the stop or exiting the bus. In coordination with the City of Minneapolis, Metro Transit has completed a traffic study that has shown that the D Line will not result in substantial impact to traffic at this location.

Is Metro Transit considering “floating bus stops” at station locations?

A **floating bus stop** allows bicyclists to pass behind a bus stop, shelter, and amenities, traveling around a bus closer to the sidewalk as it stops. At most locations, floating bus stops are not under consideration for D Line stops due to existing street width constraints but may be considered during the engineering phase as site conditions allow.

When will construction begin?

Design work to determine the exact location of stations will occur through the end of 2018 and into 2019 with construction currently set to begin as early as 2020, pending full funding.

How long will stop construction typically take?

Major construction of similar stops on the A Line and the C Line has typically lasted around 2 months at each location, with multiple stops under construction at once. This timeline includes removing the existing pavement and sidewalk, underground station utility work, concrete sidewalks and shelter foundations. This can vary based on the type of stop and what exists at the intersection currently.
## What planning and outreach has happened at 48th and Chicago?

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| **Fall 2017** | Planning work to determine station locations began in 2017, which included an open house in October 2017 focused on gathering input on station locations on Chicago from 46th to 56th streets.  
 Input on a potential Chicago & 48th Street station at that time was mixed.                                                                                                     |
| **February 2018** | A Draft Station Plan was released for public comment in February 2018 without a Chicago & 48th Street station.  
 Metro Transit held six open houses on the project in February-March and conducted other outreach to reach corridor residents and businesses, Route 5 riders, and other stakeholders.                                      |
| **March 2018** | Draft Station Plan comments were collected through March 6.  
 During that time, Metro Transit heard significant support for adding a station at 48th from residents, as well as support from the City of Minneapolis.                                                                 |
| **May 2018** | A Recommended Station Plan was released in May 2018 for a 30-day comment period.  
 In response to heavily supportive public and agency comments on the Draft Plan, Metro Transit included a stop at Chicago & 48th Street in the revised plan.  
 During and prior to this comment period, staff solicited input by door-knocking, station visits, fact sheet distribution to businesses and on community boards, and email communications to residents and business. |
| **June 2018** | Recommended Station Plan comments were collected through June 8.  
 During that time, Metro Transit received a mix of support and opposition to a Chicago & 48th Street stop. In addition, the City of Minneapolis submitted an additional comment of support for a station at this location. |
| **July 2018** | Business owners at Chicago & 48th arranged a July 23 meeting to share concerns about the planned Chicago & 48th Street station with Metro Transit and Metropolitan Council officials.  
 The Metropolitan Council approved a Final Station Plan for the D Line on July 25 that included a stop at 48th. In its action to approve the plan, the Council also directed staff to continue planning and community engagement activities related to the planned station at 48th Street and Chicago Avenue. Following this work and through a future action, the Council will confirm or revise the planned station at this location. |
| **September 2018** | Metro Transit holds a community meeting on September 13 to share project information in response to community discussion and hear additional feedback on the planned station at Chicago & 48th Street.  
 Metro Transit releases public comments that occurred after station plan approval during public comment period on September 27th |
| **Late 2018** | The Metropolitan Council will take an action to confirm or revise the planned station at this location.                                                                                                      |