

# E Line UPDATE



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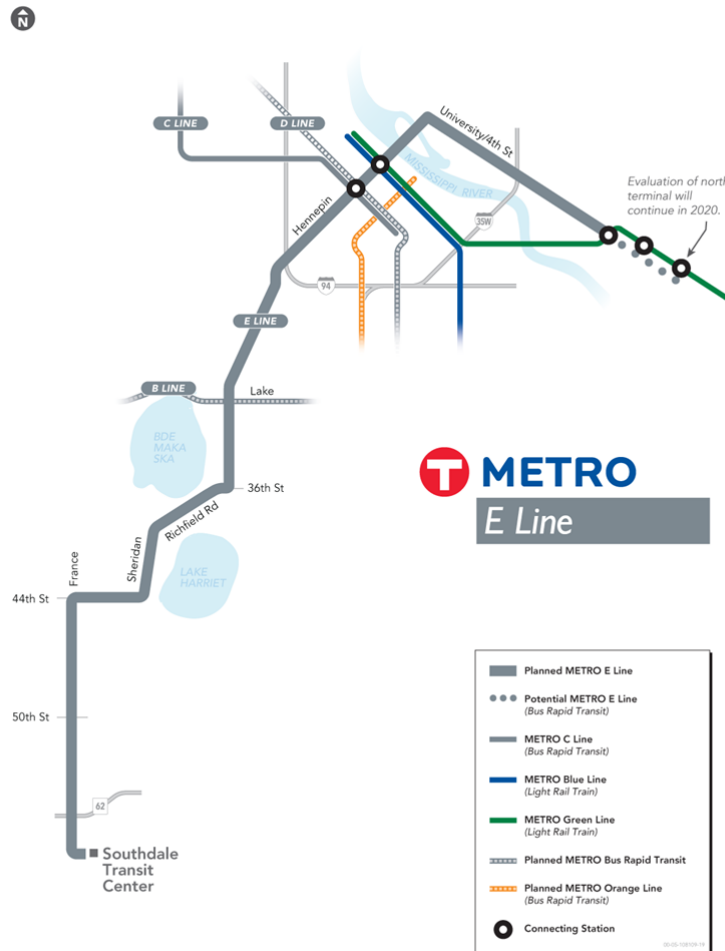
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### What is the E Line?

Metro Transit is planning improvements to the Route 6 corridor with the E Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. Bus Rapid Transit brings better amenities, faster service and a more comfortable ride.

For more information visit the project [web page](#).

## E Line alignment recommendation



Based on the work completed in the **E Line Corridor Study**, Metro Transit is recommending that the E Line run along 4th Street and University Avenue, through downtown and Uptown on Hennepin Avenue, to Southdale Transit Center via 44th Street and France Avenue.

Two other southern alignment options were considered in advanced analysis, both ending at Southdale Transit Center: one routing on 44th Street to Xerxes Avenue and the other on Xerxes Avenue to France

Avenue via 50th Street. Each of the three alignment options would similarly serve populations and jobs served, benefit to populations of concern, and to existing Route 6 riders.

The recommended alignment via 44th Street and France Avenue stands out due to its access to key regional destinations, serving the Fairview Southdale Hospital, and commercial centers at 44th Street and France, 50th Street and France.

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## Route 6 service recommendation

When E Line begins service, Metro Transit plans to simplify Route 6 to run from downtown Minneapolis to Minnesota Drive and France Avenue primarily via Hennepin Avenue and Xerxes Avenue, stopping at Southdale Center along the way. Route 6 would continue to make local bus stops and run every 20 minutes for most of the day.

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## On-going analysis of the northern terminal

On the north end of the route, Metro Transit is recommending that the E Line cross the river from downtown Minneapolis into the Marcy-Holmes and Dinkytown on 4th Street and University Avenue. Additional planning work is needed to determine whether the E Line should end at Stadium Village Station or Westgate Station. The need and feasibility of support facilities will continue to be studied by project staff in 2020.

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## Upcoming opportunities to learn and comment on E Line Recommendations

Check out the [E Line interactive map](#) to view the recommendation in more detail and let us know what you think.

Join us at one of the upcoming Open Houses (no formal presentation, come anytime) to learn more about the E Line recommendation, concept station locations, and planned connecting bus service and share your comments.

- **Wednesday, November 20**, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Marcy Open School, Multipurpose Room

- **Thursday, November 21**, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Pershing Recreation Center, Multipurpose Room

Can't join us? Submit your comments through the [interactive map](#) or send us an email at [Eline@metrotransit.org](mailto:Eline@metrotransit.org). Visit the project website [metrotransit.org/e-line-project](https://metrotransit.org/e-line-project) to learn more.

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## Future questions & steps

The Metropolitan Council will consider the recommended E Line alignment for adoption in January 2020 based on study results and public input. Following the adoption of the E Line alignment, E Line corridor planning, including more detailed station planning, will begin in 2020. Pending full project funding, E Line construction could begin as soon as 2023.

Metro Transit will continue to engage the community in the station planning and project development process.

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