



# METRO E Line Draft Corridor Plan

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# E Line Bus Rapid Transit Overview

- Substantial replacement of Route 6, fifth-highest ridership route (remains high during pandemic)
- E Line is fully funded with \$60 million preliminary budget, to be refined as project advances
- Construction targeted to begin in 2024 with targeted opening in 2025
- E Line planned service every 10 minutes for most of the day



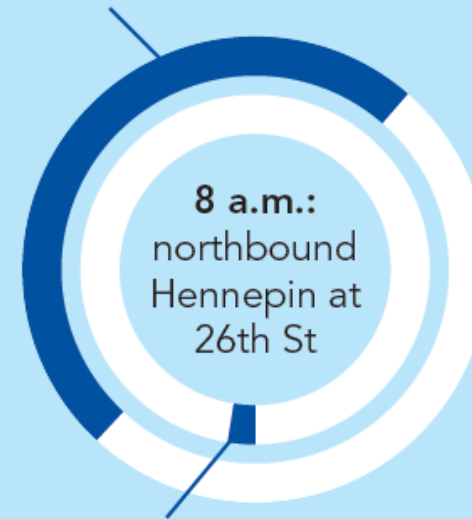
# Why arterial BRT?

- Provide faster, more reliable, more attractive bus service
- Address passenger facilities inadequate for the volume of people using them
- Improve the transit experience and comfort for riders at stops and on vehicles



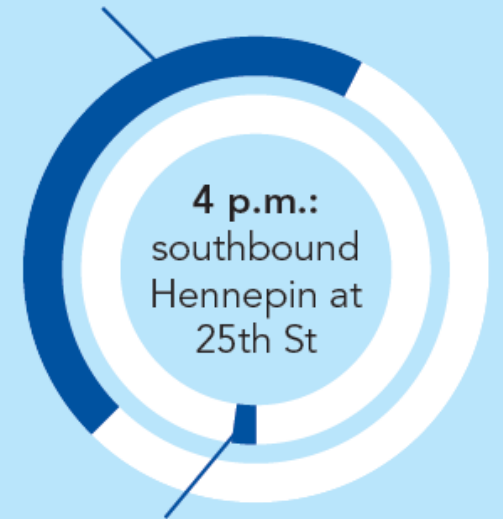
## Bus mode share during peak hours

49% of corridor users



3% of corridor vehicles

45% of corridor users



2% of corridor vehicles

Sources: Metro Transit, Oct. 2017; City of Minneapolis, Jan. 2018.



# Improving the existing transit experience

France Avenue & Sunnyside



Hennepin Avenue & Franklin





# What will METRO BRT stations look like?



- A** Pylon markers help riders identify stations from a distance.
- B** Real-time NexTrip signs provide bus information, and on-demand **annunciators** speak this information for people with low vision.
- C** Utility boxes near station areas house necessary communications and electrical equipment. (not pictured)
- D** Shelters provide weather protection and feature push-button, on-demand **heaters** and shelter **lighting**. Shelter sizes will vary based on customer demand (small shown here).

- E** Ticket machines and fare card validators collect all payment before customers board the bus.
- F** Emergency telephones provide a direct connection to Metro Transit police. Stations also feature **security cameras**.
- G** Stations feature **trash and recycling** containers.
- H** Platform edges are marked with a cast-iron **textured warning strip** to keep passengers safely away from the curb while the bus approaches. Many stations also feature **raised curbs** for easier boarding.

- I** Platform areas are distinguished by a dark gray concrete pattern.
- J** Some stations have pedestrian-scale **light fixtures** to provide a safe, well-lit environment. Fixtures will match existing lights in the surrounding area (not pictured)
- K** Benches at stations provide a place to sit.
- L** Stations have **bike parking**.

# Early planning: E Line Corridor Study (2018-2019)

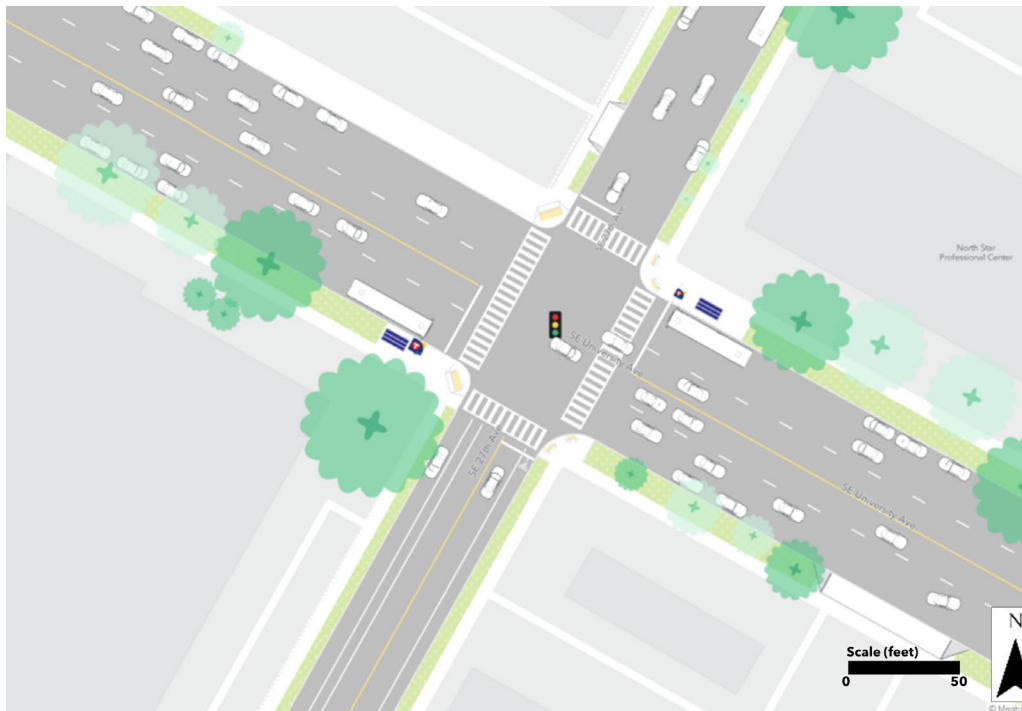
- Evaluated potential terminal and alignment alternatives
- Rider and community engagement
  - Community Advisory Committee
  - Open houses
  - Online survey with interactive map
  - Door knocking and meeting riders at stops
  - Meetings with neighborhoods
  - Communications to riders and community through established channels
- E Line alignment adopted by Metropolitan Council January 2020



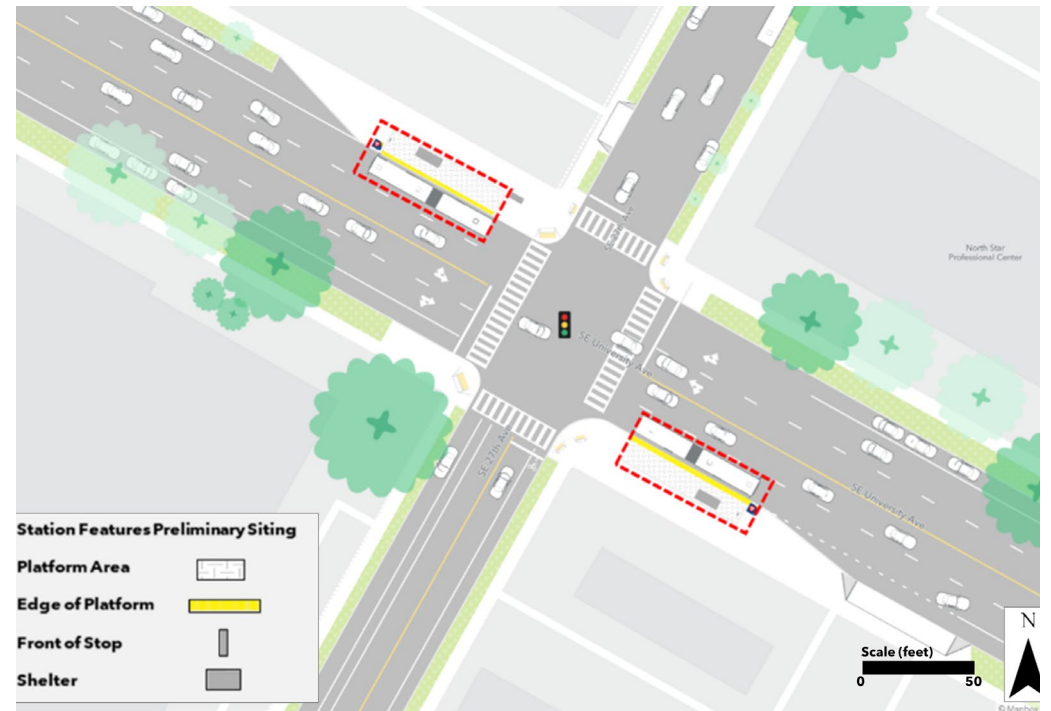
# E Line Draft Corridor Plan: Station and Platform Locations

- Proposed platform locations developed through site-specific review
- Excludes locations that have been or will be developed in coordination with other projects
- Concept designs will evolve through coordination and engineering

Existing University & 27th Avenue Station Area



Proposed University & 27th Avenue Station Plan





# Draft Plan Outreach and engagement strategies

- Public comment period: September 20 – October 31
- Project website ([metrotransit.org/e-line-project](https://metrotransit.org/e-line-project))
  - Key information and station concepts
  - Draft Corridor Plan
  - Corridor overview video
  - Survey form for feedback on specific stations
- Direct mailing (postcard)
- Email to subscribers and Rider Alerts
- In-person feedback at bus stops and on buses
- Partner with community organizations and neighborhood groups along corridor
- Flyers to post along corridor
- Social media



## Corridor Plan next steps

- Draft Corridor Plan:
  - Seeking public comment September 20 – October 31
- Recommended Corridor Plan:
  - Targeting public comment period in February 2022
- Final Corridor Plan:
  - Metropolitan Council action to approve in March 2022

## Review the corridor plan and provide comment

- Review the draft corridor plan and provide comments at [metrotransit.org/e-line-corridor-plan](https://metrotransit.org/e-line-corridor-plan)
- Email: [Eline@metrotransit.org](mailto:Eline@metrotransit.org)