

The new METRO E Line

Faster transit is coming to the Route 6 corridor.

The METRO E Line is a planned Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line that will provide faster and more reliable transit in the Route 6 corridor. BRT service is a package of transit enhancements that adds up to a **faster trip and an improved experience** on Metro Transit's busiest bus routes.

Pre-pandemic, buses carried approximately 45% of people traveling by vehicle on Hennepin Avenue, but made up just 3% of the motorized traffic. More than 8,000 rides were taken on Route 6 each weekday in 2019. Route 6 ridership has remained strong, even during the pandemic.

The METRO E Line will travel along 4th Street and University Avenue, through downtown and Uptown on Hennepin Avenue to Southdale Transit Center in Edina via 44th Street and France Avenue.

Route 6 will be simplified to travel from downtown Minneapolis to Minnesota Drive and France Avenue primarily via Hennepin Avenue and Xerxes Avenue, running every 20 minutes most of the day.

E Line Corridor Planning

Metro Transit is seeking your feedback on proposed station locations and service identified in the Draft E Line Corridor Plan. Please share your feedback by Oct. 31.

Preliminary Project Schedule *(subject to change)*



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Changes coming to Route 6

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What makes the METRO E Line different?

This will be the fifth arterial Bus Rapid Transit line in the region. This cost-effective way to speed up service substantially improves the customer experience and has proven to attract more people to use transit regularly.

Neighborhood-scale stations with amenities

Stations are equipped with features for a safe and comfortable experience, similar to light rail.

- NexTrip, real-time arrival and departure information
- On-demand heat, security lighting and emergency communications
- Near-level boarding – walk onto the bus without having to climb steps
- Bike parking and trash receptacles



Limited stops, frequent service

The E Line will run every 10 minutes for most of the day with stations every 1/3 to 1/2 mile.

Pre-boarding fare payment for faster stops

For faster boarding through all doors, E Line buses won't have fareboxes. Customers will purchase a ticket or tap a Go-To Card at the station, just like light rail. Fare inspections will be conducted by Metro Transit police.



New infrastructure to increase speed

In addition to the improved stations and wider stop spacing, Metro Transit and its partners are exploring options to make the E Line even faster. Options include:

- E Line buses will use signal priority to keep moving; buses could “ask” for early or extended green lights at certain intersections
- Bus-only lanes along portions of the E Line corridor to keep buses out of traffic