



# METRO H Line Draft Corridor Plan

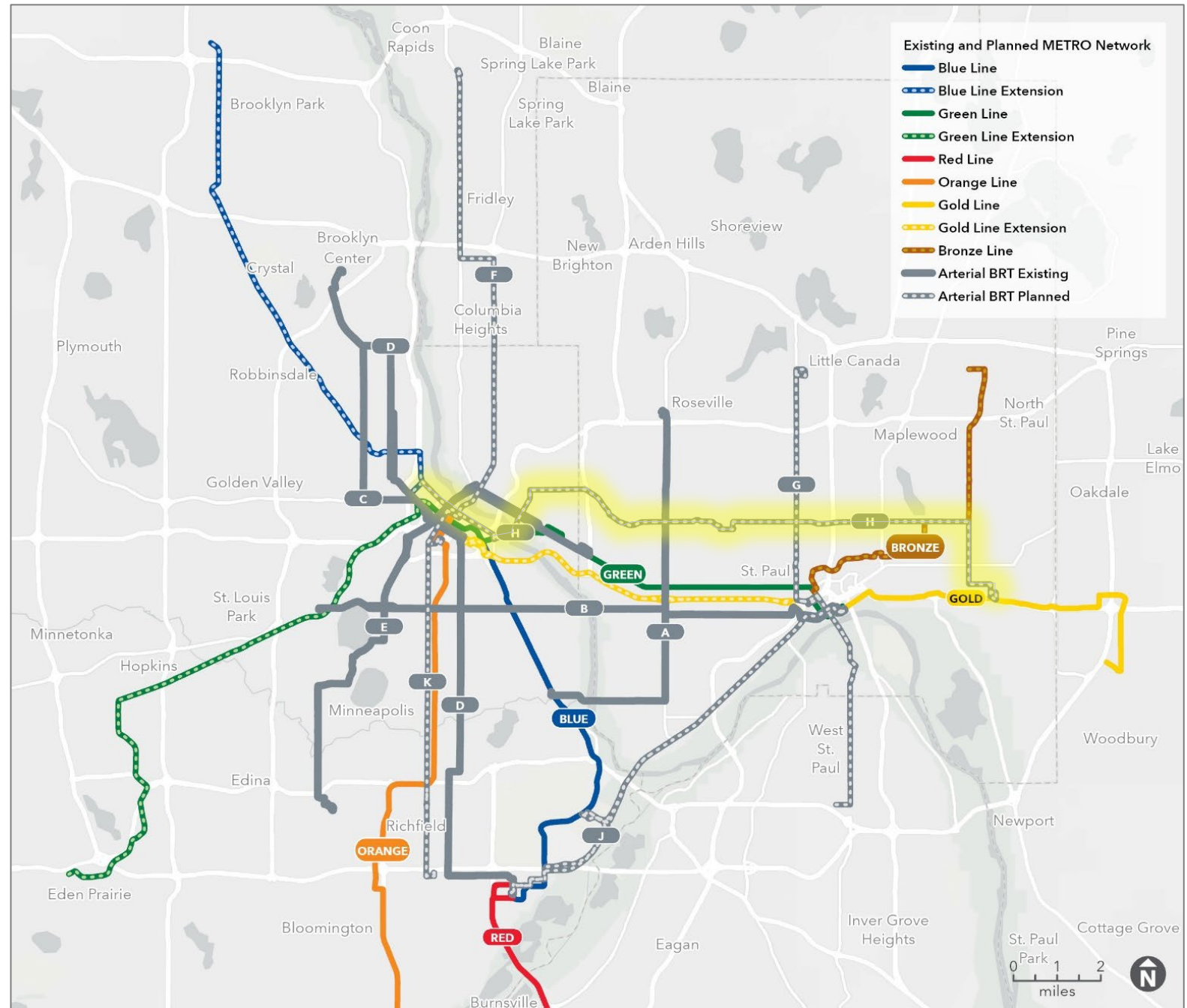
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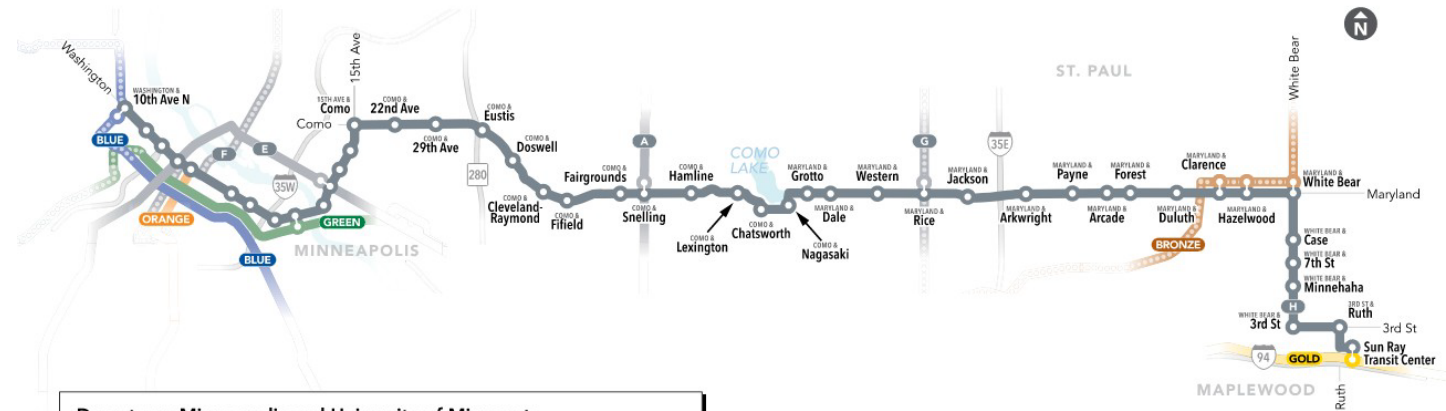
# METRO H Line

- 8th arterial BRT line in the METRO network
- Downtown Minneapolis to Sun Ray Transit Center on Saint Paul's East Side
- New crosstown service filling a gap along Maryland Ave
- Connecting with most existing and planned METRO lines



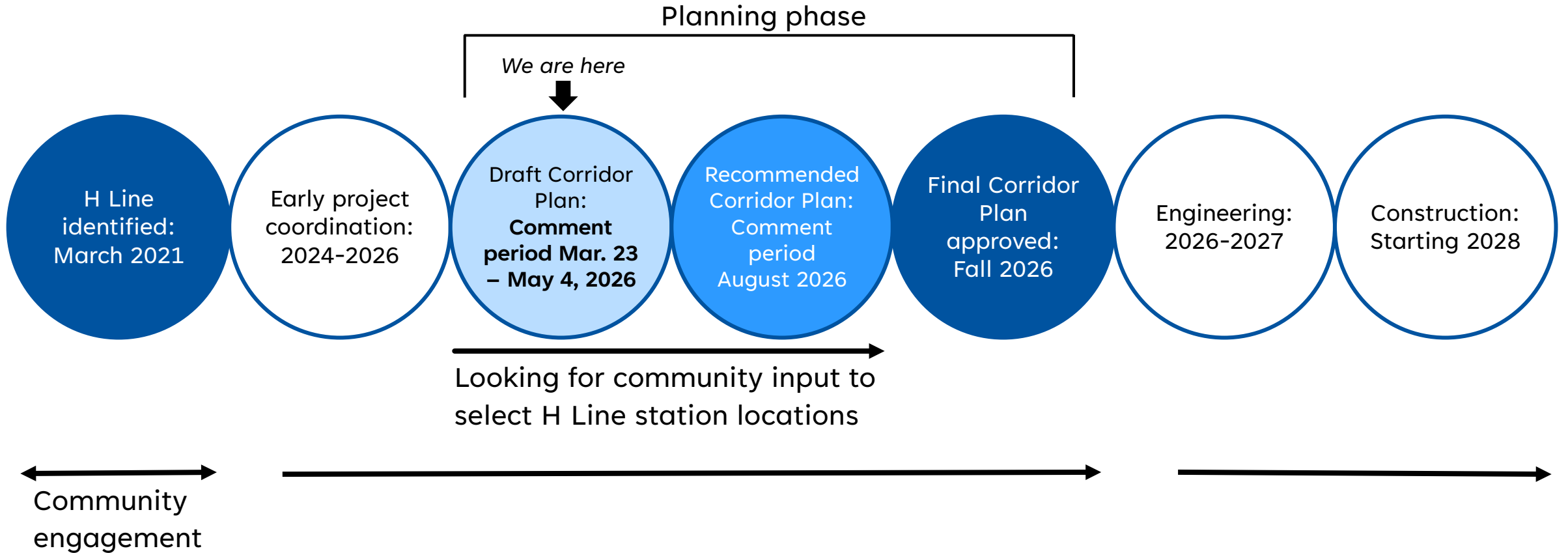
# METRO H Line bus rapid transit

- Fast, frequent, all-day service
- 17-mile BRT line
  - Primarily on Washington, Como, Maryland, and White Bear avenues
- 45 proposed BRT stations
  - 3 shared with Bronze Line on Maryland Avenue
- Planned to upgrade and replace existing Route 3, with modifications to other routes



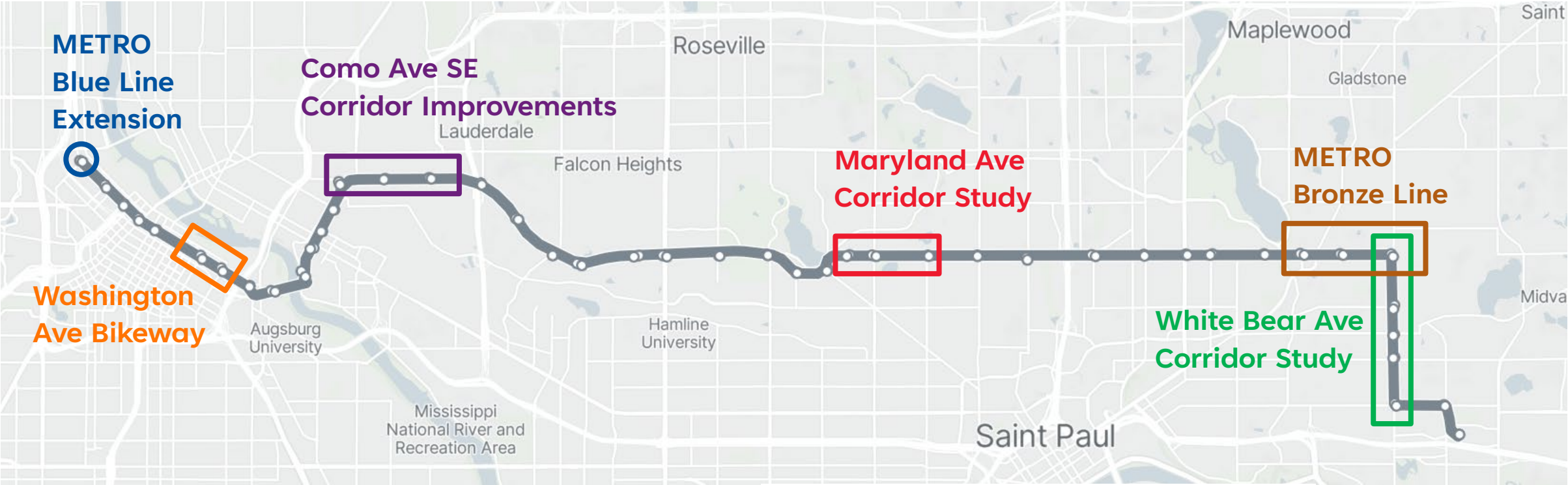
METRO H Line (Bus Rapid Transit)	
	A and E lines (Bus Rapid Transit)
	Blue Line (Light Rail)
	Green Line (Light Rail)
	Gold Line (Bus Rapid Transit)
	Orange Line (Bus Rapid Transit)
	F and G lines (Bus Rapid Transit)
	Blue Line Extension (Light Rail)
	Green Line Extension (Light Rail)
	Bronze Line (Bus Rapid Transit)

# H Line project schedule



# Coordinated projects

- Partnerships with other agencies are critical to H Line project
- Coordinating planning and engagement with separate projects in the corridor



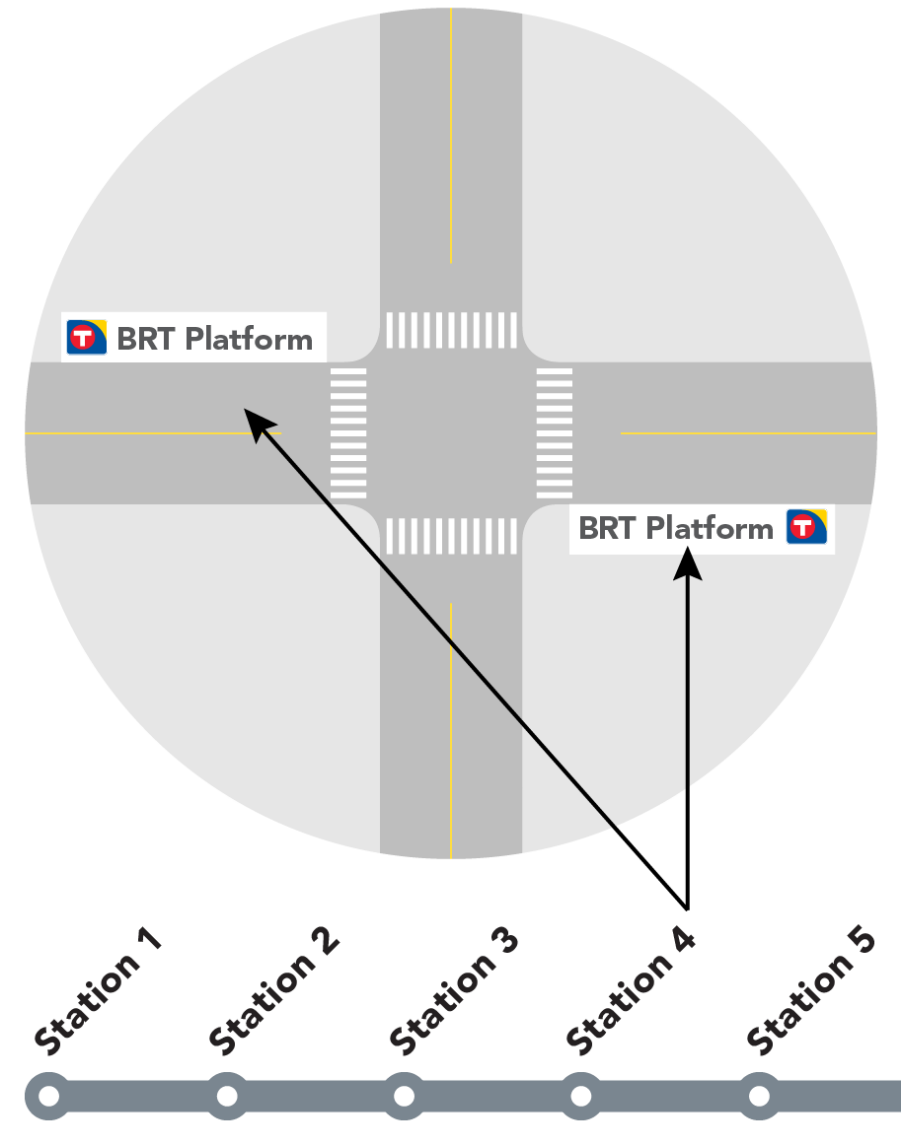
Major coordinated projects included

# Planning phase – focus is on station locations

- Identify, evaluate, and finalize **station and platform locations**
- **Corridor Plan** establishes policy basis for H Line station locations
- **Engage riders and the public**
  - Share information about the project and how to participate
  - Collect input and feedback to shape the contents of the Corridor Plan
- Gather input and coordinate with agency and public partners
  - Saint Paul, Ramsey County, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, MnDOT, U of M, MPRB

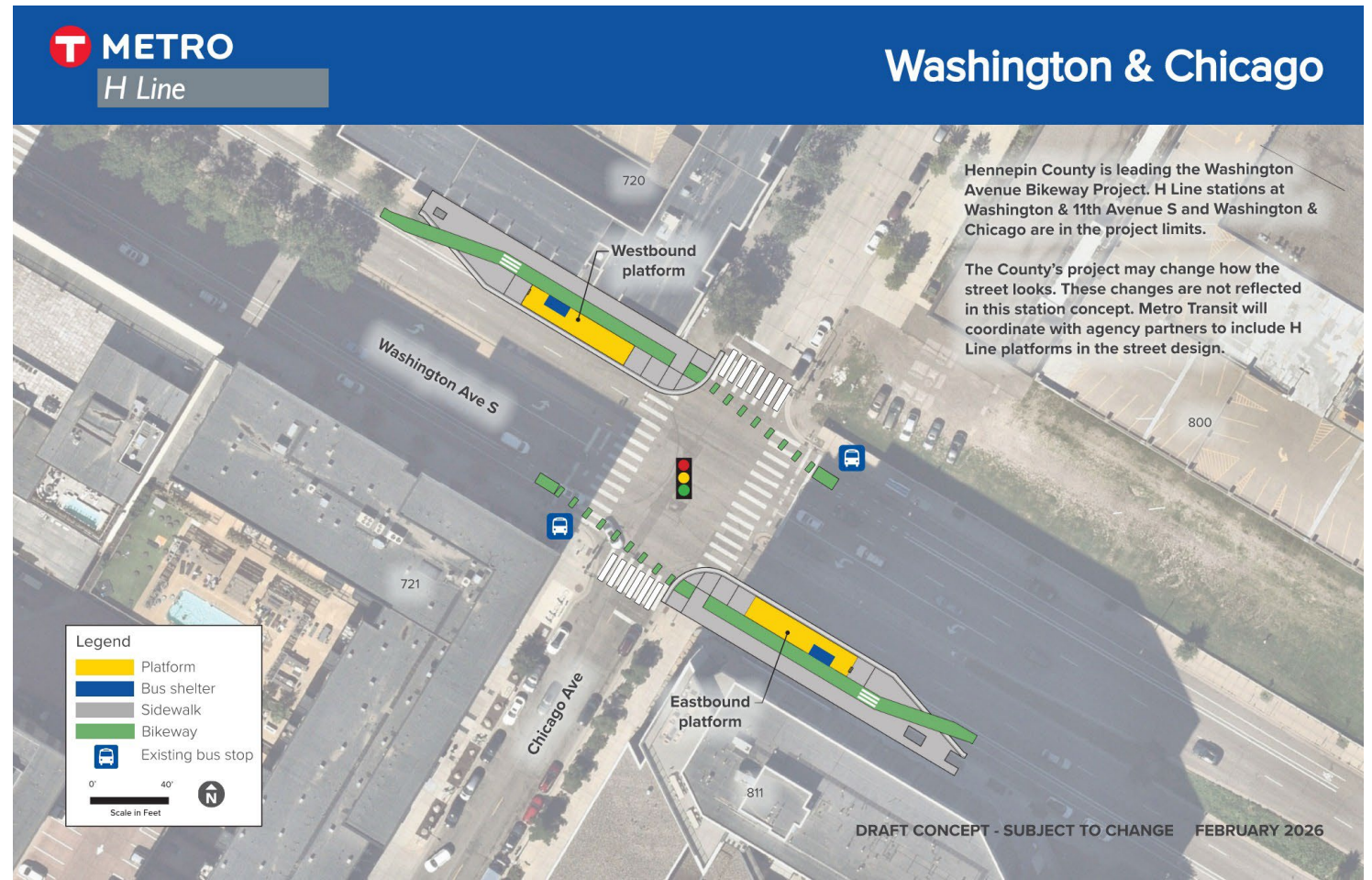
# What is included in the Corridor Plan?

- Proposed **station** locations
- Proposed **platform** locations within the station intersection
- Information about how and why proposed locations were determined



# Draft Corridor Plan proposed station and platform locations

- Station **concepts** illustrating platform locations in context
- Coordinated project information
- Station and platform **designs** will be finalized during the engineering phase (2026-2027)



# Draft Corridor Plan public comment period

- **6-week public comment period:  
March 23 – May 4**
- Preceded by several months building awareness about the project
  - Community spaces, events, and neighborhood organizations
  - In-reach with Metro Transit operators
- Survey used as primary tool for collecting input – online and paper versions



# Public engagement strategies

- Survey: online and in person
- Postcards mailed to all homes, businesses, and property owners along the corridor
- Supplemental letter mailed to neighbors nearest stations
- Targeted door knocking of neighbors nearest stations
- Lawn signs, posting flyers in community
- Advertising on private benches at bus stops
- Email newsletters, project webpage, social media, Rider Alerts
- Coordinated project engagement
- Partner with neighborhood, community, student, and other groups
- Community events and meetings
- Pop-up events at libraries, community centers, grocery stores
- Engage bus riders onboard, at existing stops and transit centers
- Translation of documents: English, Spanish, Somali, Oromo, Hmong, Vietnamese, Karen

# Corridor Plan next steps

- This is the first of two public comment periods
- Public comment period #2: August – September 2026



# Thank You!

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