



# Public Engagement Summary

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

Between May and September 2023, METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project staff conducted engagement with the public, including corridor residents, employees, business owners, and other stakeholders, to share information about the project, answer questions, and seek input regarding the [Route Modification Study \(RMS\) Phase II](#). The RMS Phase II is evaluating the White Bear Ave Corridor—BRT operating along Maryland, White Bear, and Beam avenues north of Cook Ave Station to the Maplewood Mall area—as an alternative to co-locating BRT along the Bruce Vento Regional Trail, north of Maryland Avenue.

The goals and objectives of this engagement period included:

- Sharing general project information to inform the public about the project.
- Sharing the reasons for beginning RMS Phase II and the anticipated scope and schedule of RMS Phase II.
- Soliciting feedback on existing conditions and transportation operations in the White Bear Ave Corridor.
- Informing the public and soliciting feedback about proposed station locations for the White Bear Avenue Corridor.
- Updating the public on the Arcade Station location advancement.

Engagement methods included presenting at in-person and virtual community meetings and tabling at community events; pop-up tabling at businesses and institutions; canvassing along the corridor; meetings with key stakeholders; conducting online and paper surveys; distributing handouts, display boards, and other translated materials; and communicating updates through the project website, social media, and email newsletters. Project staff attended over 25 community meetings/events and reached approximately 800–900 people.

Project staff informed and received feedback from community groups, business representatives, municipal committees, organizations, corridor residents, municipal staff, elected officials, and other project partners.

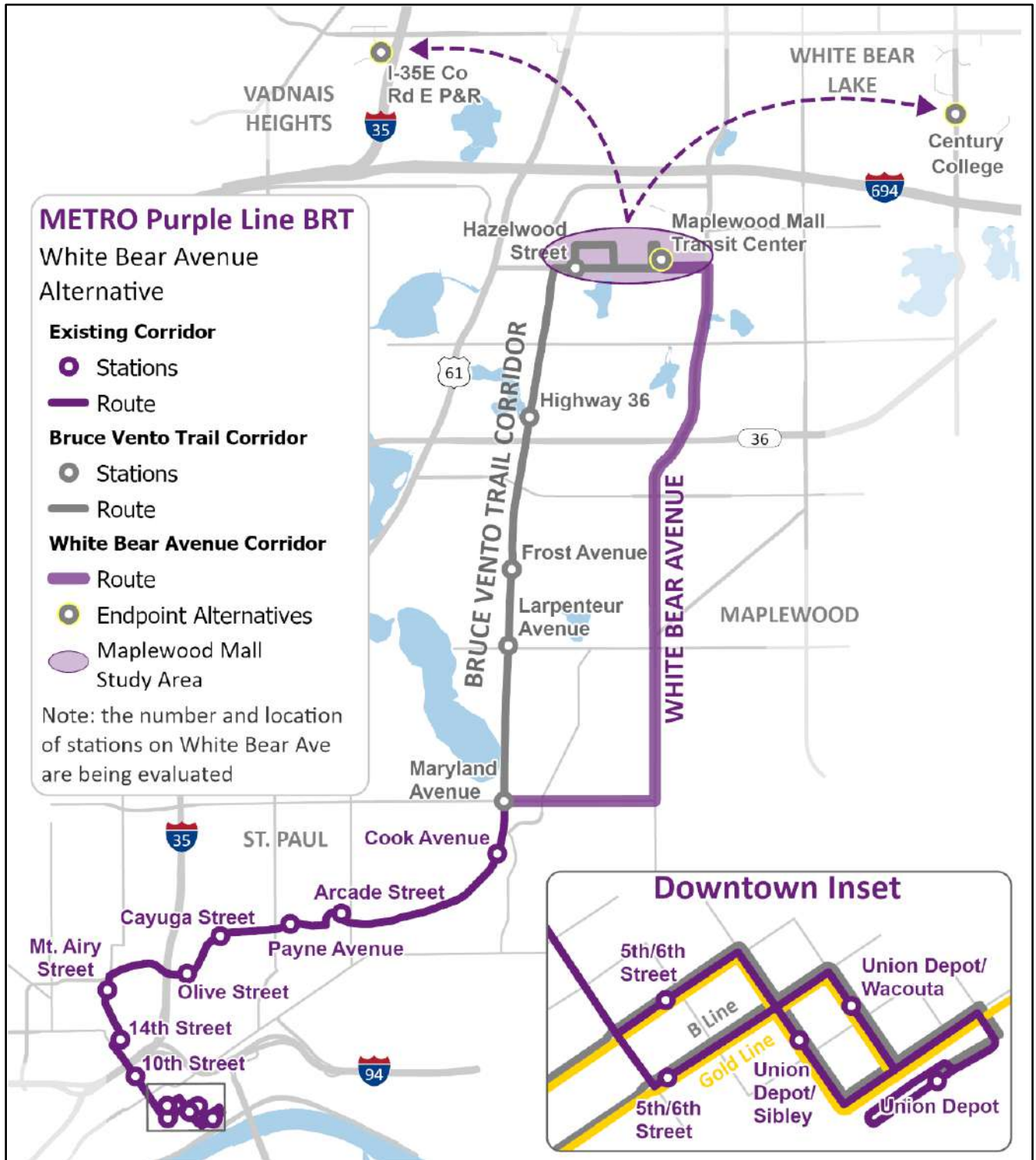
This engagement summary report summarizes the engagement methods implemented and the feedback received.

**FIGURE 1: PROJECT STAFF AND PUBLIC AT COMMUNITY MEETING IN SAINT PAUL**





FIGURE 2: RMS PHASE II CORRIDOR EVALUATION



## 2. ENGAGEMENT METHODS

This section outlines the approach and strategies implemented to gather input, insights, and feedback from community members, businesses, and stakeholders. The following sections provide an overview of the key elements and steps involved in engaging with the White Bear Ave community.

### 2.1. Community Meetings and Events

Throughout May–September 2023, project staff have attended various community meetings, open houses, or community events to inform the public and collect feedback on the proposed potential station locations, through the following:

#### 2.1.1 Community Events

Staff attended several community events—events organized by others and open to the public—to spread awareness about the project and collect feedback. Staff engaged over 300 people through community events. The date, location, and approximate number of people engaged at each event is below.

- Saturday, May 13 | 11–3 p.m. | Big Red Barn Spring Arts & crafts Fair: 56 people
- Saturday & Sunday, June 3–4 | 10–4 p.m. | Union Depot Train Day: 116 people
- Thursday, June 29 | 6–9 p.m. | Purple People Event: 26 people
- Thursday, June 29 | 6–9 p.m. | “What’s Happening on WBA” hosted by Greater East Side Community Council at Cups and Cheers: 35 people
- Wednesday, July 26 | 5:30–7:30 p.m. | Maplewood Summer Event: 16 people
- Saturday, September 9 | 12–7 p.m. | Uniquely East Side Community Event: 23 people
- Wednesday, September 13 | 5:30–7 p.m. | Maplewood Touch a Trunk: 34 people
- Saturday, September 16 | 12–4 p.m. | Fiesta Latina: 65 people
- Saturday, September 16 | 10–12 p.m. | White Bear Parade: 99 people

#### 2.1.2 Proposed Station Location Meetings

Project staff hosted three community meetings to inform the public about the proposed station locations for the White Bear Ave Corridor. Twelve station locations were recommended for further advancement; however, platform locations were not yet determined. Two meetings were in person; one meeting was hosted virtually via Microsoft Teams. Over 100 total people attended these community meetings. The date, locations, and attendance of each meeting is below.

- Tuesday, July 25 | 5–7 p.m. | Hayden Heights Library; 1456 White Bear Ave, St. Paul: 40 people
- Thursday, August 3 | 12–1:30 p.m. | Microsoft Teams Meeting: 33 people

- Wednesday, August 9 | 6–8 p.m. | Maplewood YMCA Community Center; 2100 White Bear Ave, Maplewood: 40 people

The in-person meetings included display boards, a roll-plot of the corridor, a project factsheet, a feedback survey, and general comment cards. Project staff were available to present project information and answer questions in an “open-house” format. The virtual meeting included a PowerPoint presentation and an interactive survey using Mentimeter.

The community meetings about the proposed station location were advertised through a postcard, a newsletter, social media posts, a flyer, and via stakeholder communications. The postcard was mailed to about 10,000 addresses adjacent to the corridor.

### 2.1.3 Committee Meetings

Staff engaged with municipal, community organization, and project-hosted committees during this engagement period. Presentations to community organizations are listed below. These presentations introduced RMS Phase II, the project schedule, and any relevant RMS Phase II updates.

- Tuesday, June 27 | 6–8 p.m. | Payne-Phalen Community Council
- Thursday, June 29 | 6–9 p.m. | Great East Side Community Council
- Monday, August 21 | 4:30–6 p.m. | Transportation Committee of the Saint Paul Planning Commission
- Thursday, September 14 | 2–4 p.m. | Iowa High Rise – Resident Council

#### Community and Business Advisory Committee (CBAC)

The project has convened a Community and Business Advisory Committee (CBAC) comprised of local residents and businesses representatives along the Purple Line project area to advise the Metropolitan Council on project decisions (see the [project website](#) to learn more about CBAC and other project committees). The CBAC met three times during this engagement period, listed below.

- Monday, May 22 | 2–3.30 p.m. | covered the wrap-up of RMS Phase I and introduction of RMS Phase II
- Wednesday, June 21 | 2–3.30 p.m. | covered the work plan and schedule for RMS Phase II
- Monday, September 11 | 4–5:30 p.m. | covered proposed station locations presented to the public in August 2023.

Since August 2023, staff have sought new members to join CBAC to include the perspectives that represent residents and business along the White Bear Ave Corridor. Staff contacted businesses along the corridor and people that have engaged with the project during summer 2023 engagement activities. People interested in joining CBAC were asked to complete an application available online.

On September 7, staff submitted a memorandum to Metropolitan Council Chairman Charlie Zelle and Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt to seek concurrence on the recommendation for one member to join CBAC as a Maplewood resident representative.

Project staff will continue to recruit within the corridor throughout the fall to find interested residents and business owners.

### 2.1.4 Pop-up Tabling

Staff conducted “pop-up” tabling at businesses, institutions, and other recurring community events to engage the public during their typical day. Staff engaged over 200 people through pop-ups. The date, location, and approximate number of people engaged at each pop-up is below.

- Monday, May 1 | 9–1 p.m. | Ramsey County Service Center: 16 people
- Tuesday, May 2 | 11–1 p.m. | Hayden Heights Library: 10 people
- Tuesday, May 9 | 9–1 p.m. | Harmony Learning Center: 50 people
- Wednesday, May 10 | 11:30–2 p.m. | Johnson Senior High School (Arcade follow-up): 18 people
- Tuesday, May 16 | 12–2:30 p.m. | 800 Minnehaha Office builder (Arcade follow-up): 26 people
- Wednesday, May 17 | 8–12 p.m. | Aldrich Arena Farmer’s Market: 12 people
- Tuesday, May 23 | 5–7 p.m. | Hayden Heights Library: 10 people
- Tuesday, May 30 | 5–8 p.m. | Harmony learning Center: 18 people
- Wednesday, May 31 | 8–12 p.m. | Aldrich Arena Farmer’s Market: 32 people
- Wednesday, June 7 | 10–2 p.m. | St. Paul Farmer’s Market: 18 people
- Wednesday, June 14 | 8–12 p.m. | Aldrich Arena Farmer’s Market: 14 people
- Wednesday, June 21 | 8–12 p.m. | Aldrich Arena Farmer’s Market: 20 people
- Monday, June 26 | 9–1 p.m. | Ramsey County Service Center: 8 people
- Monday, September 18 | 9-12 p.m. | Ramsey County Service Center: 12 people
- Friday, September 29 | 10-11:30 a.m. | Iowa High Rise: 28

### 2.1.5 Canvassing

Project staff canvassed businesses, residents, and transit users along the White Bear Ave Corridor to provide meeting notifications and solicit input on project elements.

#### Business Canvassing

Staff canvassed businesses along the White Bear Ave Corridor at the start of RMS Phase II to raise awareness about the project and collect business feedback and contact information. The dates, locations, and people engaged are below.

- Tuesday, June 6 | 10–12:30 p.m. | covering area around Larpenteur Ave and White Bear Ave: 25 people
- Thursday, June 22 | 11–1 p.m. | covering the area between 11th & Gervais Ave to County Rd C on White Bear Ave: 16 people

Staff canvassed over 170 businesses along Maryland and White Bear avenues in mid-July, focusing on business that have property adjacent to the corridor or whose operations could be impacted by the project to collect feedback and business operations information. Canvassing was conducted over 4 days and 5 shifts, described below.

- Tuesday, June 6 | 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. | covering the area between Idaho Ave and Ripley Ave on White Bear Ave
- Tuesday, July 11 | 1–3 p.m. | covering the area between Johnson Parkway to Kennard St on Maryland Ave
- Tuesday, July 11 | 3–5 p.m. | covering the area between Nebraska Ave to Larpenteur Ave on White Bear Ave
- Wednesday, July 12 | 1–3 p.m. | covering the area between Larpenteur Ave to Highway 36 on White Bear Ave
- Tuesday, July 18 | 3–5 p.m. | covering the area between Highway 36 to Beam Ave on White Bear Ave
- Wednesday, July 19 | 1–3 p.m. | covering the area between Maryland Ave to Nebraska Ave on White Bear Ave

Staff distributed a project factsheet, a flyer about the proposed station location community meetings, and an “inventory” survey about business operations and project feedback. If someone wasn’t available to complete the survey with the staff member, the staff member left behind the survey which could be completed online. The survey is described more in Section 2.2.3.

Staff made over 70 contacts and collected surveys from 27 businesses (17 completed in-person, 10 completed online).

### **Resident Canvassing**

Staff conducted door-knocking of residential areas and apartment buildings to spread awareness about the project. Staff left behind door hangers or flyers if no one answered.

- Tuesday, August 1 | 5:30–7 p.m. | National Night Out block parties; 16 locations across St. Paul and Maplewood adjacent to the corridor: 80 people
- Wednesday, August 30 | 2–4 p.m. | Ames Lake Apartment Complex, St. Paul: 14 people

### **Transit User Canvassing**

Staff surveyed and spoke with existing transit users in the White Bear Ave Corridor on bus routes 54, 64, and 80. Staff talked to transit users and bus operators while on the bus or at bus stops along the corridor, including the Maplewood Mall Transit Center—a Park & Ride facility. Staff engaged over 125 transit users. The dates, locations and approximate number of people engaged at each event is below.

- Wednesday, May 10 | 3:30–5:30 p.m. | Maplewood Mall Transit Center: 15 people
- Thursday, May 11 | 8–10:30 a.m. | Bus Route 80 and 64: 64 people

- Thursday, May 18 | 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Bus Route 80 and 64: 22 people
- Tuesday, June 13 | 2:30–4:30 p.m. | Bus Route 80, 64, and 54: 17 people
- Friday, August 25 | 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | 11<sup>th</sup> Ave/Gervais Ave & White Bear Ave Bus Stops (served by routes 54, 64, and 80): 8 people

## 2.2. Materials

A variety of resources were created to inform the public and solicit feedback, including handouts, display boards, surveys, notices, and webpage content.

### 2.2.1 Handouts

#### **Factsheet**

Staff developed a project factsheet in May 2023 to introduce RMS Phase II, BRT, the project’s purpose and need, station location planning, next steps, and project contact information. The May 2023 Factsheet, provided in Appendix A, was translated in Spanish, Somali, Hmong, and Karen.

#### **Door Hanger**

Staff developed a door hanger in May 2023 to introduce METRO Purple Line BRT, next steps for RMS Phase II, and project contact information. The May 2023 Door Hanger, provided in Appendix A, was translated into Spanish, Somali, Hmong, and Karen.

#### **Corridor Tour Packet**

Staff developed a Summer/Fall 2023 tour packet in June 2023 for use during guided tours with the Federal Transit Administration, the Metropolitan Council, and other agency stakeholders. The tour packet introduces RMS Phase II; corridor socioeconomic demographics of the White Bear Ave Corridor and the Bruce Vento Regional Trail Corridor; the METRO H Line overlap with the project; and existing conditions of the White Bear Ave Corridor (i.e., bus stops, traffic signals, right-of-way widths, roadway configurations, bike network, wetlands, aerial imagery, and development potential). The Summer/Fall 2023 tour packet is available upon request.

### 2.2.2 Display Boards

Staff developed display boards, go-books of the display board content, and a roll-plot for community meetings and events.

#### **Display Boards**

Staff developed 20 boards for the proposed station location community meetings in July and August 2023 and covered the following topics: the future METRO network; BRT characteristics; Twin Cities transit service types; the project’s purpose and need; the project schedule; RMS Phase I outcome; Arcade Street Station advancement; RMS Phase II process; proposed station locations on the White Bear Ave Corridor; and Metro Transit’s safety and security procedures. The exact number of boards and content displayed at

the in-person meetings was adjusted based on available space. The display boards are available in Appendix B.

### **Go-Books and Community Space Posters**

Staff converted the display board content into 11 inch by 17 inch, laminated binders in July 2023. The “go-books” were brought to community meetings to aid discussion or left behind in community spaces for the public to engage with project materials at their own pace.

Staff also developed two posters to leave behind at community spaces with the go-books, the station location survey, and general comment cards. One poster provided an overview of the METRO Purple Line, BRT, and RMS Phase II; this poster was translated into Spanish, Hmong, Somali, and Karen. The second poster provided an overview of the proposed station locations on the White Bear Ave Corridor on an aerial with existing bus stops and a sample of community organizations and businesses; this poster was translated into Spanish and Somali. The posters are available in Appendix C.

### **Roll Plot**

Staff developed a large roll-plot for the community meetings and events in July and August 2023. The roll plot provided an overview of the proposed station locations on the White Bear Ave Corridor, existing bus stops, and a sample of community organizations and businesses. The roll-plot was used during the proposed station location meetings for community members to write on or apply sticky notes with feedback. Staff created a laminated version of the roll-plot to reuse at other community events.

## **2.2.3 Surveys**

Staff implemented three surveys over the course of this engagement period: interactive feedback map; business inventory survey, and station location survey.

### **Interactive Feedback Map**

Staff implemented an interactive feedback map survey at the beginning of RMS Phase II. The tool allows for map-based open-ended feedback and helps log geographic specific comments.

The interactive feedback map shows the alignment of METRO Purple Line BRT from downtown St. Paul through Maplewood. The map shows the Bruce Vento Regional Trail Corridor and the White Bear Ave Corridor, as illustrated in Figure 2. The map shows existing bus stops along the White Bear Ave Corridor, the overlap with the planned METRO H Line, and the Purple Line BRT endpoint options. The proposed station areas were added in July 2023.

The public can engage with the map by selecting the type of comment they would like to make then selecting where on the map they would like to leave the comment. Staff predetermined the follows types of comments: auto traffic idea or concern; bike idea or concern; transit idea or concern; walk/roll idea or concern; question; other idea or concern; parks and open space; and development/redevelopment. The last two comment types were added in August 2023 to expand engagement related to station area planning. The interactive feedback map can be translated into any language available by Google



Translate. The interactive feedback map will be updated with project information throughout RMS Phase II.

[View the interactive feedback map here.](#)

### **Business Inventory Survey**

Staff developed a business inventory survey for canvassing businesses along the White Bear Ave Corridor to understand their operations. The survey covered the following topics: respondents and business information; property information; trash and delivery operations; access information; hours of operation; and thoughts about METRO Purple Line BRT in the White Bear Ave Corridor.

The survey is hosted online with SurveyMonkey and is translated into Spanish, Somali, and Hmong. The English, Spanish, and Somali versions are all available via one link. The Hmong version is available via a second link. SurveyMonkey does not support quick translation to Hmong from English.

[View the Business Inventory Survey here.](#)

### **Station Location Survey**

Staff implemented the Station Location Survey to solicit feedback on the proposed station locations along the White Bear Ave Corridor through August 2023. The survey was available on-paper at the in-person community meetings, conducted virtually with Mentimeter during the virtual community meeting and during the September 2023 CBAC meeting. The survey was also available online via the project website and interactive feedback map through August 2023.

The survey asked what station locations should be prioritized, what was important to consider when selecting a station, other station locations should be considered, and whether more frequent stations or faster service was more important. The survey was promoted during in-person engagement activities (community meetings, pop-ups, canvassing, etc.) and through digital advertising (social media, project emails, project website). The project team received 64 responses from paper or online surveys and 20 responses from virtual meetings using Mentimeter.

## **2.2.4 Notices**

### **Postcards**

Staff distributed a postcard to advertise the proposed station location community meetings. Approximately 10,000 postcards were mailed to homes within a half-mile of the White Bear Avenue Corridor during the week of July 10. The postcard provided information about date, location, and purpose of the three community meetings. The postcard is available in Appendix A.

### **Flyers**

Staff developed three flyers to communicate project information with the community along the White Bear Avenue corridor. Staff developed a flyer for sharing details on how to use the interactive feedback map in June 2023 and directed people to the online map, provided user instructions, and provided feedback prompts such as, “what concerns or opportunities do you see with either route” and “what



questions do you have about the route options”. Staff developed a flyer advertising the proposed station location community meetings. It provided locations and times, a map of the corridor, and a QR code to visit the project website for the latest information and an opportunity to share feedback. Finally, staff developed a flyer to invite community member to join CBAC. The flyer provided brief information about the committee and directed people to the online application.

All three flyers are available in Appendix A.

### **Social Media**

Staff also advertised project activities through the METRO Purple Line Facebook (674 followers as of September 2023) and X (formerly Twitter; 368 followers as of September 2023) accounts. Both platforms posted 16 posts between May and September, sharing updates, and inviting the public to community and project-hosted events. Each post ranged between 0–16 likes, with minimal comments. Posts that shared the beginning of the RMS Phase II evaluation and the interactive feedback map received the most engagement. Comments on these posts ranged from confusion about BRT to concern about costs, delay of construction, and increase of crime. Social media users discussed the potential benefits or drawbacks of Purple Line in the comments sections (e.g., Bruce Vento Trail, tree loss, loss of driving lanes on WBA).

### **Newsletters**

Staff distributed five newsletters during this engagement period, on April 27, June 6, July 20, August 2, and September 22. The April 27 newsletter shared the announcement that the project will evaluate Maryland and White Bear avenues as an alternative route to the route through the Bruce Vento Regional Trail Corridor, north of Maryland Avenue. This newsletter also described next steps and the goal for the new option in the coming year. The July 20 newsletter shared that the recommended final route and northern endpoint is anticipated in the fall of 2024. The September 22 newsletter shared the news that at the September 13 CMC meeting, the committee concurred with the “project staff recommendation to advance these 12 proposed Purple Line BRT station locations along White Bear and Maryland avenues for purposes of further technical evaluation and community engagement.” All newsletters shared Purple Line updates, upcoming community events and meetings, ways to get involved, and how to stay up to date on project activities.

All five newsletters are available on the [project website](#).

### **Project Update Memos to Corridor Cities**

Staff sent several project update memos during this engagement period to Purple Line policymakers and staff. Three city-specific memos were sent to Maplewood on May 4, June 1, and June 29. One city specific memo was sent to Saint Paul on June 29. Three project-wide updates were sent jointly to Maplewood and Saint Paul on July 20, August 24, and September 28. Each memo shared current project status and activities, community outreach and engagement feedback, and upcoming project related public meetings and events. In the September 28 project update memo, updates were given regarding station area planning and Purple Line will be advancing the 12 proposed stations from the August 24 newsletter per CMC recommendation.

All seven project update memos are available in Appendix D.

## 2.2.5 Webpage Content

Staff developed a project website in 2022 to keep the community informed and updated on the status of METRO Purple Line BRT. The project website includes an overview of the project, ways to stay informed, committees and project partners, design and engineering updates, the environmental process, and Route Modification Study information.

### Public Engagement

The goal of the Public Engagement webpage is to keep the public well-informed and engaged throughout the project. Currently the project website shares information about upcoming October corridor walks, an Arcade Street station update, and ways to provide feedback including the interactive feedback map, upcoming meetings and events, and access to the business inventory survey.

[View the Public Engagement webpage here.](#)

### Route Modifications Study

The Route Modification Study webpage was created to keep the public informed of the route modification process. It shares the steps that have been taken since the project decided not to advance the alternative to downtown White Bear Lake and how that decision led to identifying a new northern end point (RMS Phase I). The webpage also describes RMS Phase II—the evaluation of Maryland and White Bear avenues as an alternate route to using the Bruce Vento Regional Trail Corridor—spurred by the public engagement process in Maplewood about the trail alignment.

[View the Route Modification Study webpage here.](#)

### 3. FEEDBACK RESULTS AND THEMES

This section presents the feedback staff have received from the public through the engagement methods describe above. Feedback is grouped by comments from community meetings and events, comments from transit users, comments from the business canvassing, and comments related to the proposed station locations.

#### 3.1. Community Meetings, Events, and Pop-Ups Feedback

Below is a summary of the most common comments and concerns that staff received during community meetings, events, and pop-ups regarding the Purple Line during this engagement period.

- Safety and security of homes and businesses around station locations
  - Lighting at stations
  - Security cameras
  - Drug usage and criminal/unsafe activity on buses and at stations
  - Homelessness
- Existing and future traffic conditions along White Bear Ave
  - Optimism that bus service will minimize the need for individual cars along the corridor
  - Concern about increase of traffic with dedicated BRT lanes
  - A lot of accidents happen on Larpenteur Avenue along White Bear Avenue. During the school year, many students are picked up from schools along the route during this time
- Excitement about a route that would get to downtown relatively easy, as well as the connectivity to greater transport systems and surrounding region
- Accessibility
  - Language barriers and having multi-lingual project resources
  - Able/non-abled bodied, as well as the elderly, ability to access a station location
  - Put stations near amenities, businesses, residential areas, and transit dependent communities
- Fast and reliable service
  - Faster travel time
  - Can rely on buses to arrive at their scheduled time
- Mix of preferences for a route on White Bear Avenue or the Bruce Vento Trail corridors
  - Concern about disturbance to nature and the residential area on the Bruce Vento Trail

- People who advocate for the Bruce Vento Trail routing describe it as “barely used” throughout the day and it doesn’t make sense to add another route on White Bear Avenue

### 3.2. Transit User Feedback

This section summarizes the feedback staff received from transit users while canvassing existing bus routes and bus stops in the White Bear Ave Corridor, specifically on routes 54, 64, and 80. Some common themes were:

- General overall support for Purple Line project
- Excited for a more reliable transit line
- Concerns for safety on buses and at stations. A lot of unsafe and at times, criminal behavior occurring on busses
- Larger push for Bruce Vento Trail preference over White Bear Avenue, although a few preferred the trail to stay untouched
- Concern regarding changes to existing bus routes and what will happen to them if Purple Line is implemented
- 80 bus route is busiest in the mornings and afternoons when taking high school students to and from school. A lot of students rely on public transportation to take them to and from school

### 3.3. Business Feedback

This section summarizes the feedback staff received from business owners or representatives while canvassing the White Bear Ave Corridor. Below are common themes and concerns.

#### Common Themes:

- Respondents recognize White Bear Avenue as a dangerous street with safety concerns
- Mix of for, against, and indifferent opinions for BRT
- With White Bear Avenue being a narrow road with heavy traffic and congestions, having dedicated lanes for BRT would be counterproductive to take out a lane
- Noise concerns based on more traffic coming into the area
- Against it (make traffic worse, crime/litter/nuisance conditions worse, and access to business worse)
- Indifferent, perceiving no direct effect to their business

#### How BRT will affect access to their business:

- Many customers arrive by car

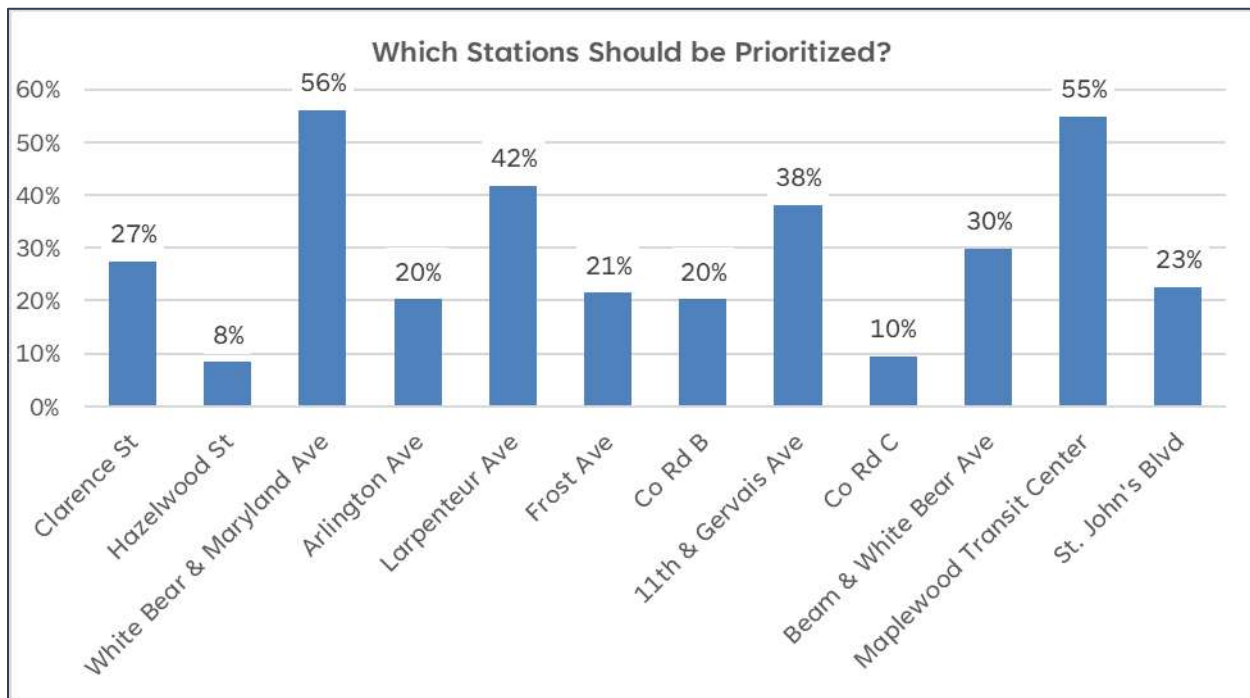
- Property access along the corridor is challenging today (high speeds, large volumes), eliminating left-turns could make it worse
- Removing a lane of traffic on White Bear Avenue, would increase traffic and block access to some businesses
- Concern about access to their business is often the “other side of the coin” to White Bear Avenue safety concerns
- Loitering and vandalism at stations, would deter customers from accessing their business if they did not feel safe
- Seasonal stores would potentially lose most of their revenue by losing driving lanes and parking
- Easier travel for local clients and employees to access shops along White Bear Ave Corridor

### 3.4. Station Location Feedback

This section summarizes the feedback staff received on the proposed station locations, particularly the responses to the station location survey. The feedback helped determine the station locations that would advance for further planning and evaluation during RMS Phase II.

When asked, “what station locations should we prioritize advancing,” more than half of respondents selected the Maryland & White Bear Ave station or the Maplewood Transit Center. The next two “preferred” stations include Larpentuer Ave and 11<sup>th</sup> & Gervais Ave. Figure 3 shows the response for each proposed station.

**FIGURE 3: SURVEY RESPONDENT PREFERENCE FOR WHICH STATIONS SHOULD BE PRIORITIZED (N=84)**



Most survey respondents did not think project staff should consider other station locations along the White Bear Ave Corridor. Other suggested station locations for consideration were based on new development occurring nearby and accessibility to other businesses in the area, including:

- Century College (especially for those who participate in PSEO and attend classes at Harmony Learning Center)
- Vadnais Heights
- Highway 61
- Further west on Beam Avenue for a connection to Costco
- Hmong Village
- McKnight Road
- Iowa Avenue

When asked what was important to them when selecting a station location, respondents most commonly said:

- Proximity to shopping centers, grocery stores, businesses, and services, as well as residential areas and high-density housing
- Safety on the bus and at the station
- Access to parking nearby
- Connectivity to other bus routes and bike/walk routes
- Accessibility for all riders (i.e., abled-bodied, language barriers, weather issues)

When asked about accessibility to stations, framed as more or fewer stations along the corridor, about half indicated they would like fewer stations and faster service. More frequent stations would create shorter walking distances along the corridor but increase the bus runtime along the corridor. Faster service would mean fewer stations and less station dwell time along the route. Table 1 provides the respondent breakdown for this question.

**TABLE 1: SURVEY RESPONDENT PREFERENCE FOR MORE FREQUENT STATIONS OR FASTER SERVICE**

| Answer Choice          | Responses | Percent |
|------------------------|-----------|---------|
| More frequent stations | 27        | 32%     |
| Faster service         | 43        | 51%     |
| Total                  | 80        | 100%    |

**Committee Feedback**

At the September CBAC meeting, the committee provided feedback regarding Purple Line station locations that reflected feedback gathered to-date. CBAC members also discussed moving the location of the Larpenteur Ave station or adding a new station to better serve the Iowa Hi-Rise public housing building and a new development close to Iowa and White Bear avenues. Staff will continue to evaluate station locations as design advances.

The project's Corridor Management Committee (CMC), at their September 13 meeting, concurred with the "project staff recommendation to advance these 12 proposed Purple Line BRT station locations along White Bear and Maryland avenues for purposes of further technical evaluation and community engagement." The final number of stations and station platform locations will not be finalized until the CMC makes a recommendation on a preferred roadway and transit design concept, currently anticipated for March 2024.

## 4. KEY TAKEAWAYS

This section summarizes the overall themes of feedback received from these engagement methods from May through September 2023.

### **Preference for Maryland/White Bear Ave over Bruce Vento Trail**

- More businesses and people are located along White Bear Ave

### **Safety on public transportation and within the corridor**

- Many stories of unsafe conditions and crime on bus/light rail
- Concern for safety and security of homes and businesses around the station locations
- Weather safety – primarily around the challenges posed by snow and rain

### **Traffic impact on White Bear Ave**

- Existing and future traffic conditions along White Bear Ave
- Optimism that bus service will reduce traffic by minimizing the need for individual cars along the corridor
- Concern that a dedicated bus lane will contribute to existing traffic issues such as car congestion

### **Impact on local businesses and residents**

- Optimism that another transportation option will benefit employees and customers
- Concern that traffic and construction will make businesses inaccessible
- Optimism that the community along Maryland/White Bear Ave will be connected to vital amenities and services
- Concern that property values will decrease, and construction will cause property loss

### **Accessibility**

- Accessible stations near urban amenities, businesses, dense residential areas, and transit dependent communities
- Easily assessable stations that are mindful of language barriers, able/non-abled body, near amenities, businesses, residential areas, and transit dependent communities
- Connectivity to greater transport systems and surrounding region
- Fast and reliable bus service





## APPENDIX A. PROJECT HANDOUTS

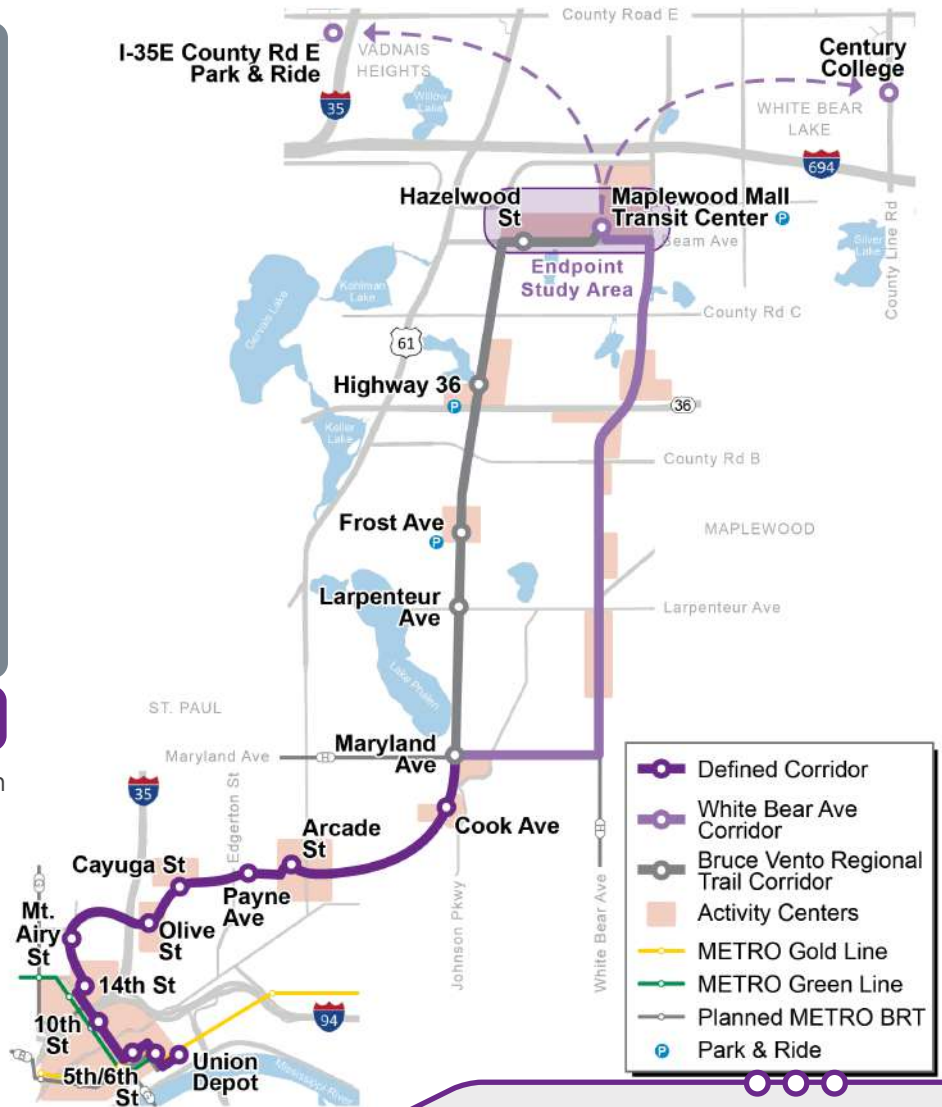
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## ROUTE MODIFICATION STUDY PHASE II

The METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project is studying an alternative route that will use Maryland and White Bear avenues to travel to the Maplewood Mall area instead of the route through the Bruce Vento Regional Trail Corridor, north of Maryland Avenue. The Project will compare these two routes to determine which provides the greatest benefit to area residents and businesses.

### ROADWAY DETAILS

- Maryland and White Bear avenues are both owned and maintained by Ramsey County
- Purple Line would occupy one lane in each direction for a dedicated bus lane
- The project will evaluate the location of parking, vehicle lanes, crosswalks, sidewalks, trails, and transit connections on both roadways.



## WHAT IS BUS RAPID TRANSIT?

A package of transit enhancements that create a **better, more reliable, and faster trip experience** compared to typical bus service. These include:

- Frequent, all-day service in both directions, seven days a week
- Fewer stops, dedicated bus-only lanes, and green light priority keep the bus moving
- Pay before you board and raised platforms help you board and exit the bus easily
- Large shelters, real-time departure signs, heat, lighting, and security features create a more comfortable waiting space
- Buses with wider aisles, more doors, and more room for wheelchairs and strollers create a more comfortable ride



## PURPOSE AND NEED

### Serving the needs of people who rely on transit

Supporting those that can't afford, are unable, or choose not to drive.

### Meeting increasing demand for reliable, high-frequency transit

Ridership on existing Bus Rapid Transit service was strong throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and has gained riders more quickly than other service types, reflecting a demand for more all-day, all-purpose service.

### Planning for sustainable growth and development

Tackling traffic congestion by expanding reliable transit services and guiding transit-oriented, walkable development.

### Expanding multimodal travel options

Addressing air quality and greenhouse gas emissions by shifting independent car trips to transit trips.

## HOW ARE STATION LOCATIONS DECIDED?

- Housing, jobs, activities distribution along the corridor
- Public feedback
- Distance between METRO stations
- Existing bus stops along the corridor
- Land use planning
- Right-of-way and technical considerations

## NEXT STEPS

- Evaluate the potential of Purple Line along Maryland and White Bear avenues to the Maplewood Mall Transit Center
- Evaluate potential to extend the Purple Line to Vadnais Heights or Century College
- Compare this new alternative to the Bruce Vento Trail alignment to inform final recommendation
- Community engagement on station locations, route alignments, and concept design will occur throughout all next steps

Visit [metrotransit.org/purple-line](https://metrotransit.org/purple-line) for upcoming ways you can engage with the project and to sign-up for project updates.

*If you are interested in having Purple Line staff come to your neighborhood group, community organization, business, or event, please reach out.*

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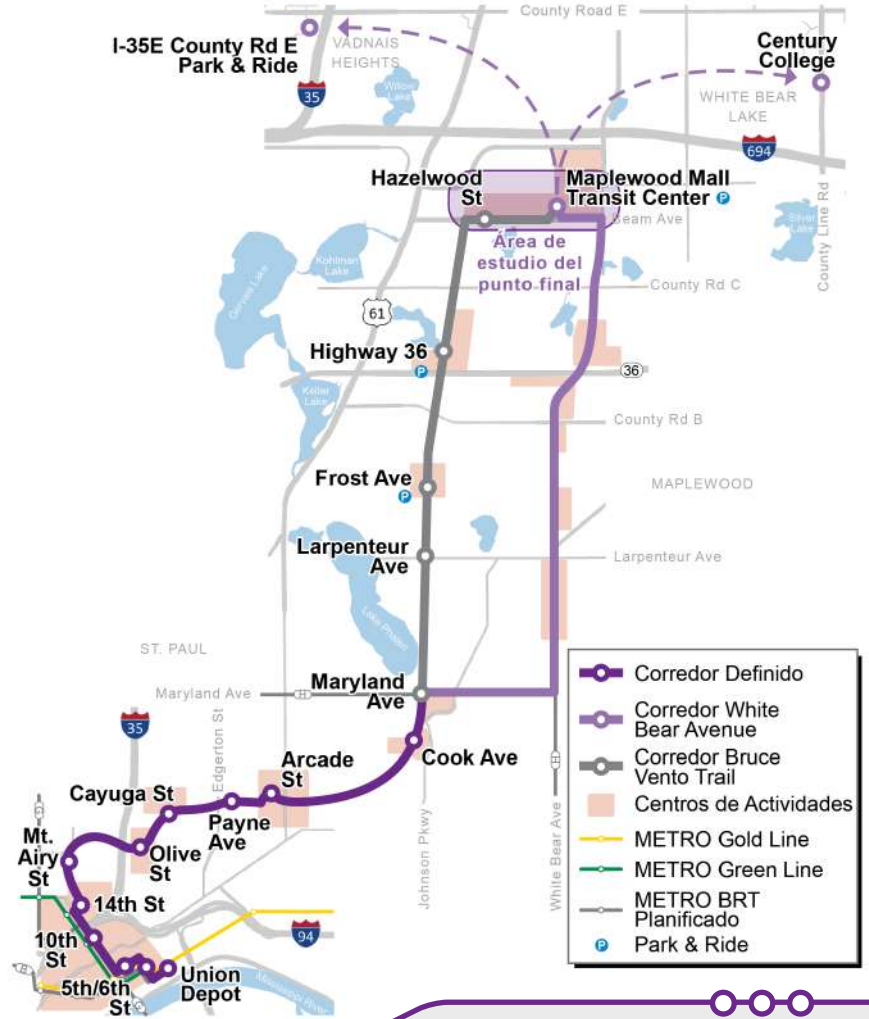
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## ESTUDIO DE MODIFICACIÓN DE RUTA FASE II

El Proyecto de Tránsito Rápido de Autobús de Purple Line de METRO está estudiando una ruta alternativa que utilizará las avenidas Maryland y White Bear para viajar a la zona de Maplewood Mall en lugar de la ruta a través del Corredor Regional Bruce Vento Trail, al norte de la avenida Maryland. El Proyecto comparará estas dos rutas para determinar cuál proporciona el mayor beneficio a los residentes y negocios de la zona.

### DETALLES DE LA CARRETERA

- Las avenidas Maryland y White Bear son propiedad del condado de Ramsey, el condado las mantiene.
- Purple Line ocuparía un carril en cada dirección para un carril de autobús dedicado.
- El proyecto evaluará la ubicación de estacionamiento, carriles para vehículos, cruces peatonales, aceras, senderos y conexiones de tránsito en ambas carreteras.



## ¿QUÉ ES BUS RAPID TRANSIT (TRÁNSITO RÁPIDO DE AUTOBÚS)

Un paquete de mejoras de tránsito que crean una mejor experiencia de viaje más confiable y rápida en comparación con el servicio de autobús típico. Estas incluyen:

- Servicio frecuente durante todo el día en ambas direcciones, los siete días de la semana
- Menos paradas, carriles exclusivos para el autobús y prioridad de luz verde que mantiene el autobús en movimiento
- Pagar antes de abordar y las plataformas elevadas le ayudan a abordar y salir del autobús fácilmente
- Refugios grandes, señales de salida en tiempo real, calefacción, iluminación y características de seguridad que crean un espacio de espera más cómodo
- Los autobuses con pasillos más anchos, más puertas y más espacio para sillas de ruedas y carriolas, crean un viaje más cómodo





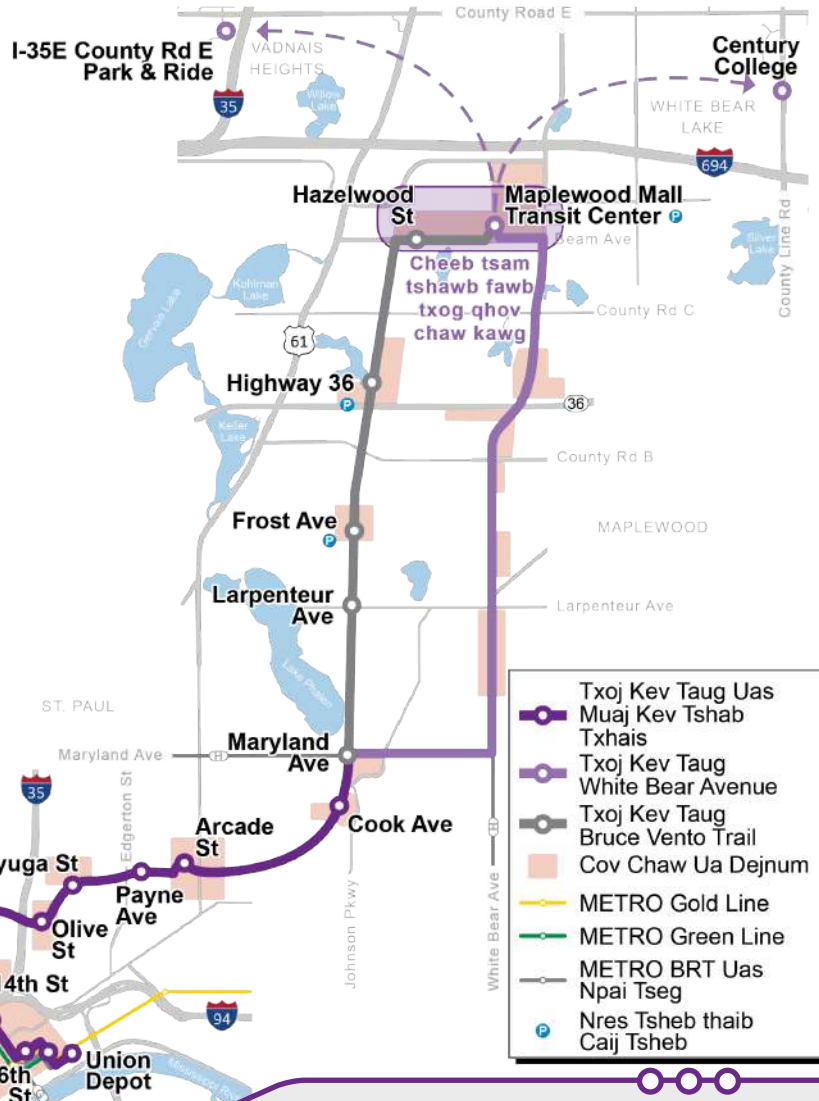


**KEV TSHAWB FAWB TXOG KEV HLOOV KHO TXOJ KEV NTU II**

Txoj Haujlwm Hais Txog Kev Thauj Mus Los Uas Siv Tsheb Npav Khiav Ceev hauv METRO tab tom tshawb fawb txog lwm txoj kev uas yuav siv ob txoj kev loj Maryland thiab White Bear txhawm rau taug kev mus rau cheeb tsam Maplewood Mall uas tsis yog txoj kev los ntawm Txoj Kev Taug Hauv Cheeb Tsam Bruce Vento. Txoj Haujlwm no yuav muab ob txoj hauv kev no los sib piv txhawm rau txiav txim seb qhov twg muab txiaj ntsig zoo tshaj plaws rau cov neeg thiab cov lag luam nyob hauv cheeb tsam.

**TXHUA YAM NTAWM TXOJ KEV**

- Ob txoj kev loj Maryland thiab White Bear puav leej yog Nroog Ramsey ua tswv thiab ua tus txuag kho
- Txoj Kab Liab Ntshav kuj yuav noj ib txoj kab hauv txhua seem kev rau txoj kab tsheb npav uas tau muab.
- Txoj haujlwm no yuav ntsuas qhov chaw nres tsheb, cov kab khiav tsheb, cov chaw hla kev, cov kev taug tom ntug, cov kev thauj khoom, thiab cov kev sib txuas ntawm ob txoj kev



**KEV THAUJ MUS LOS UAS SIV TSHEB NPAV KHIAB CEEV YOG DAB TSI?**

Qhov kev txhim kho kev thauj mus los uas tsim muaj kev kawm paub txog kev taug kev uas muaj qhov zoo dua, tso siab dua, thiab sai dua piv rau cov kev pab cuam tsheb npav uas ib txwm muaj. Tej no muaj xws li::

- Kev pab cuam uas muaj heev dua, tag hnuv nyob rau ob seem kev tib si, ib vij xya hnuv
- Cov chaw nres tsheb tsawg dua, txoj kab khiav tsheb npav nkaus xwb, thiab qib tseem ceeb ua ntej ntawm lub teeb ntsuab tswj kom lub tsheb khiav tau.
- Them nyiaj ua ntej koj nce tsheb thiab cov sam thiaj uas tshoom siab yuav ua kom pab koj nce thiab tawm ntawm lub tsheb npav tau yooj yim.
- Cov tsev nyob loj, cov paim sawv kev raws lub sijhawm tiag tiag, cua sov, teeb taws pom kev, thiab cov yam ntxwv kev ruaj ntseg yuav tsim kom muaj qhov chaw tos uas yooj yim.
- Cov tsheb npav uas muaj cov kab dav dav, ntau lub qhov rooj, thiab ntau qhov chaw rau cov laub zaum muaj log thiab cov laub menyuum yaus yuav tsim kom muaj kev caij tsheb uas yooj yim dua.



## HOM PHIAJ THIAB KEV XAV TAU

### Kev pab rau cov kev xav tau ntawm cov neeg uas tso lub zog rau kev thauj mus los

Kev txhawb cov neeg tsis muaj peev xwm them taus, tsis muaj peev xwm tsav tau tsheb, lossis xaiv qhov tsis tsav tsheb.

### Kev ua tau raws qhov kev xav tau uas siab tuaj rau kev thauj mus los uas tso siab tau, muaj heev dua

Kev caij tsheb npav ntawm qhov kev pab cuam Kev Thauj Mus Los Siv Tsheb Npav Khiav Ceev uas twb muaj lawm nyob rau lub sijhawm uas muaj kev sib kis kab mob COVID-19 thiab tau txais cov neeg caij tsheb sai dua li lwm hom kev pab cuam, uas cuam tshuam txog qhov kev xav tau qhov kev pab cuam tag hnuv, txhua lub hom phiaj ntau dua qub.

### Kev npaj rau kev loj hlob thiab kev txhim kho ruaj khov

Kev daws teeb meem txog kev taug kev mus los nyuaj los ntawm kev nthuav dav cov kev pab cuam uas tso siab tau thiab kev coj qhia kev thauj mus los hloov pauv, mus ko taw tau.

### Kev nthuav dav cov kev xaiv taug kev uas muaj ntau yam

Kev hais daws txog qib zoo ntawm huab cua thiab cov kev tso pa phem los ntawm kev hloov kev taug kevsiv tsheb ywj pheej mus rau kev taug kev uas siv kev thauj neeg mus los.iyo qiiqa hawada wasakheynaya.

## QHOV CHAW NRES TSHEB YUAV MUAB TXIAV TXIM SIAB LI CAS?

- Vaj tse, kev ua haujlwm, kev faib dejnum raws li txoj kev taug
- Lus teb los ntawm pej xeem
- Ncuab deb ntawm cov chaw nres tsheb hauv METRO
- Cov tsheb npav uas twb muaj lawm nyob ntawm txoj kev taug
- Kev npaj siv av
- Txoj cai ntawm txoj kev thiab cov kev txiav txim siab fab kev kws

## KAUJ RUAM TXUAS NTXIV

- Ntsuam xyuas lub peev xwm ntawm Kab Liab Ntshav raws ob txoj kev loj Maryland thiab White Bear mus rau qhov Chaw Thauj Mus Los hauv Maplewood Mall
- Ntsuam xyuas qhov muaj peev xwm txhawm rau txuas txoj Kab Liab Ntshav mus rau Vadnais Heights lossis Tsev Kawm Century College
- Piv qhov kev hloov tshiab no rau seem Kev Thauj Mus Los hauv Bruce Vento txhawm rau qhia txog cov lus pom zoo zaum kawg.
- Kev koom tes hauv zej zog ntawm cov chaw nres tsheb, cov kev tso seem kev, thiab kev tsim lub tswv yim yuav tshwm sim txhua nrho cov kauj txuas ntxiv.

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*Yog tias koj xav kom muaj cov neeg ua haujlwm txog txoj Kab Liab Ntshav tuaj rau hauv koj pab pawg hauv lub zej zog pab pawg, koom haum hauv zej zog, kev lag luam, lossis xwm txheej, thov tiv tauj tuaj.*

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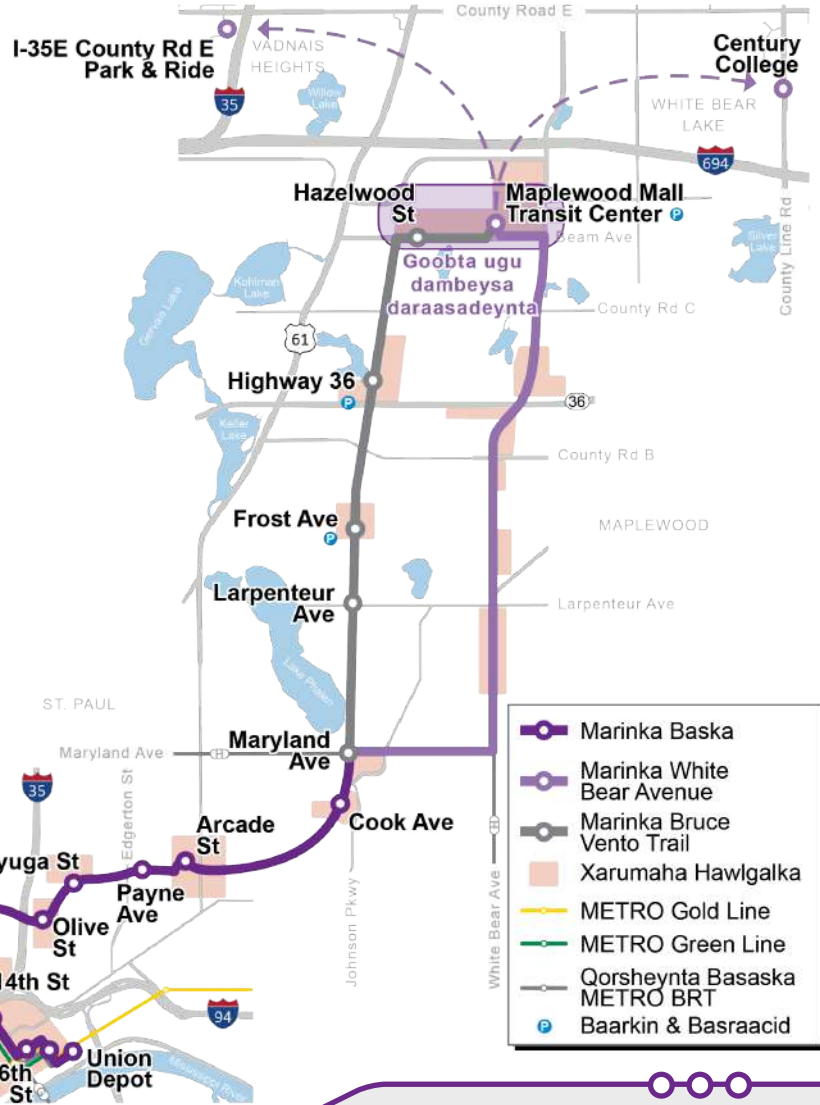
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## DARAASADDA HAWSHA JIDKA WEJIGA II

Mashruuca Baska Degdegga ah ee METRO Purple Line wuxuu eegayaa hab kale oo ah jidadka Maryland iyo White Bear si loogu aadi karo Suuqweynaha Maplewood intii loo mari lahaa Marinka Jidka Deegaanka Bruce Vento. Mashruucu waxa uu is barbar dhigi doonaa labadan jid si loo go'aamiyo kan ugu fiican ee dadka deegaanka iyo meheradaha.

## FAAHFAAHINTA JIDMARISTA

- Jidadka Maryland iyo White Bear Degmada Ramsey ayaa iska leh oo dayactirata.
- Purple Line waa bas degdeg ah oo adeegsan doona hal haad oo ah dhinac kasta.
- Mashruucu wuxuu qiimeyn doonaa goobaha ah baarkinka, jidadka baabuurta, isgoysyada lugeynta, jidadka lugeynta, wadiiqooyinka, iyo basaska kale ee loo qaato labada jiho.



## WAA MAXAY BASASKA DEGDEGGA AH?

Waa hawl lagu hagaajinayo gaadiidka dadweynaha, si ay dadku ugu xirnaadaan, iyo si ay basasku u noqdaan kuwa ka dhakhso badan kuwa kale. Kuwaas waxaa ka mid ah:

- Bas wakhtiyo badan, oo maalinta oo dhan u socda labada jiho, toddobada maalmoodba
- Joogsiyo yar, jidad ay mari karaan basaska oo keliya, iyo in ay nalalka samaafaraha ah si degdeg ah ugu furmaan baska.
- Lacagta oo la sii bixiyo intaan la soo raacin baska si aan loogu daahin iyo boosteejada oo xakabad loo dhiso si basaska loogu fuulo.
- Boosteejooyinka oo la weyneeyo, calaamado sheegaya wakhtiyada basaska, kuleyliye, iftiin badan, iyo goobaha sugidda baska oo la hagaajiyo.
- Basaska oo loo waasiciyo gudaha, albaabbo badan, iyo nafaas si ay u dhex maraan kursiga curyaanka iyo kursiga ilmaha lagu riixo.





## UJEEEDKA IYO BAAHIDA

### In loo diyaargaroobo baahida dadka ku tiirsan gaadiidka dadweynaha

In la caawiyo dadka aan baabuurta isticmaali karin, dadka aan awoodi karin, iyo dadka aan rabin.

### In la badiyo gaadiidka dadweynaha si ay dadku ugu xisaabtamaan.

Raacitaanka baska degdegga ah ee hadda aad ayuu u fiicnaa intii lagu jiray faafitaanka COVID-19 oo dadkii raacayey ayaa aad uga badnaa basaska kale, sidaas ayey noogu muuqataa baahida loo qabo bas degdeg ah maalintii oo dhan

### Qorsheyn ah xoojin iyo horumarin joogto ah

in xal loo helo ciriirka baabuutu keento iyadoo la ballaarinayo gaadiidka dadweynaha iyo tasiilaadka dadka, iyo meelaha lagu lugeeyo.

### In la kordhiyo fursadaha lagu raaci karo basas aadaya meel kasta

In dadka la tuso in ay gaadiidka dadweynuhu ka qiima jaban yihiin baabuurta la wato si wax looga qabto tayada hawada iyo qiiqa hawada wasakheynaya.

## SIDEE LOO GO 'AAMIYAA GOOBHA NOQONAYA BOOSTEEJOOYINKA?

- Guryaha, shaqooyinka, iyo danaha kale ee jid kasta ayaa la tixgeliyaa
- Fikrado ayaa laga codsadaa dadweynaha
- in la eego inta u dhexeysa boosteejooyinka MAGAALADA
- In la tixgeliyo boosteejooyinka basaska ee jidka hadda
- Qorsheyn ah isticmaalidda dhulka
- In la tixgeliyo basas aan istaageyn iyo hawlaha farsamada

## TALLAABOYINKA XIGA

- In la qiimeeyo bas ah Purple Line oo maraya Maryland iyo White Bear oo lagu gaari karo Xarunta Gaadiidka Dadweynaha Suuqweynaha Maplewood
  - In la qiimeeyo baska Purple Line haddii lagu aadayo Vadnais Heights ama Century College
  - In la tixgeliyo baddiil kale oo ah Bruce Vento Trail in lagu daro talooyinka ugu dambeeya.
  - Hawlgelinta dadweynaha ee goobaha boosteejada, jidadka basku mari doono, iyo in ay sii socoto tallaabo kasta oo ah fikradda naqshadeynta.
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Haddii aad rabto in ay shaqaalaha baska Purple Line u yimaadaan guryaha xaafaddaada, ururka xaafadda, meheradaha, ama in ay kulan idinla yeeshaan, fadlan la soo xiriir.

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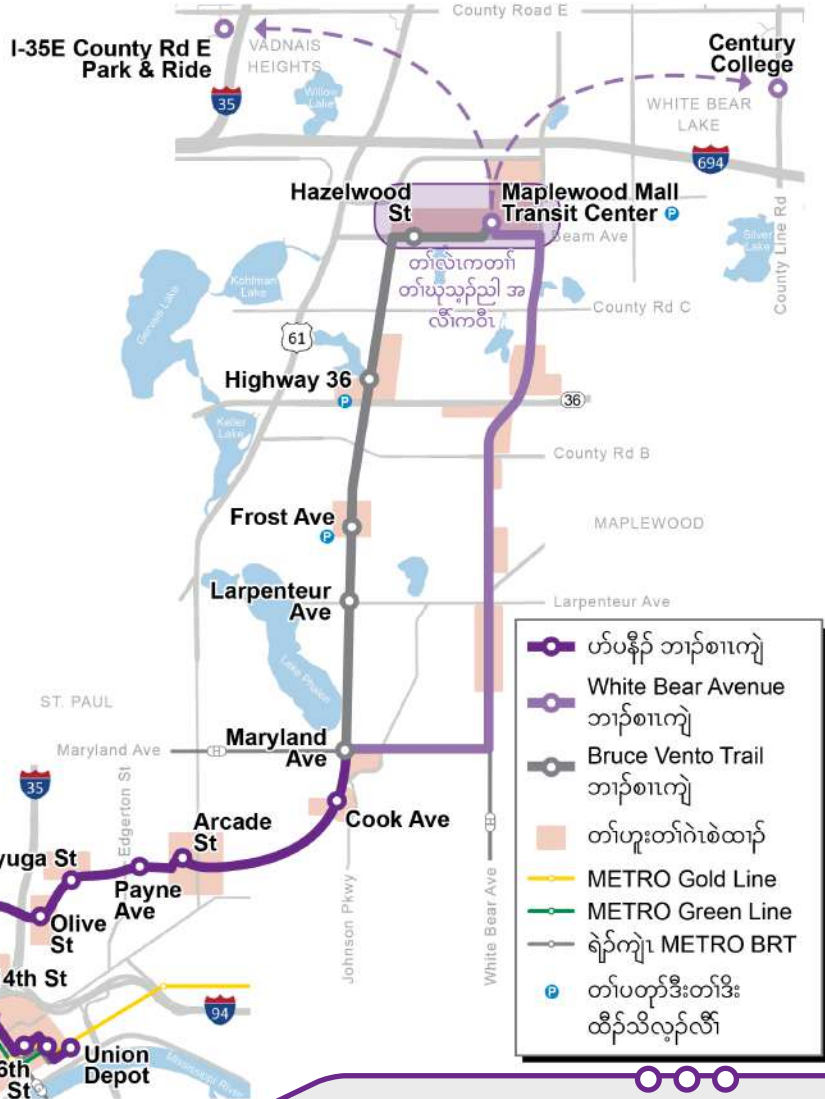
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ကျဲအကျိၤ အဂ့ၢ်လီၤတၢ်လီၤဆဲး

- Maryland ဒီး White Bear ကျဲခံဘိလၢ န့ၣ်အိၣ်လၢ ဘၢၣ်တၢ်ပအီၤဒီး ရဲၣ်ကျဲကွၢ် ထွဲအီၤလၢ Ramsey ကီၢ်ရှၢ် ခိးထံၣ် လီၤ
- Purple Line ကဟံးန့ၢ်ကျဲတကျိၤလၢ တၢ်လဲၤကျဲတခါစုၣ်စုၣ်အပုၤ လၢ သီလုၣ် ဘား(စ) ကဃုၢ်အကျိၤအဂီၢ်န့ၣ်လီၤ.
- တၢ်တီၢ်ကျဲၤ ကသမံထံ တၢ်ပတုၣ်သီလုၣ် အလီၢ်အကျိၤ, သီလုၣ်အကျိၤ, ကျဲခိကံၢ်, ခိၣ် ကျဲ, ကျဲဖိ, ဒီးတၢ်လဲၤတၢ်က့ၤဘျးစတ ဖၣ်လၢ ကျဲခံဘိလၢ အဖီခိၣ်န့ၣ်လီၤ.

သီလုၣ်ဘား(စ)ဃုၢ်ချ တၢ်လဲၤတၢ်က့ၤ  
(BUS RAPID TRANSIT) န့ၣ်မ့ၢ်တၢ်မနုၤလဲၣ်.

တၢ်ဘျီဘၣ်မၤဂ့ၤထီၣ်တၢ်လဲၤတၢ်က့ၤတၢ်ရဲၣ်တၢ်ကျဲၤတဖၣ် လၢအဒုးအိၣ် ထီၣ်တၢ်  
လဲၤတၢ်က့ၤတၢ်လဲၤဒီဖျိလၢအဂ့ၤထီၣ်, လၢတၢ်န့ၢ်န့ၢ်အီၤသ့ အါ ထီၣ်, ဒီးတၢ်လဲၤတၢ်  
ချဲဒိၣ်ထီၣ် ဒီး သီလုၣ်ဘား(စ) တၢ်မၤစၢၤညါန့ၣ်လီၤ. တၢ်အံၤပုၤဃုၢ်ဒီး-  
တၢ်ဟ့ၣ်တၢ်မၤစၢၤခဲအံၤခဲအံၤ, ဒီတနံၤလၢတၢ်လဲၤကျဲခံဘိလၢ, တနံၤ နံၤသီ  
တၢ်ပတုၣ်အလီၢ်စ့ၤ, ကျဲအကျိၤလၢထံသီလုၣ်ဘား(စ)အချကဃုၢ်အဂီၢ် ဇိၤ, ဒီးမ့ၢ်အူ  
အလါထီၣ်တဘီလၢသီလုၣ်ကဃုၢ်ကွၢ်ကွၢ်အဂီၢ်န့ၣ်လီၤ.  
ဟ့ၣ်အပုၤတချးနထီၣ်ဒီးသီလုၣ် ဒီးပျါစီၢ်ကစီၤထီၣ်တဖၣ် မၤစၢၤန့ၣ်လီၤ နကထီၣ်ဒီး  
စံၣ်လီၤလၢသီလုၣ်ဘား(စ) ညိကဒၣ်န့ၣ်လီၤ.  
တၢ်အိၣ်ကဒုလီၢ်လၢအလီၢ်ထီၣ်, သီလုၣ်ဟးထီၣ်အဆၢကတီၢ်နီၢ်နီၢ် တၢ်ပနီၣ်တဖၣ်,  
ကလံၤကီၢ်ဒါ, လီမ့ၢ်အူ, ဒီး တၢ်ဘံၣ်တၢ်ဘၢတၢ်ပိးတၢ် လီတဖၣ်လၢအဒုးအိၣ်ထီၣ်  
တၢ်အိၣ်ခိးတၢ်အလီၢ်ကမုၢ်ကလၢဒိၣ်ထီၣ် န့ၣ်လီၤ.



## တၢ်ပညိၣ်ဒီးတၢ်လိၣ်ဘၣ်

မၤတၢ်လၢ ပၤပၤလၢအဒီးသန့တီၣ်သးလၢကမၤပၤ ဝံစီၣ်တီၢ်ဆၢအဖီခိၣ် အတၢ်လိၣ်ဘၣ်တဖၣ်အဂီၢ် န့ၣ်လီၤ.  
ဆိၣ်ထံမၤစၢၤပၤပၤလၢဟ့ၣ်တၢ်အပၤတန့ၢ်, လၢအိၣ်ဒီးတၢ်လိၣ်တူၢ်လီၤကၢ်, မ့တမ့ၢ် ဃုထၢလၢတနီၣ်သိလုၣ်တဖၣ်လီၤ  
မၤပၤပၤ တၢ်ဃုအါထီၣ် ကမၤပၤဝံစီၣ်တီၢ်ဆၢလၢတၢ်န့ၢ်အိၣ်သ့, သိလုၣ်ဃုၢ် အဘျီအါထီၣ်န့ၣ်လီၤ  
တၢ်ဒီးသိလုၣ်ဘၢး(စ)ဃုၢ်အချၢ ကမၤပၤဝံစီၣ်တီၢ်ဆၢ (Bus Rapid Transit) လၢအအိၣ်ပၢ်စၢၤန့ၣ် မ့ၢ်တၢ်ဂံၢ်ဆူၣ်ဒိၣ်မးလၢ COVID-19 တၢ်ဆါသ  
တၢ်ဒီးတကတီၢ် ဒီးပၤဒီးသိလုၣ်အါထီၣ်ချၢဒီး တၢ်မၤစၢၤ အကလုာ်အဂၤတဖၣ်, ပၢ်ဖျါထီၣ်လၢ တၢ်လိၣ်အါထီၣ်ဘၣ် တၢ်အံၤ ဒီတန့ၢ်, လၢ  
တၢ်မၤစၢၤတၢ်ပညိၣ်ခဲလၢအဂီၢ် န့ၣ်လီၤ.  
တၢ်ရဲၣ်လီၤကျဲၤလီၤလၢ တၢ်ဒိၣ်ထီၣ်ဒီးတၢ်လဲၤထီၣ်လဲၤထီၣ်လၢ အဂၢၢ်အကျိၤ  
တၢ်ရဲၣ်ကျဲၤမၤဂၤထီၣ် သိလုၣ်တၢ်လဲၤတၢ်က့ၤကတံၢ်ကတုး ဒီးဖျါတၢ်မၤ အါထီၣ်ကမၤပၤဝံစီၣ်တီၢ်ဆၢတၢ်မၤစၢၤတၢ်မၤလၢတၢ်န့ၢ်အိၣ်သ့ ဒီး ပံး စု  
န့ၣ်ကျဲၤမၤဂၤထီၣ် တၢ်ဆိတလဲတၢ်လဲၤတၢ်က့ၤအကျိၤ, ဟးထီၣ်ဟးလီၤ သ့ညိၣ်ထီၣ် န့ၣ်လီၤ.  
တၢ်မၤအါထီၣ် ကမၤပၤဝံစီၣ်တီၢ်ဆၢတၢ်လဲၤတၢ်က့ၤအကလုာ် တၢ်ဃုထၢ တဖၣ်  
ပၢ်ဖျါထီၣ်ကလံၤကလီၤအကံၢ်အစီ ဒီးဟံၣ်မဲာ်ထံကလၢလၢတၢ်သ့ၣ်တၢ်ဖျါ အဂီၢ်အတၢ်ထုးထီၣ်ဂၢ်သဝံ ဒီးဖျါ ဆိတလဲ တၢ်လဲၤတၢ်က့ၤ  
လၢတၢ်ဒီးသိ လုၣ်လၢအသဘျီ ဆူ တၢ်လဲၤတၢ်က့ၤဒီးကမၤပၤဝံစီၣ်တီၢ်ဆၢတဖၣ်န့ၣ်လီၤ.

## တၢ်ဆၢတံၢ် သိလုၣ်သန့တၢ် လီၢ်တၢ်ကျဲၤတဖၣ်ဒိၣ်လဲၣ်

- ဟံၣ်ဃီ, တၢ်ဖံးတၢ်မၤ, တၢ်ဟူးတၢ်ဂဲၤတဖၣ်  
လၢ တၢ်ဟ့ၣ်လီၤအိၣ်လၢ ဘၢၣ်စၢၤကျဲၤ  
ဒီတဘီ
- ကမၤပၤတၢ်ထံၣ်တၢ်ဆိကမိၣ်
- တၢ်ဒုၣ်စၢၤစီၤစုၤလၢ METRO သန့တဖၣ်  
အဘၢၣ်စၢၤ
- သိလုၣ်ဘၢး(စ)ပတုာ်အလီၢ်တဖၣ် လၢအ  
အိၣ်ပၢ်စၢၤလၢဘၢၣ်စၢၤကျဲၤ အဖီခိၣ်
- တၢ်ရဲၣ်ကျဲၤတၢ်စူးကါဟီၣ်ခိၣ်တၢ်လီၢ်တၢ်  
ကျဲၤ

## အပတီၢ်ဆူညါတဖၣ်

- သမံထံ Purple Line အတၢ်သ့တၢ်ဘၣ်လၢကဃုၢ် လၢ Maryland ဒီး White  
Bear ကျဲၤဒီတဘီ ဆူ Maplewood Mall Transit Center ကမၤပၤဝံစီၣ်တီၢ်ဆၢ တၢ်  
လဲၤတၢ်က့ၤစဲထၢၣ်
- သမံထံ Purple Line အတၢ်သ့တၢ်ဘၣ်လၢကဆဲးဃုၢ် ဆူ Vadnais Heights မ့  
တမ့ၢ် Century College ဒီလုၣ်ကိၣ်
- ထီၣ်သတီၢ်ဉာ်ဃုထၢကျဲၤအသိအံၤ ဒီး Bruce Vento Trail ကျဲၤ တၢ်ရဲၣ်တၢ်ကျဲၤ  
လၢကဘိးဘၢၣ်သ့ညါ တၢ်ဟ့ၣ်ကူၣ်ဟ့ၣ်ဖးလၢခံကတၢ် လီၤ.
- ပၤတဝါတၢ်ဘျးစဲမၤသကိးတၢ်လၢ သန့တၢ်လီၢ်တၢ်ကျဲၤ, တၢ်ရဲၣ်ကျဲၤမၤ ဘၢၣ်  
လီၢ် ကျဲၤအကျိၤတဖၣ်, ဒီးတၢ်ဒုးအိၣ်ထီၣ်တၢ်အကၢ်အဂီၢ်တၢ်ထံၣ် တၢ်ဆိကမိၣ်  
တဖၣ်ကမၤအသး လၢတၢ်မၤအပတီၢ်ဆူညါခဲလၢအံၤ ဒီတကတီၢ်န့ၣ်လီၤ

ကွၢ်ဖဲ [metrotransit.org/purple-line](https://metrotransit.org/purple-line) လၢကျဲၤလၢကမၤ အသးဆူညါလၢနဘျးစဲမၤသကိးတၢ်ဒီးတၢ်တီၢ်ကျဲၤကသ့ ဒီး  
ဆဲးလီၤမံၤ လၢကမၤန့ၢ်တၢ်မၤသီထီၣ်တၢ်တီၢ်ကျဲၤတၢ်ဂ့ၢ်တၢ်ကျဲၤတဖၣ်အဂီၢ်န့ၣ် တက့ၢ်.

န့ၣ်သးစဲလၢ Purple Line ပၤမၤတၢ်ဖိကဟံဆူနိၣ်ဃၢၤကရူၢ်, ပၤတဝါ တၢ်ကရၢကရီ, တၢ်ဖံးတၢ်မၤ, မ့တမ့ၢ် မူးတဖၣ်အပူၤန့ၣ်, ဝံသးစူၤ န့ၣ်  
လီၤပၤဃုာ်မၤသကိးတၢ်န့ၣ်တက့ၢ်.

## မၤတၢ်ဆဲးကျဲၤထီၣ်

ဆဲးလီၤမံၤလၢတၢ်ဆၢတၢ်မၤသီထီၣ်  
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Yog koj xav tau cov lus no txhais uas lus hmoob lossis xav tau ib tus neeg pab txhais cov lus no rau koj, tiv tauj:

Haddii aad dooneyso in aad macluumaadkan ku hesho siyaabo kale ama afaf kale, la xiriir:

န့ၣ်သးအိၣ်ဒီးန့ၣ်ဘၢၣ်တၢ်စ့ၢ်တၢ်ကျဲၤတဖၣ်အံၤလၢတၢ်ခံမံၤအကျိၤလၢတၢ်ကယုထၢတမံၤအံၤအစီၢ်မ့တမ့ၢ်ကွၢ်, ဆဲးကျဲၤ

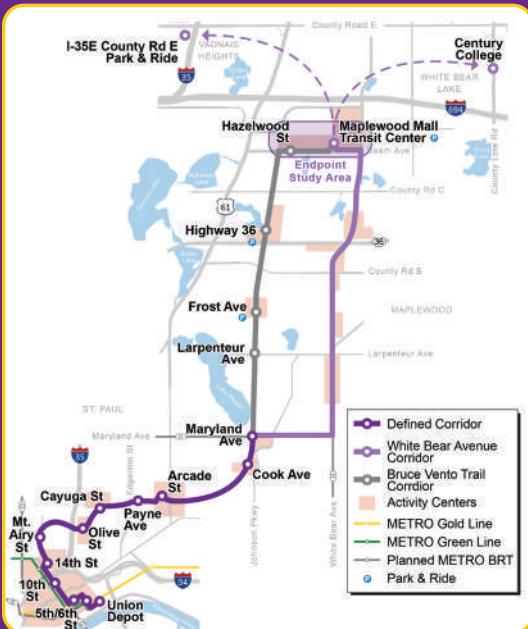
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## **T METRO** Purple Line

# METRO PURPLE LINE BUS RAPID TRANSIT

The Purple Line, a proposed bus rapid transit (BRT) line in Ramsey County, will connect with expanding light rail and BRT service of the METRO system, including direct connections to the Green Line, Gold Line, B Line, G Line, and H Line, as well as local bus routes. The line will increase accessibility to jobs, housing, and services, improving the appeal and competitiveness of the east metro area.



May 2023 Route Map



## NEXT STEPS

The METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project is studying an alternative route that will use Maryland and White Bear avenues to travel to the Maplewood Mall area instead of the route through the Bruce Vento Regional Trail Corridor, north of Maryland Avenue. The Project will compare these two routes to determine which provides the greatest benefit to area residents and businesses. There will be many opportunities for the public to participate in all of these next steps.

## Stay Connected!

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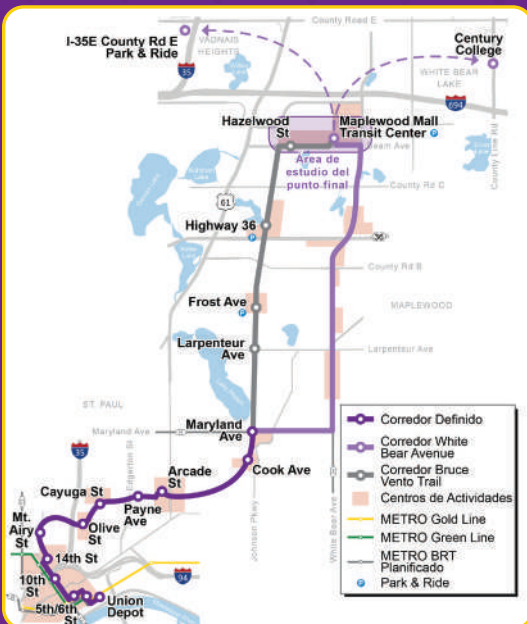
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newsletter, and view  
upcoming events

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## **T** METRO Purple Line

### METRO PURPLE LINE: AUTOBÚS DE TRÁNSITO RÁPIDO

Purple Line, una línea de tránsito rápido de autobuses (BRT en sus siglas en inglés) propuesta en el condado de Ramsey se conectará con la expansión del tren ligero y el servicio BRT del sistema METRO, e incluyen las conexiones directas a Green Line, Gold Line, B Line, G Line, y H Line, así como las rutas de autobuses locales. La línea aumentará la accesibilidad a empleos, vivienda y servicios, mejorando el atractivo y la competitividad del área metropolitana del este.



Mapa de ruta de mayo de 2023



### PRÓXIMOS PASOS

El Proyecto de Tránsito Rápido de Autobuses de Purple Line de METRO está estudiando una ruta alternativa que utilizará las avenidas Maryland y White Bear para viajar al área de Maplewood Mall en lugar de la ruta a través del Corredor Regional Bruce Vento, al norte de Maryland Avenue. El Proyecto comparará estas dos rutas para determinar cuál proporciona el mayor beneficio a los residentes y negocios del área. Habrá muchas oportunidades para que el público participe en todos estos próximos pasos.

### Manténgase conectado

Para preguntas sobre el proyecto o para invitarnos a un evento, póngase en contacto con:

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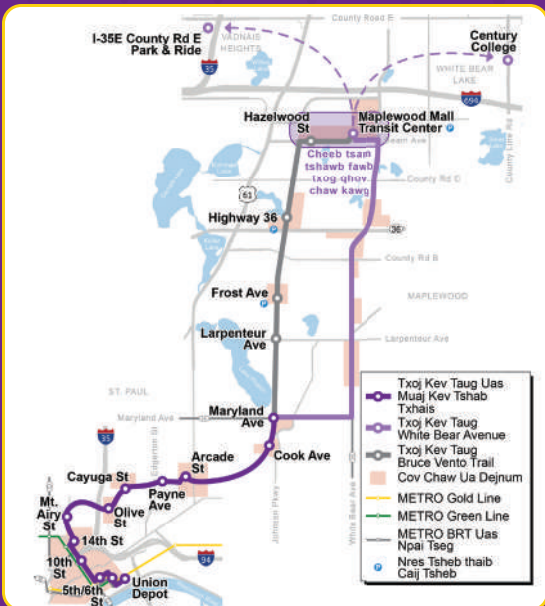
para obtener más información, suscríbese al boletín del proyecto y vea los próximos eventos

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# **T** METRO Purple Line

## Kev Thauj Mus Los Uas Siv Tsheb Npav Khiav Ceev Uas Yog Kab Xim Liab Ntshav hauv METRO

Txoj Kab Liab Ntshav, txoj kab tsheb npav khiav ceev uas pom zoo hauv Nroog Ramsey, yuav txuas nrog kev nthuav dav tsheb ciav hlau thauj sib thiab kev pab cuam BRT ntawm kab kev hauv METRO, uas xam muaj cov kev sib txuas ncaj qha rau Kab Ntsuab, Kab Xim Kub, Kab B, Kab G, thiab Kab H, thiab cov kev tsheb npav hauv zos. Txoj kab no yuav ua kom muaj kev nkag tau mus rau tej haujlwm, vaj tse, thiab tej kev pab cuam, kev txhim kho kev rov hais dua thiab kev sib tw ntawm cheeb tsam metro sab hnub tuaj.



Daim Ntawv Qhia Kev Lub Tsib Hlis 2023



## Cov Kauj Ruam Txuas Ntxiv

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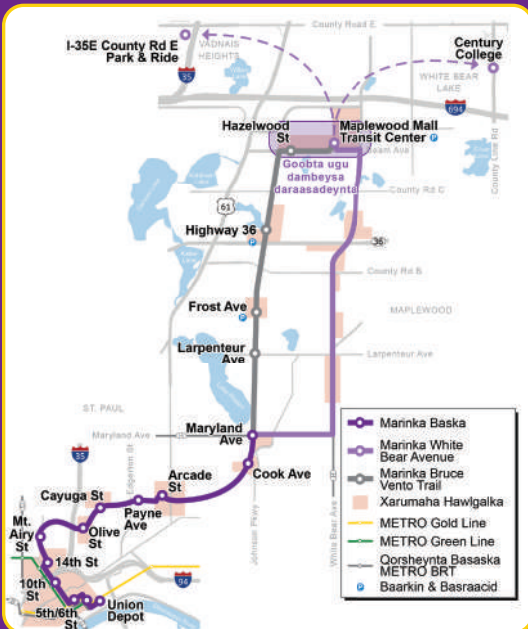


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## **T** METRO Purple Line

# Baska Degdegga ah ee METRO Purple Line

Khadka Purple Line, oo ah khad bas degdeg ah ayaa loo soo jeediyay Degmada Ramsey, oo waxa uu isku xiri doonaa ballaarinta tareenka iyo adeegga BRT ee tareenka magaalada ama METRO, sida Green Line, Gold Line, B Line, G Line, iyo H Line, iyo weliba basaska deegaanka. Khadku wuxuu kordhinayaa helitaan ah shaqooyin, guriyeen, iyo adeegyo, oo wuxuu u fiican yahay codsiga jidadka tareenka ee dhinaca bariga.



Maabka Jidadka Meey 2023



## Tallaabooyinka Xiga

Mashruuca Baska Degdegga ah ee METRO Purple Line wuxuu eegayaa hab kale oo ah jidadka Maryland iyo White Bear sida loogu aadi karo Suuqweynaha Maplewood intii loo mari lahaa Marinka Jidka Deegaanka Bruce Vento, waqooyiga jidka Maryland Avenue. Mashruucu waxa uu is barbar dhigi doonaa labadan jid si loo go'aamiyo kan ugu fiican ee dadka deegaanka iyo meheradaha. Waxaa jiri doona fursado badan oo dadweyne si ay dadku uga qeybqaataan ficial kasta oo la sameyn doono.

## Nala Soco

Wixii su'aalo ah oo la xiriiira mashruuca ama si aad kulan u qabanqaabiso, la soo xiriiir:

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# T METRO Purple Line

## METRO သိလှော်ဘား(စ) Purple Line တက္ကလီလွှာ သိလှော်ဘား(စ) အချ ကျွမ်းဝင်စိတ်ဆုတ်လဲတော်ကွ (Bus Rapid Transit)

Purple Line, သိလှော်ဘား(စ) အချ ကျွမ်းဝင်စိတ်ဆုတ်လဲတော်ကွ အကျိုး လာတော်ဆုတ်ပတ်ဖျါထီဉ်အိလော Ramsey County အပူ, ကဘူးစဲဒီး လှော်ဗျာအကျ လာတော်မအါထီဉ်အိ ဒီး BRT တ်မစါလော လော METRO တ်မအကျါအကျ, လောပတ်ဗျာဒီး တ်ဘူးစဲလီလီဆူ သိလှော်ဘား(စ) Green Line, Gold Line, B Line, G Line, ဒီး H Line, ဗျာဒီး လီကဝီသိလှော်ဘား(စ)ဗျာအကျါ တဖှ နှဉ်လီ. သိလှော်ဘား(စ)အကျါအိ ကလဲတုဆူ တ်ဖဲတ်မတဖှ, တ်ဗီ တဖှ, ဒီး တ်မစါတဖှ, မဂူထီဉ် တ်ပတံသကံ တညးဒီး တ်ပပြ လီသးလော မျီထီဉ်ဗျာထီဉ်လီကဝီနှဉ်လီ.



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## တ်မအပတီ ဆူညါတဖှ

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We'd like your feedback on route modifications to the METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project! The Project is studying an alternative route that will use Maryland and White Bear avenues to travel to the Maplewood Mall area instead of the route through the Bruce Vento Regional Trail corridor, north of Maryland Avenue. The Project will compare these two routes to determine which provides the greatest benefit to area residents and businesses.



[app.publiccoordinate.com/#/projects/PurpleLine](http://app.publiccoordinate.com/#/projects/PurpleLine)

## USING THE MAP

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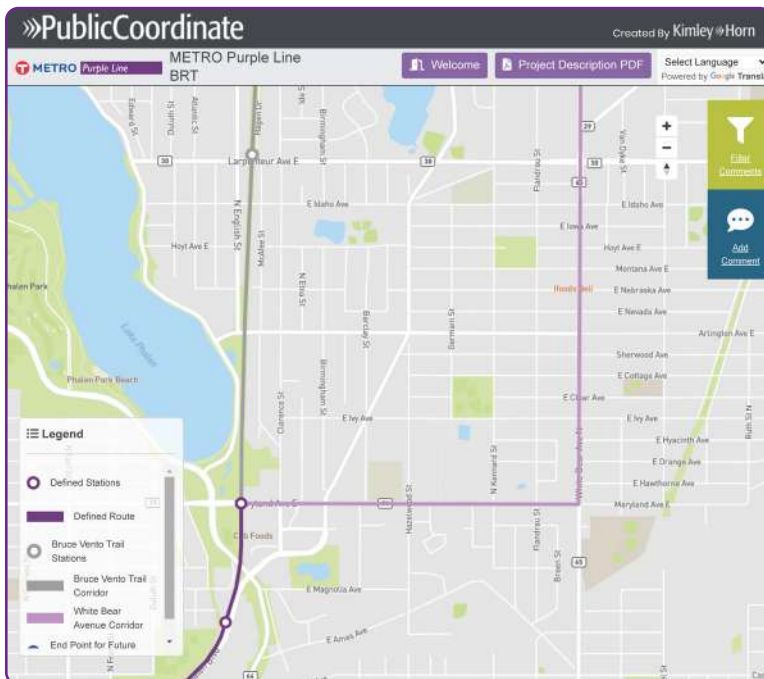
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- On a **computer browser**: select the type of comment then click on the map to place your comment
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Comment types include opportunity, question, and concern.

Type your comment into the "New Comment" box and click submit, your comment will be posted instantly.

Hover over or click existing comments to view the text and reply.



Please use this interactive map to **review and give feedback** on the route options:

- What concerns or opportunities do you see with either route?
- What questions do you have about the route options?

*Your feedback will help us determine how to refine the White Bear Avenue alternative and determine which route option should advance.*

For project questions, contact Colin Owens, *Community Outreach Coordinator*

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# WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

## WHITE BEAR AVENUE ROUTE OPTION STATION LOCATIONS

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### YOU'RE INVITED!

#### IN-PERSON MEETINGS

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#### VIRTUAL MEETING

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Visit the project website for the latest information and to share your feedback on an interactive map:



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# WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

JOIN COMMUNITY & BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The METRO Purple Line's Community and Business Advisory Committee (CBAC) provides guidance on community and business issues to the project's Corridor Management Committee (CMC) that is made up of elected and appointed officials.

Project staff are studying a new route alternative that will run along Maryland, White Bear, and Beam avenues. There are 10 potential stations proposed along this new alternative that were not part of the project when the CBAC first formed in 2022. The Purple Line project is seeking new members to represent perspectives of residents and business along the new alternative.

## APPLY TO JOIN CBAC!

Take the application survey online using the QR code to the right.



- Serve as resource to greater community
- Advise on communication strategies
- Provide input on project design and station area planning topics
- Identify issues and mitigation strategies of project impacts



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# METRO PURPLE LINE BUS RAPID TRANSIT COMMUNITY MEETINGS

You're invited to attend community meetings taking place in July and August (see reverse side).

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Visit the project website to find more information, the latest newsletter, and ways to share feedback.



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## APPENDIX B. DISPLAY BOARDS/GO-BOOK

September 2023





# WELCOME

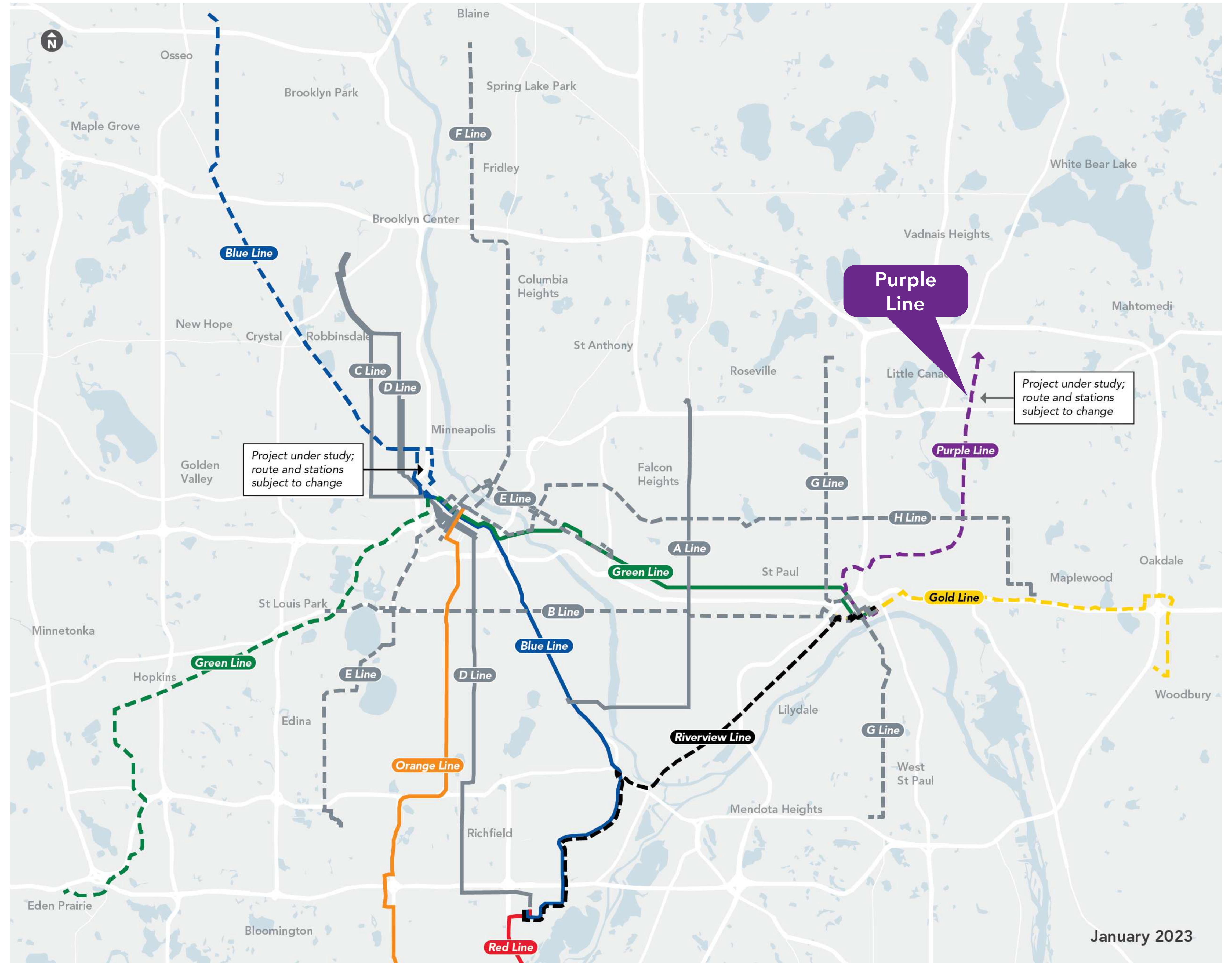


## Welcome to the **METRO Purple Line** Community Meeting



# FUTURE TRANSIT

The Purple Line is a proposed bus rapid transit (BRT) line in Ramsey County that will connect with expanding light rail and BRT service of the METRO system, including direct connections to the Green Line, Gold Line, B Line, G Line, and H Line, as well as local bus routes. The line will increase accessibility to jobs, housing, and services, improving the appeal and competitiveness of the east metro area.



## Current METRO network

- A Line
- Green Line
- C Line
- Orange Line
- D Line
- Red Line
- Blue Line

## Planned METRO network

- - - Planned BRT
- - - Green Line Extension
- - - Gold Line
- - - Blue Line Extension  
*Project under study; route and stations subject to change.*
- - - Purple Line  
*Project under study; route and stations subject to change.*
- - - Riverview Line



# WHAT IS BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT)?

BRT is a package of transit enhancements that create a **better, more reliable, and faster trip experience** compared to typical bus service.

## Purple Line BRT enhanced features include:

### More frequent service

- Provides all-day service that operates seven days a week with buses arriving every 10-15 minutes on weekdays, every 30 minutes on weekends

### A faster ride

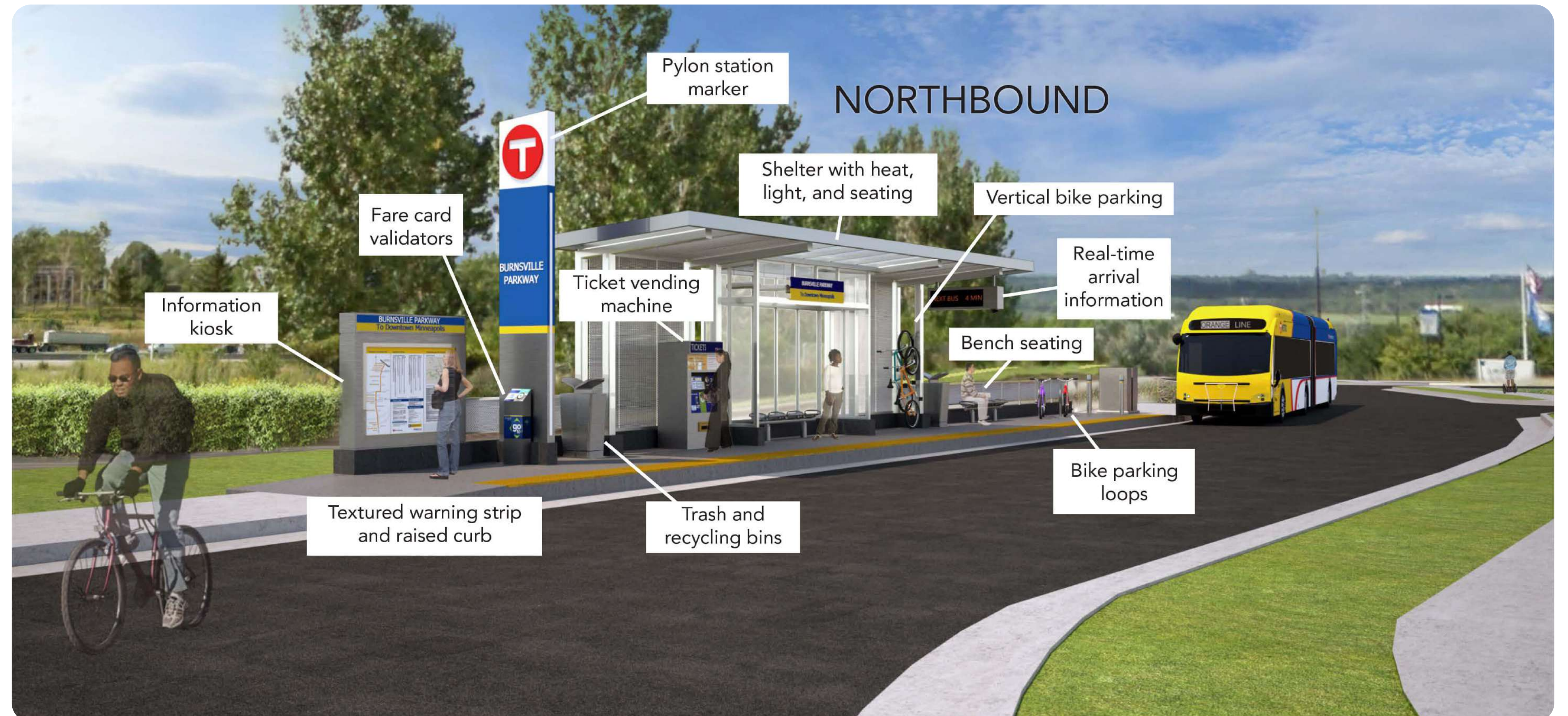
- Pay before you board so the bus leaves the station faster
- Raised platforms help you step or roll on and off easily
- Fewer stops than local routes and bus-only lanes that help keep the bus moving
- Buses are given priority at key traffic signals to “ask” for green lights

### Stations with enhanced amenities

- Shelters will provide comfortable waiting space and a variety of amenities: NexTrip real-time departure signs, maps, heat, lighting, bike racks, and added security with cameras and emergency telephones

### Specialized buses

- Buses will be unique and recognizable with wider aisles, additional doors, and folding seats to make room for wheelchairs and strollers



Example of a BRT bus stop and potential amenities



10-15 minutes bus frequency



Connections to Park & Ride and other transit services



Access to key destinations and employers



Travel within bus-only lanes for most of the route



Example of local bus stop



# Features of DEDICATED BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT)



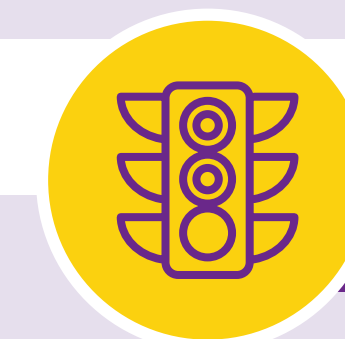
## DEDICATED RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Buses can travel faster with bus-only lanes, an essential feature of Dedicated BRT. Buses are never delayed due to traffic congestion



## OFF-BOARD FARE COLLECTION:

Riders pay their fare at the station instead of on the bus, so riders can board and leave the bus through all doors.



## INTERSECTION TREATMENTS:

Buses have priority at intersections to "ask for" or extend a green light



## RAISED PLATFORM BOARDING:

Riders of all abilities can board easier with 10-inch-high platforms





# TWIN CITIES TRANSIT SERVICE TYPES

## T METRO Network

Offers fast, frequent, all-day service and is the fastest growing service. Service includes paying before you board, fewer stops, and enhanced stations.

### Arterial Bus Rapid Transit

- Fastest growing ridership
- Operates in mixed traffic on local roads with some exclusive lanes
- Raised curbs at most stations for easier boarding



### Dedicated Bus Rapid Transit

- Primarily operates in exclusive lanes on existing or new roadways
- Raised curbs at most stations for easier boarding
- Includes both Highway BRT and Guideway BRT types



### Light Rail Transit

- Operates on train tracks in exclusive right-of-way
- Level boarding between platform and vehicle
- Largest rider capacity



## Bus Service

Local, suburban, express, and limited stop service is the backbone of the Twin Cities transit system. Buses serve stops that may include limited-amenity bus shelters.

### Local and Suburban Bus

- Most common
- Pay as you board
- Operates in mixed traffic on local roads
- Typically stops every block
- All-day service



### Express or Limited Stop

- Operates in mixed traffic on local roads and highways
- Pay as you board or exit
- Express service operates between suburban Park & Rides and urban centers, serving one-directional rush hour commutes
- Limited stop operates all-day in both directions with stops every quarter- to half-mile



## Other Services

Metro Transit and the Metropolitan Council offer a mix of other services to bolster the core bus and METRO network.



### METRO TRANSIT MICRO

- Pilot program in North Minneapolis
- On-demand, multi-passenger service without dedicated stops
- Provides end-to-end trips within the service area or connections to other transit service
- Small 15-passenger buses



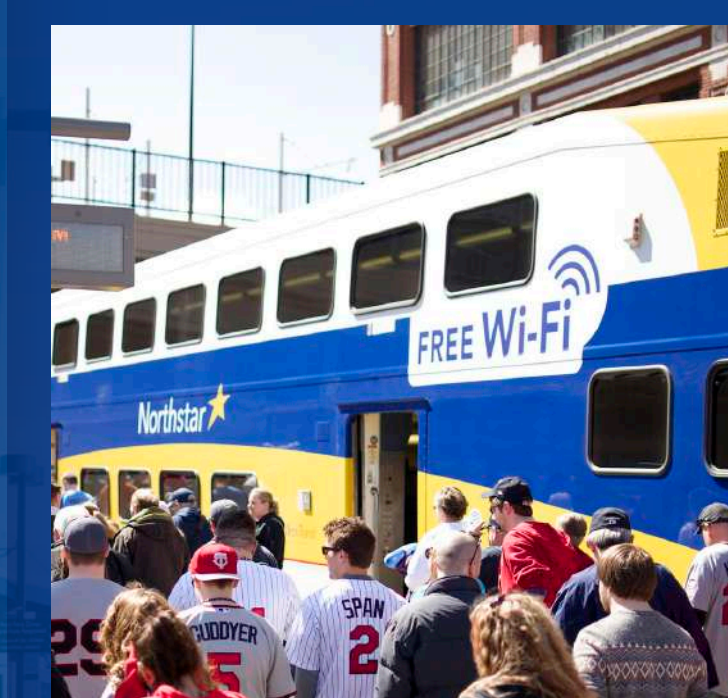
### METRO MOBILITY

- Available to Twin Cities residents who are unable to use regular fixed-route service due to a disability or health condition
- Riders must apply to use the service
- Multi-passenger service without dedicated stops
- Small 15-passenger buses



### TRANSIT LINK

- Available to Twin Cities residents where regular fixed-route service is infrequent or unavailable
- A multi-passenger service without dedicated stops
- Small 15-passenger buses



### NORTHSTAR

- Provides rush hour service between downtown Minneapolis and Big Lake, Minnesota
- Operates on train tracks, serving dedicated stations
- Typically described as "commuter rail"





# PURPOSE AND NEED

## What is the purpose and need of the Purple Line BRT project?

To provide transit service that satisfies the long-term regional mobility and accessibility needs for businesses and the traveling public, and supports sustainable development within the study area: St. Paul, Maplewood, and North Saint Paul.



### SERVING THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE WHO RELY ON TRANSIT

- ✓ For households without a vehicle or for multi-family households with only one vehicle
- ✓ For residents in the corridor that are unable to or choose not to own a vehicle
- ✓ For a growing population of residents 65 and older along the corridor
- ✓ For residents in the corridor with a disability impacting their mobility



### MEETING INCREASING DEMAND FOR RELIABLE, HIGH-FREQUENCY TRANSIT

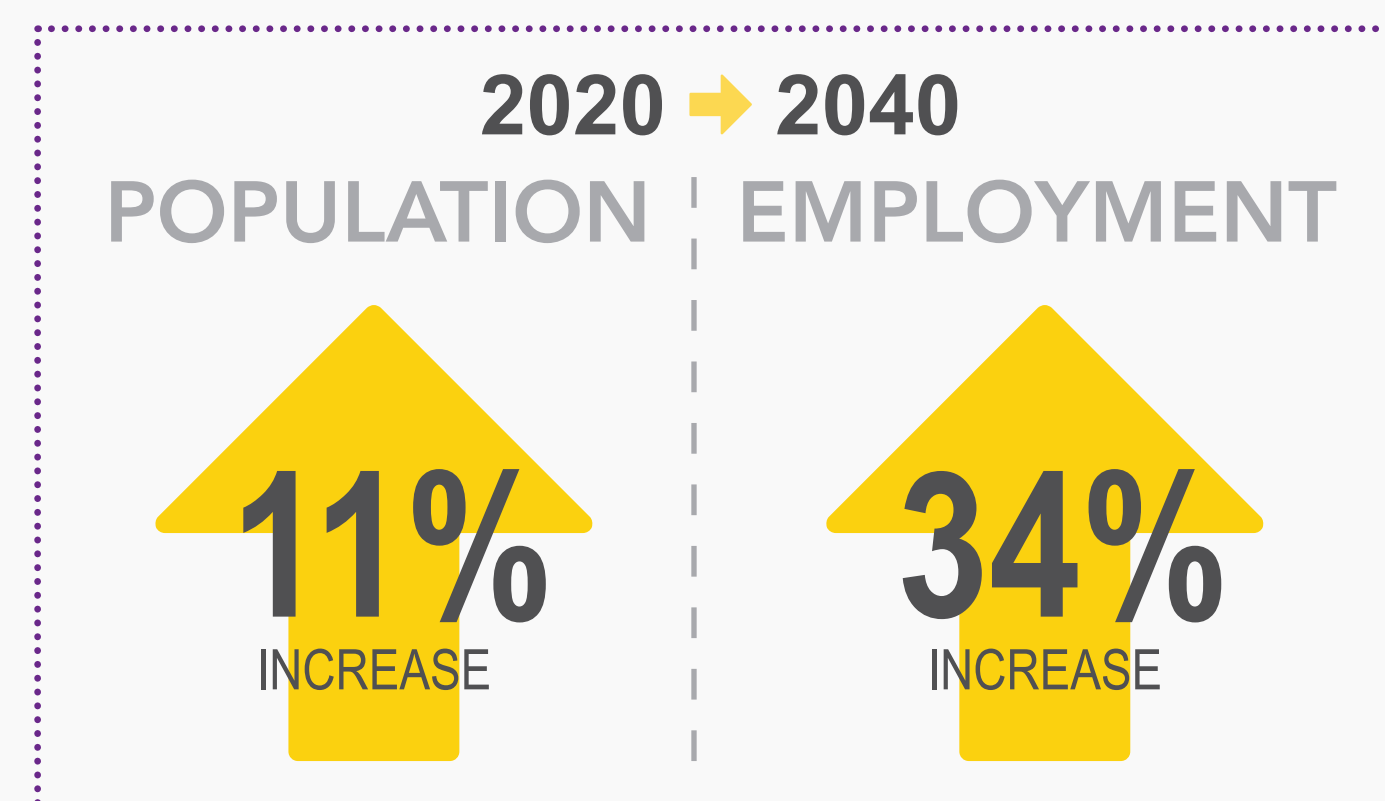
**3** EXISTING HIGH FREQUENCY ROUTES **44** TOTAL ROUTES



**METRO A Line**  
RIDERSHIP **30%**  
since 2016 opening



### PLANNING FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

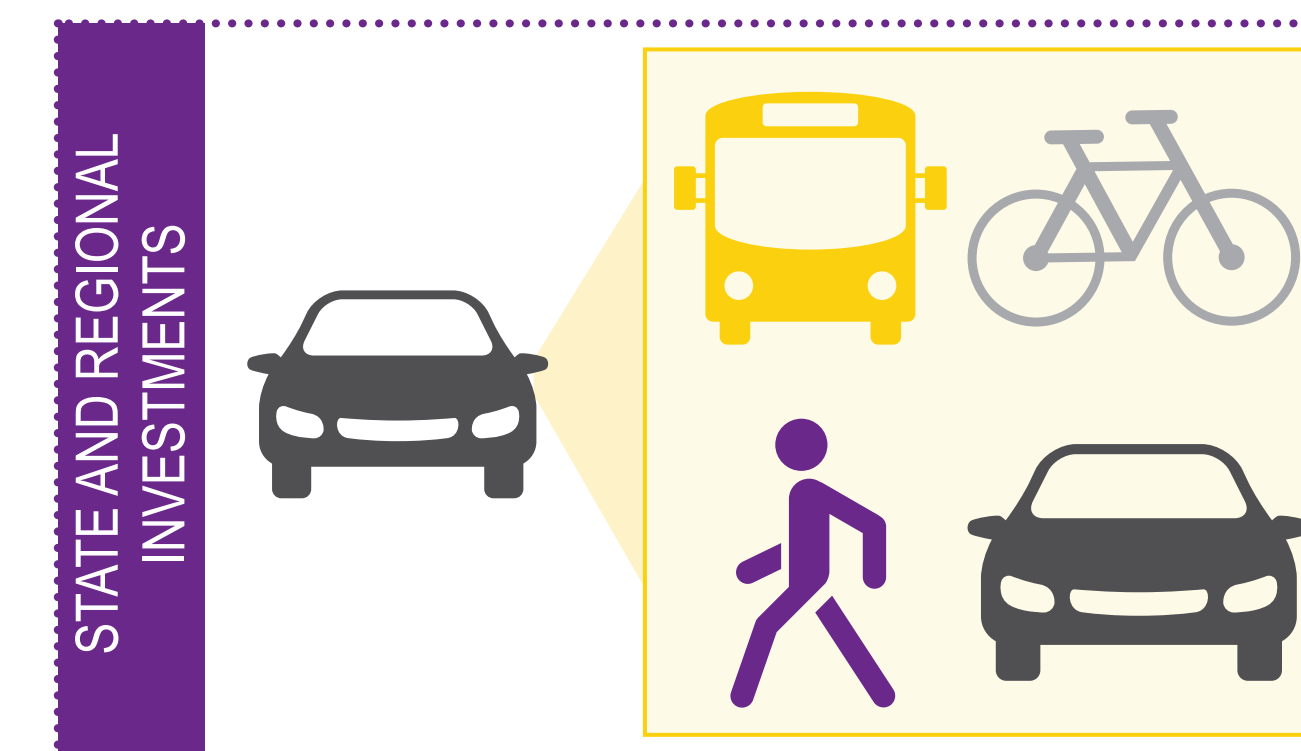


- ✓ Zoning throughout the corridor is planned to become more amenable to multi-family and mixed-use development.
- ✓ Demand of additional highway capacity to relieve congestion is beyond available or realistic resources.

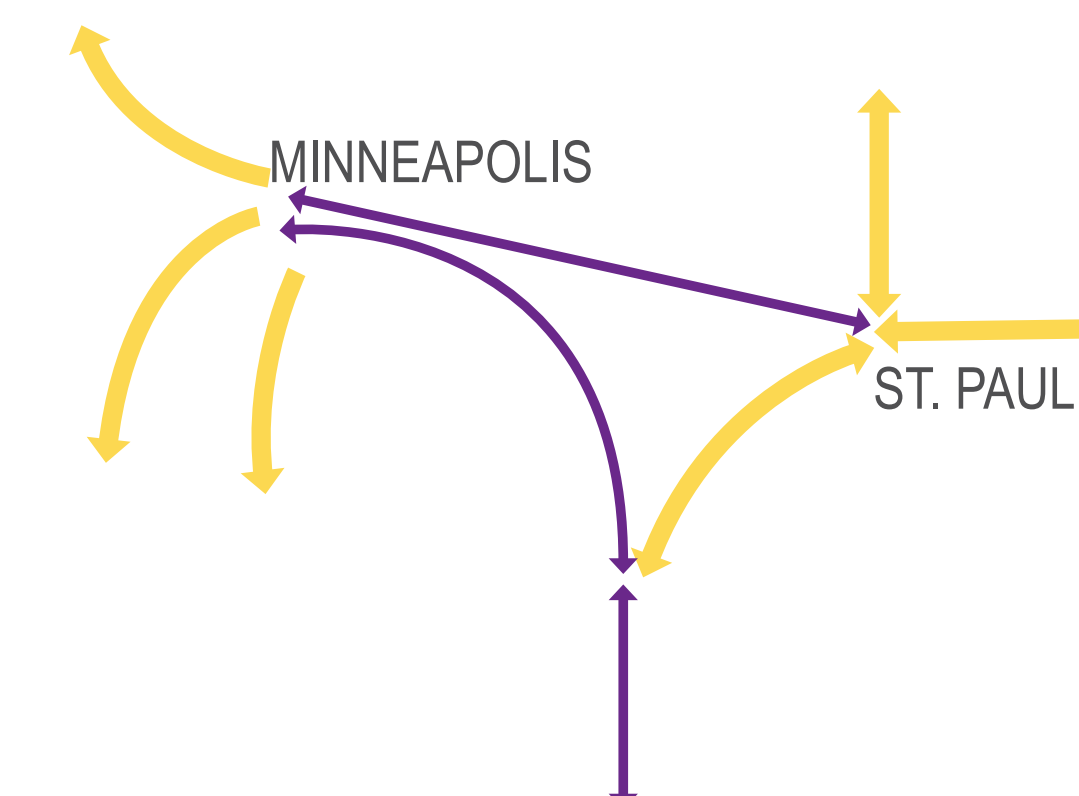


### EXPANDING MULTIMODAL TRAVEL OPTIONS

The State of Minnesota and the Twin Cities region are shifting away from investing in cars only to investing in multiple modes including cars, transit, walking, biking, and more.



Regional transportation plans include the Purple Line BRT project as one of multiple METRO lines to be built in the next decade.

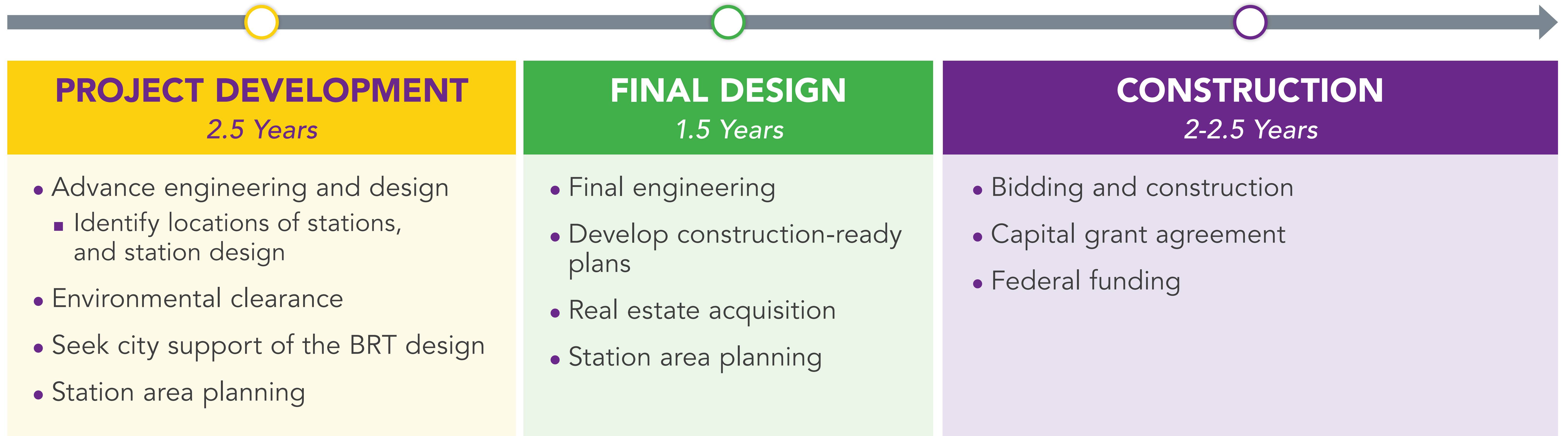


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# PROJECT SCHEDULE

WE ARE HERE

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

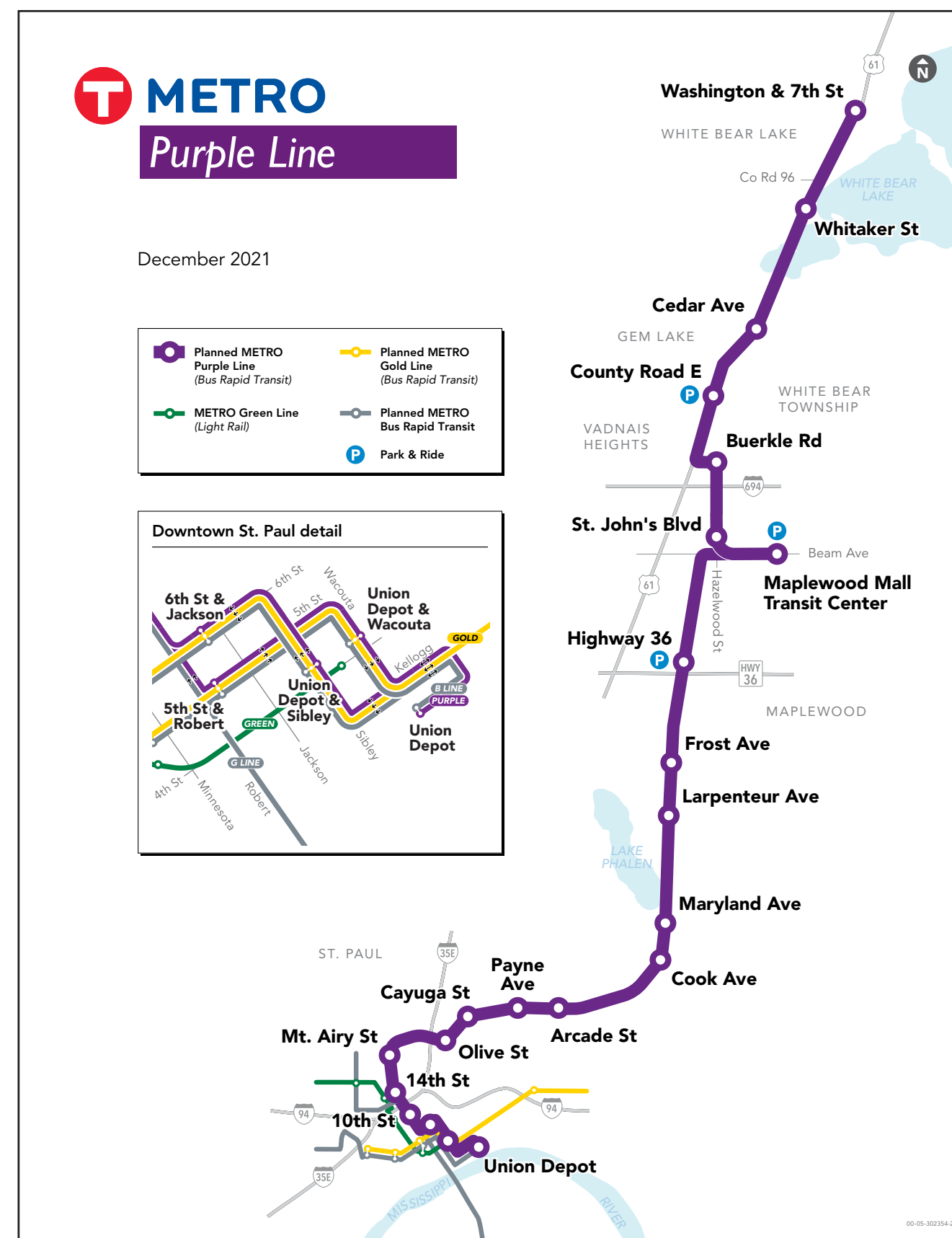


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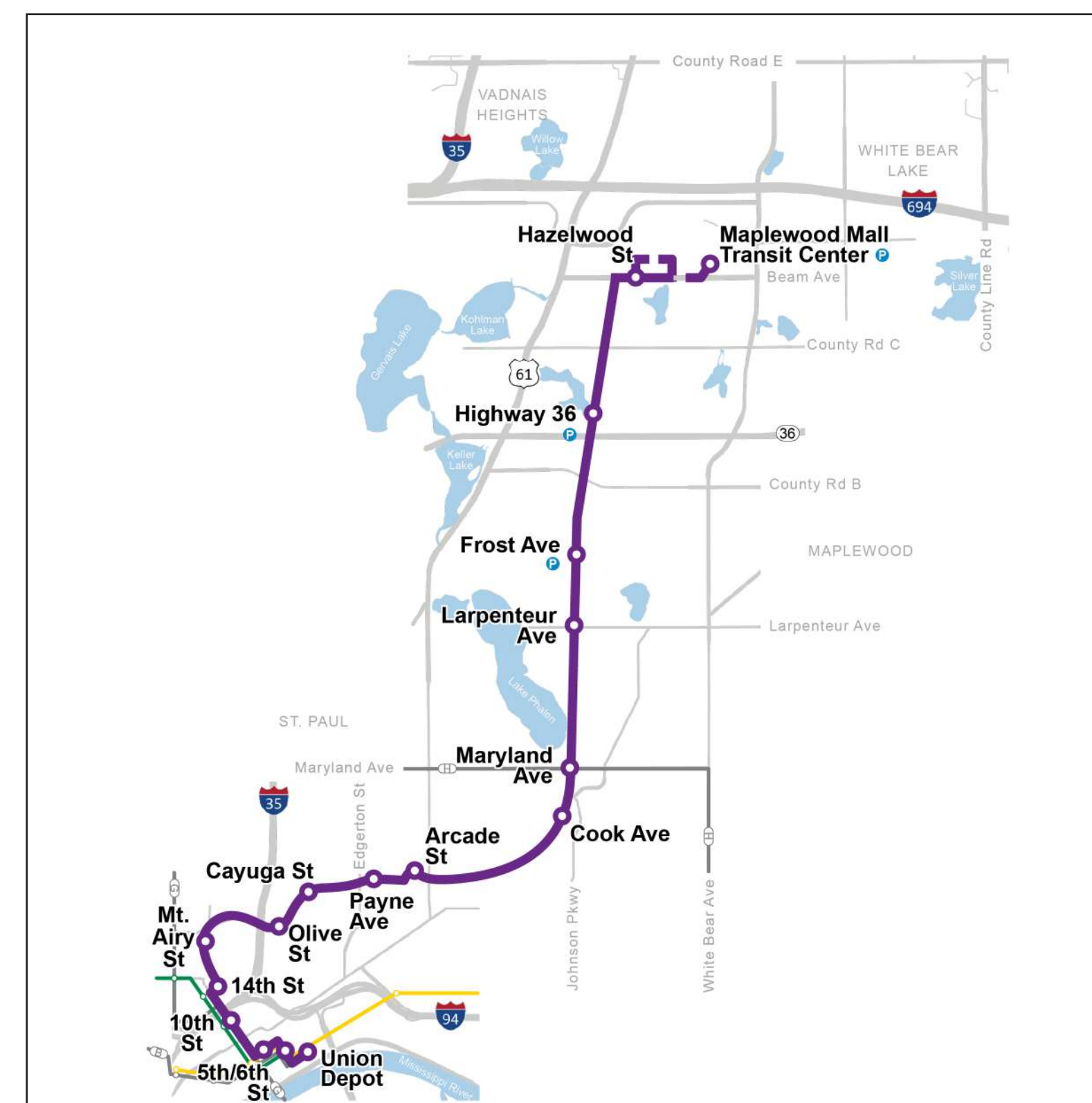
# EVOLUTION OF PURPLE LINE BRT

Since the late 1990s, the project has progressed through several phases of concept development, planning analysis, and preliminary engineering to advance a community-supported and implementable transit improvement.



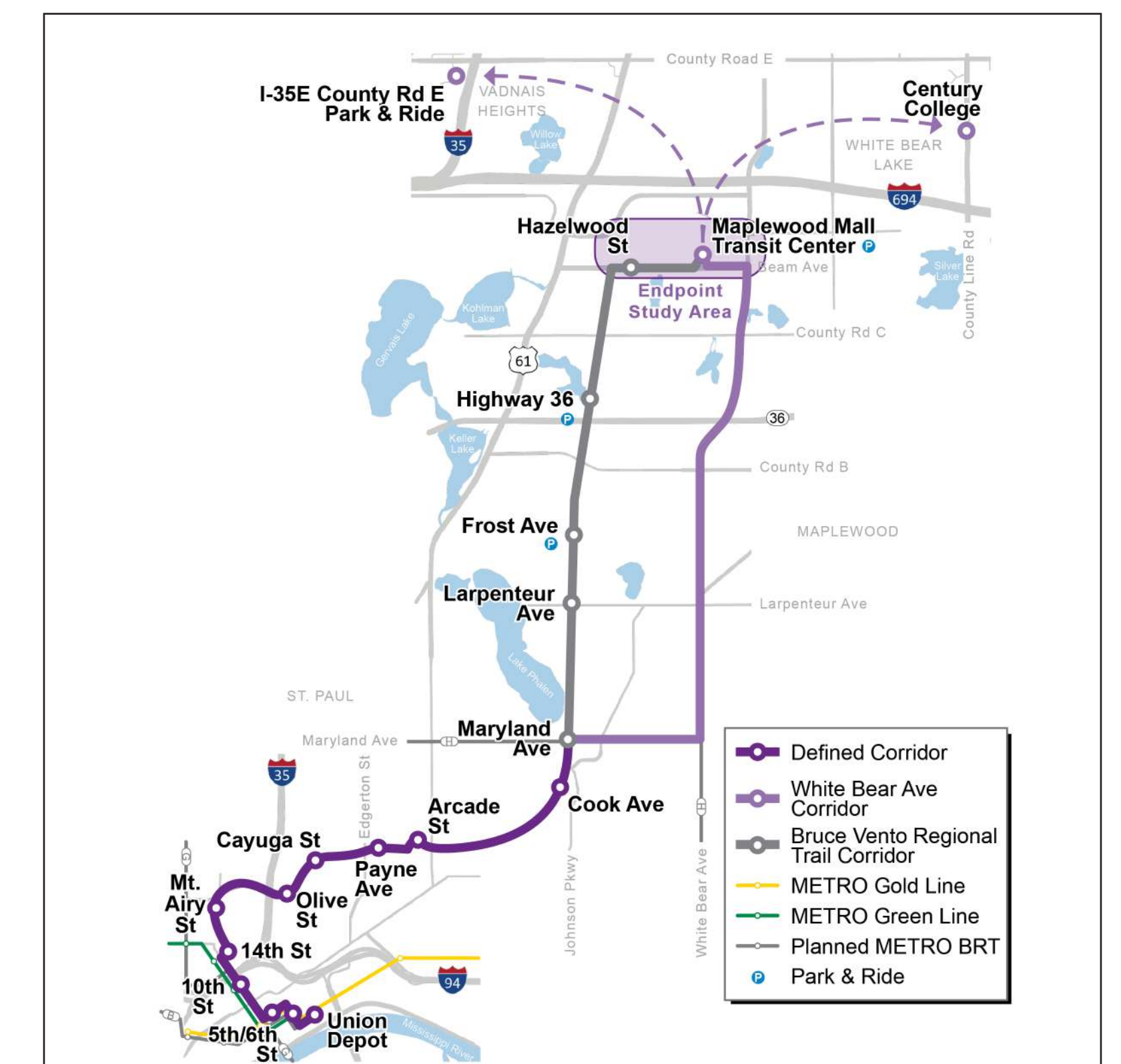
## Environmental Phase December 2021

Ramsey County led a multi-year effort, engaging municipal staff and communities, to develop preliminary design plans for the locally preferred alternative from downtown St. Paul to downtown White Bear Lake, which was used to complete an environmental assessment. The locally preferred alternative was selected and recommended by the Rush Line Policy Advisory Committee in May 2017.



## Route Modification Study Phase I Alternatives March 2023

Metropolitan Council led a year-long effort to modify the locally preferred alternative by selecting a new northern end point for Purple Line after the City of White Bear Lake requested the project not enter city limits.



## Route Modification Study Phase II Alternatives (In Process)

Metropolitan Council is leading the current effort to study Maryland and White Bear avenues to the Maplewood Mall area as an alternative route to using the Bruce Vento Regional Trail Corridor.



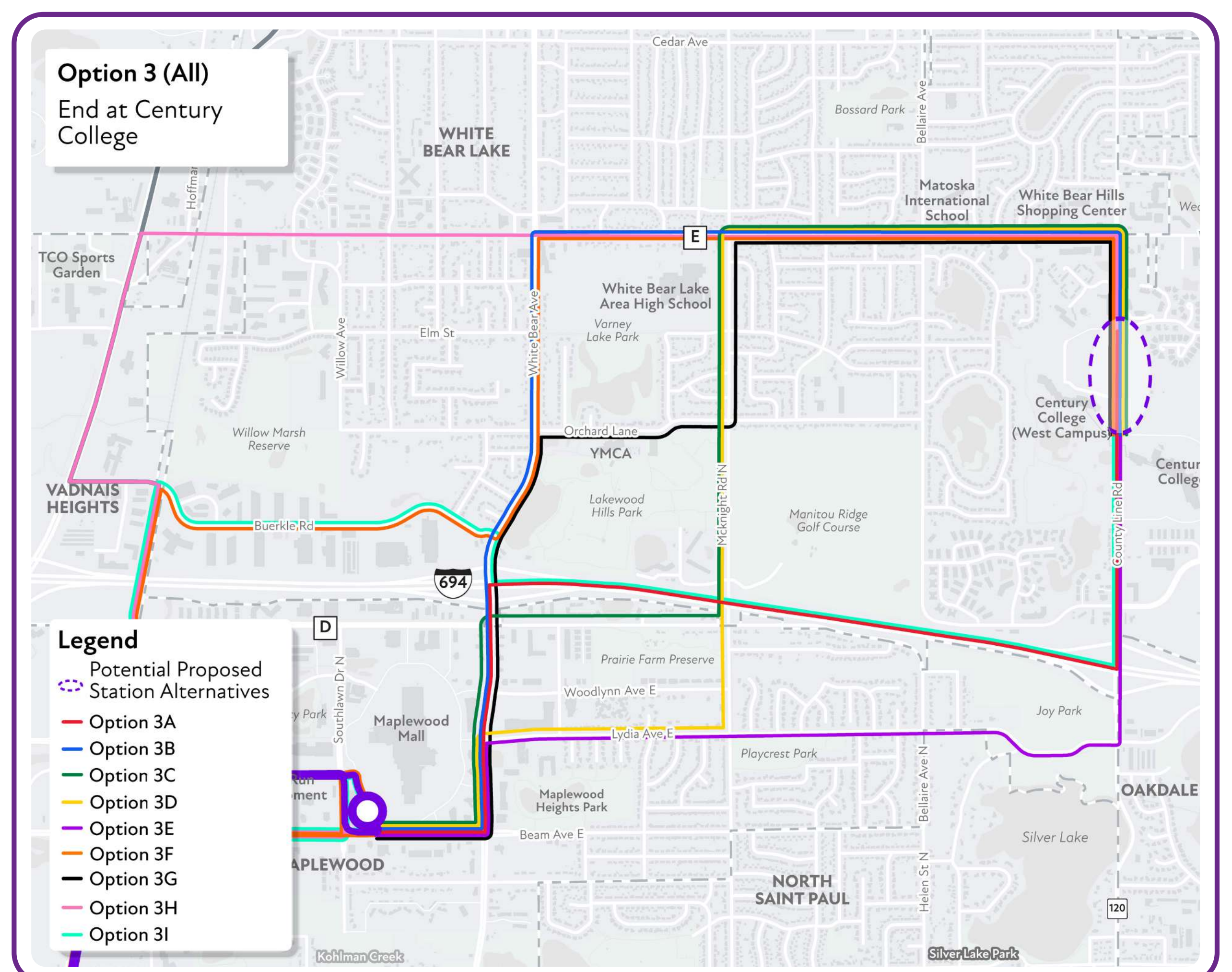
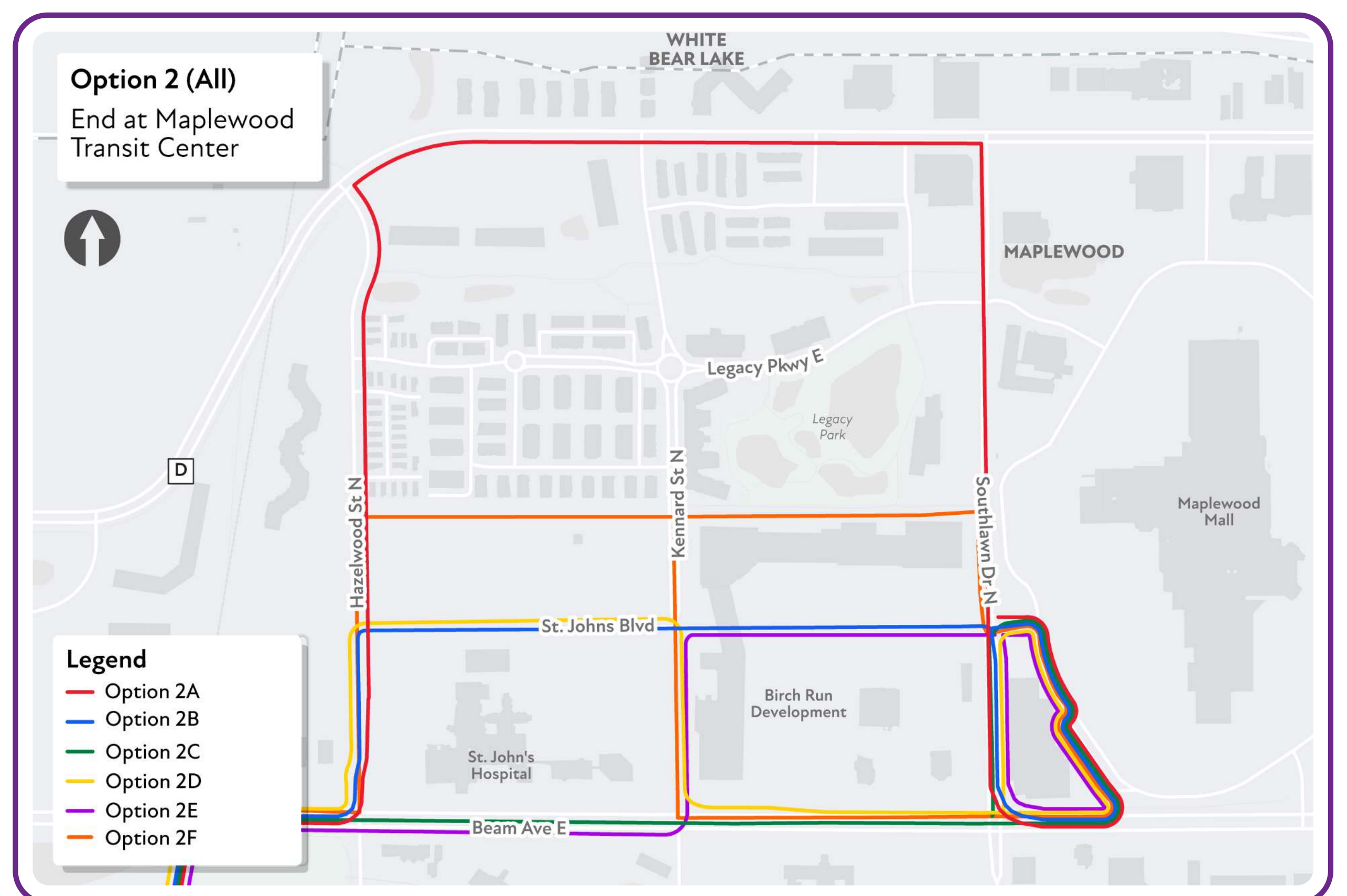
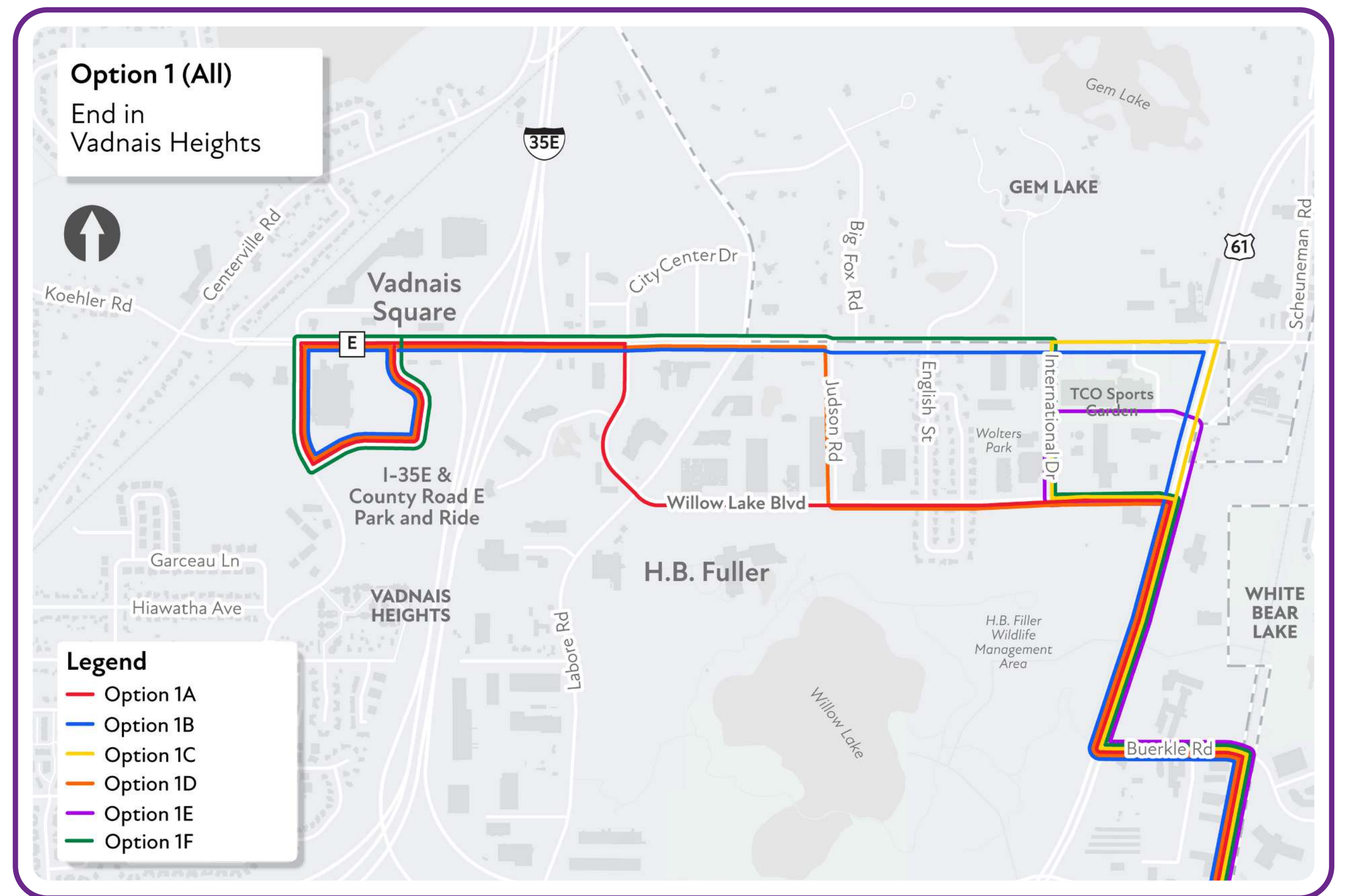
# ROUTE MODIFICATION STUDY PHASE I BRUCE VENTO TRAIL CORRIDOR

In March 2022, the City of White Bear Lake took formal action to request Purple Line BRT not enter the city limits. The project team explored several options to change the line's northernmost stop including Maplewood Mall Transit Center, I-35E and County Road E Park & Ride in Vadnais Heights, and Century College on the White Bear Lake-Mahtomedi border. The project maintained the alignment between downtown St. Paul and Beam Ave in Maplewood, along the Bruce Vento Regional Trail.

## Evaluation Criteria

The following criteria was used to evaluate if the three end points met the project's purpose and need:

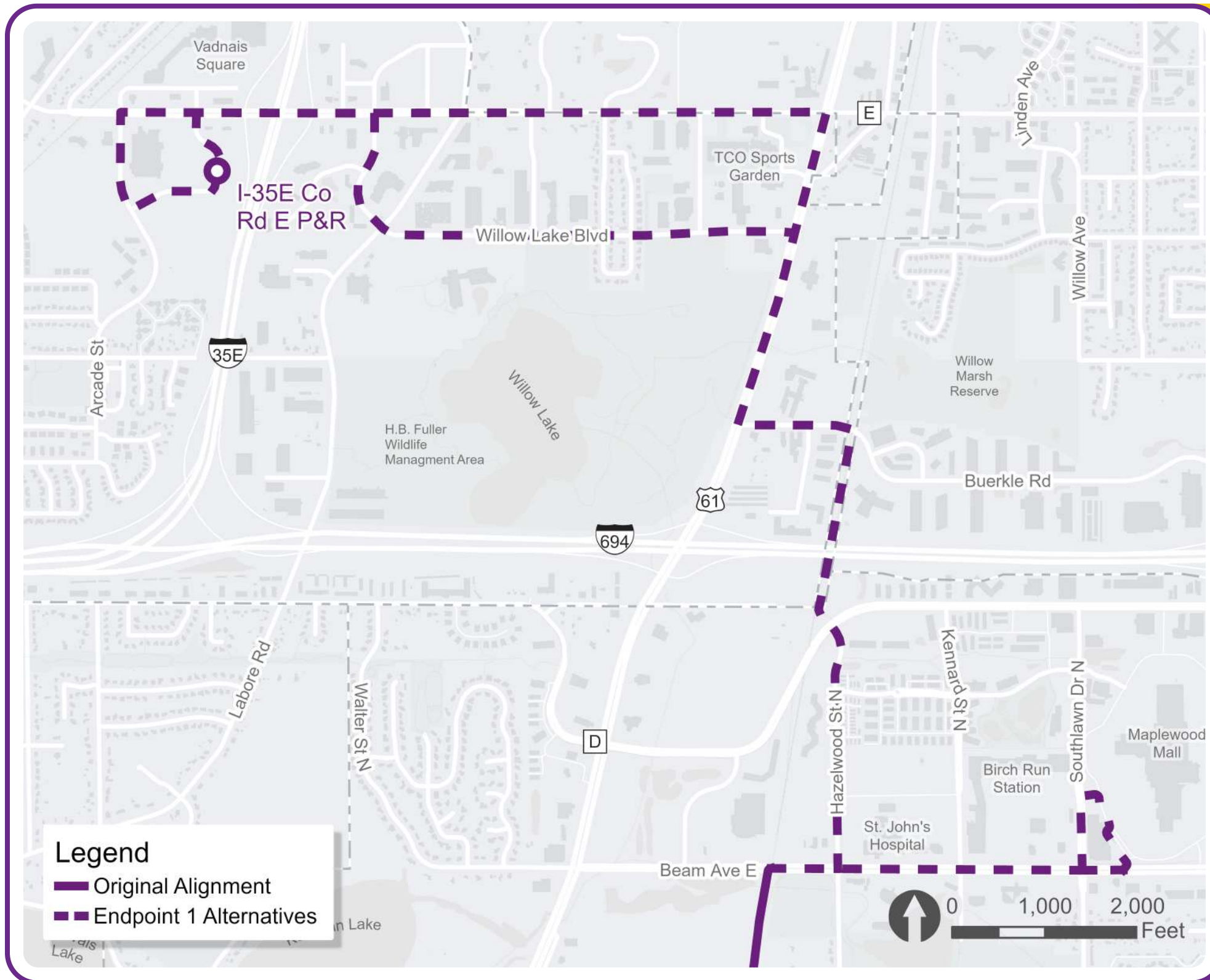
- ✔ **Who the project serves**  
 Population, jobs, housing density, destination density, land use
- ✔ **Connectivity to other modes of transportation**  
 Existing bus route connections; pedestrian and bicycle accessibility; future transit planning
- ✔ **Potential impacts to environmental and community resources**  
 Parks, trails, wetlands, historic resources, traffic
- ✔ **Project Feasibility for federal funding**  
 Travel time; ridership; capital costs





# ROUTE MODIFICATION STUDY PHASE I FEDERAL FUNDING ELIGIBILITY

The alignment for each end point, connecting to the Bruce Vento Regional Trail Corridor, narrowed as alternatives were eliminated during the Route Modification Study Phase I.

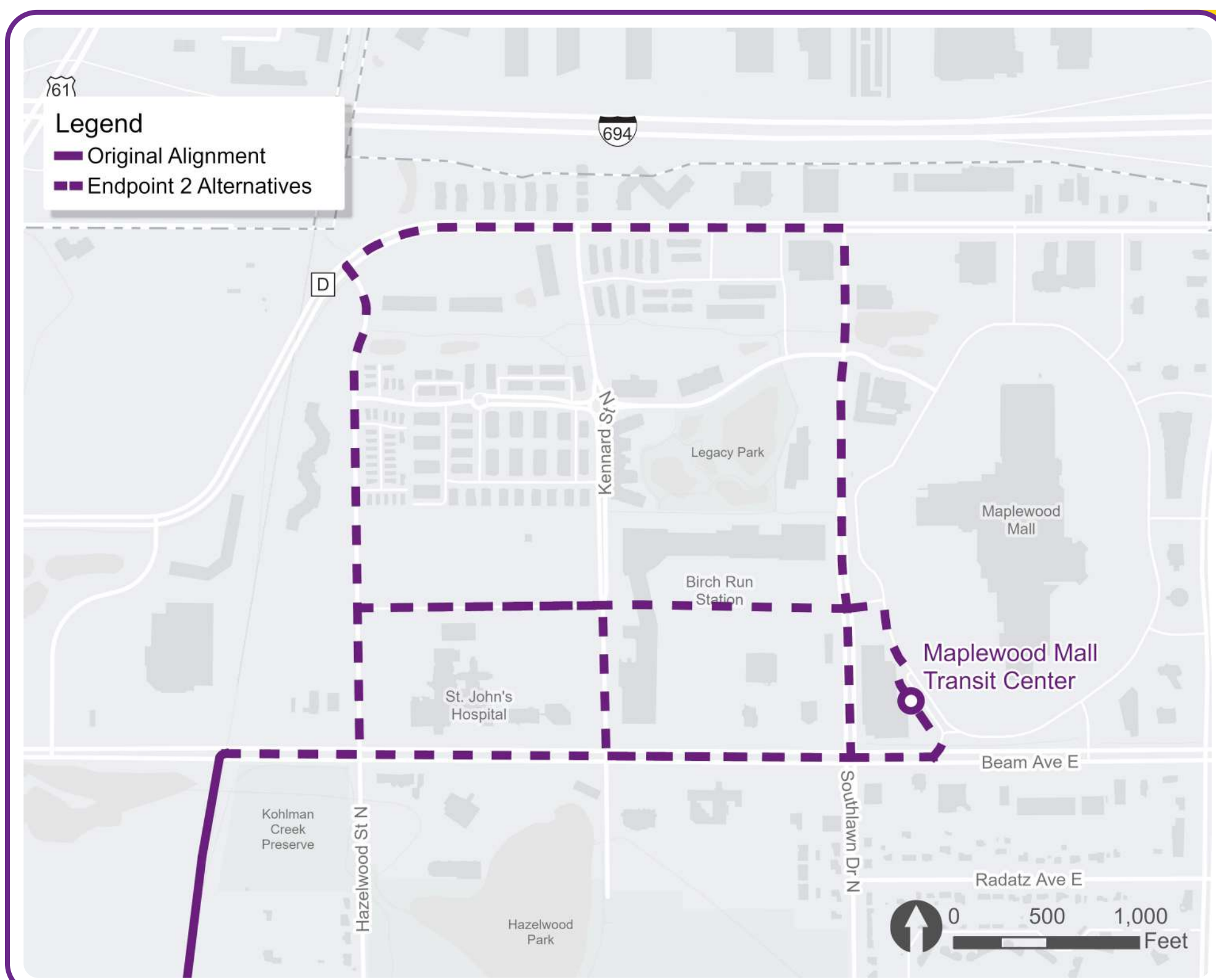


## End Point 1: Vadnais Heights

- Connections to workplaces and community facilities in Vadnais Heights
- Would serve many low-income and communities of color households
- Fewer pedestrian and bicycle facilities connecting to station areas compared to Endpoint 2
- Minimal impacts to environmental resources and community facilities



**NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING:**  
Additional project cost is not supported by predicted ridership

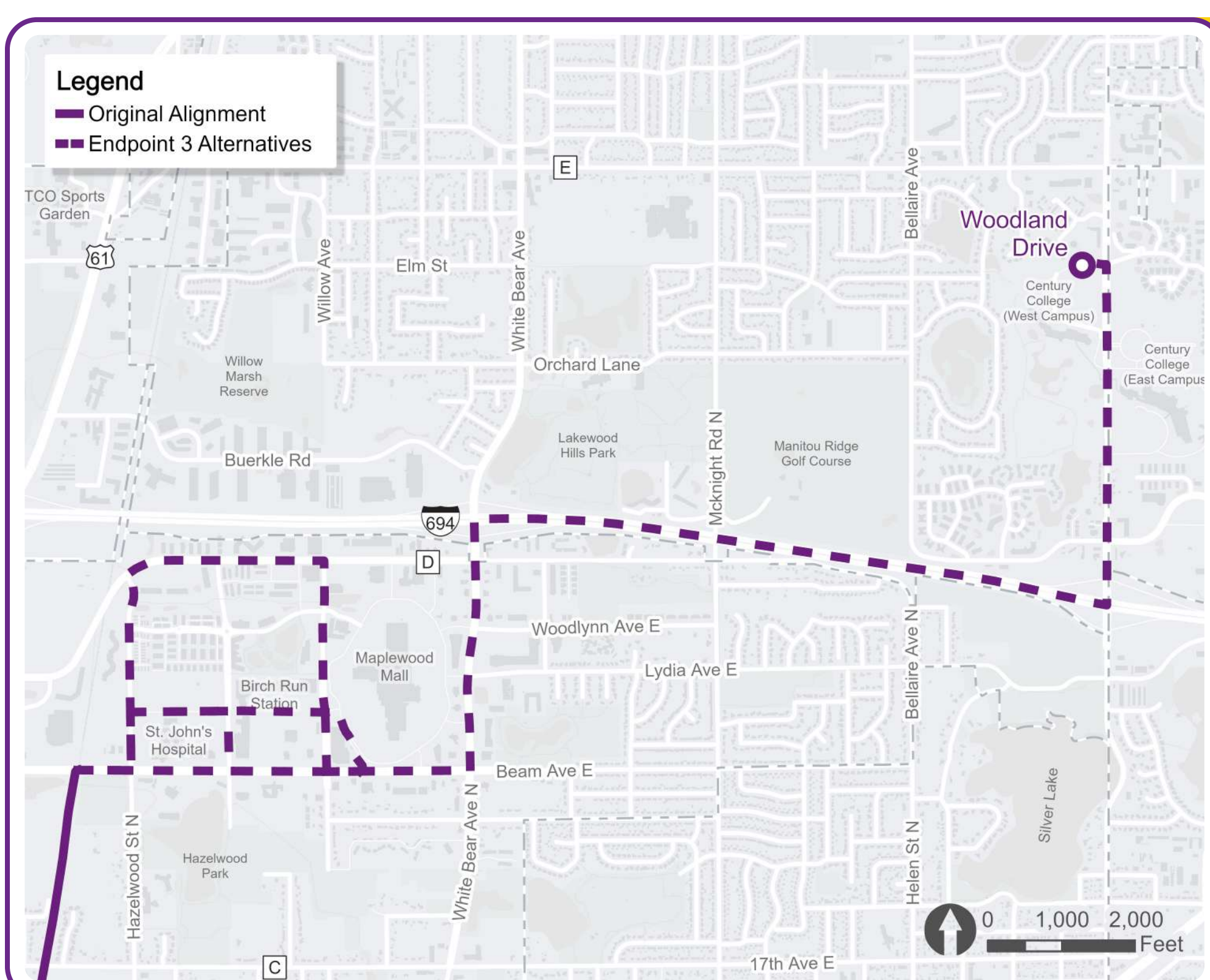


## End Point 2: Maplewood Mall

- Connections to workplaces and community facilities surrounding Maplewood Mall
- Good quality pedestrian and bicycle facilities connecting to station areas.
- Minimal impacts to environmental resources and community facilities



**ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING:**  
Predicted ridership supports the total project cost



## End Point 3: Century College

- Connections to community institution, Century College, which promotes economic advancement
- Serves residents east of Maplewood Mall
- Fewer pedestrian and bicycle facilities connecting to station areas compared to Endpoint 2
- Minimal impacts to environmental resources and community facilities



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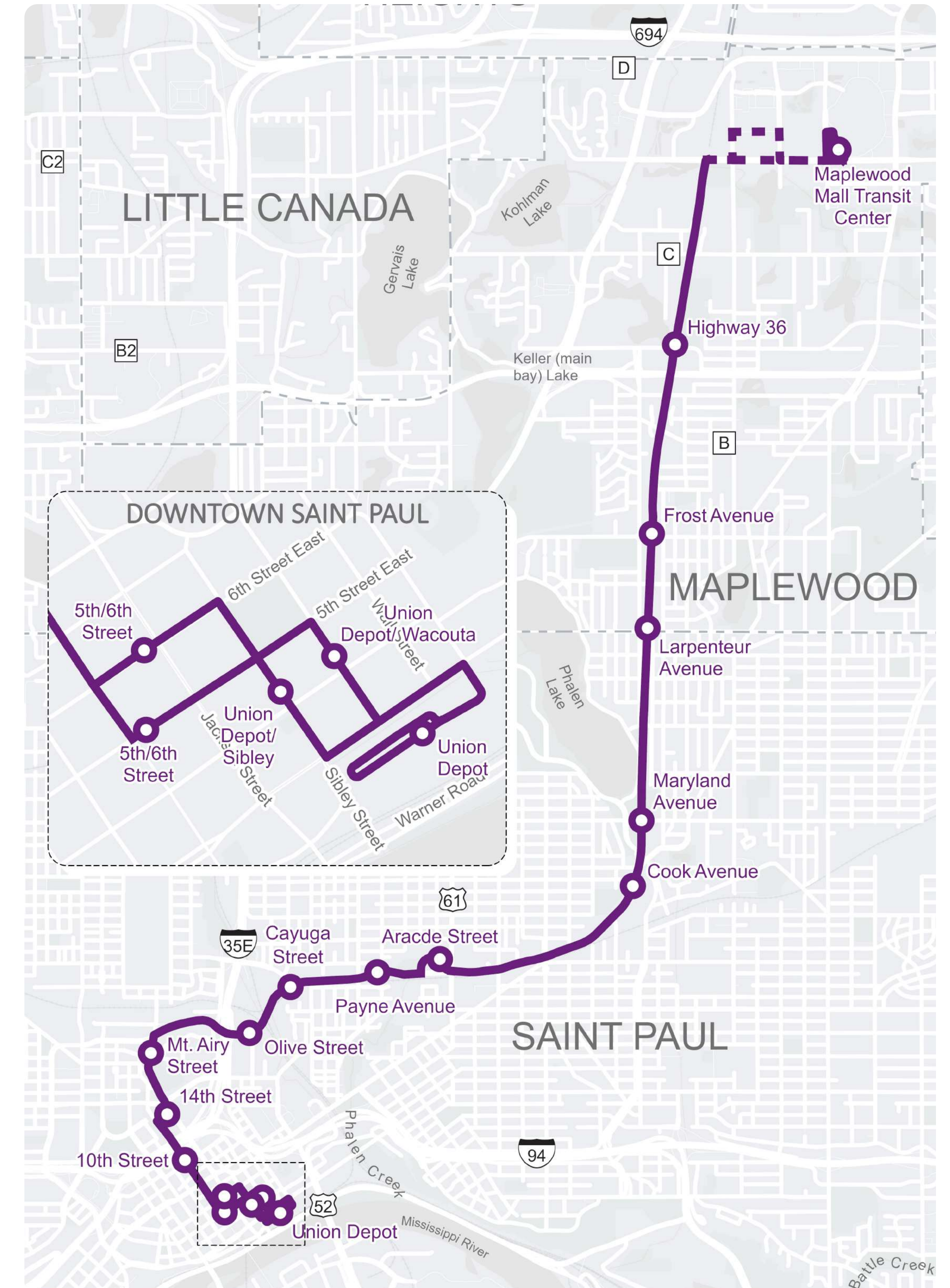
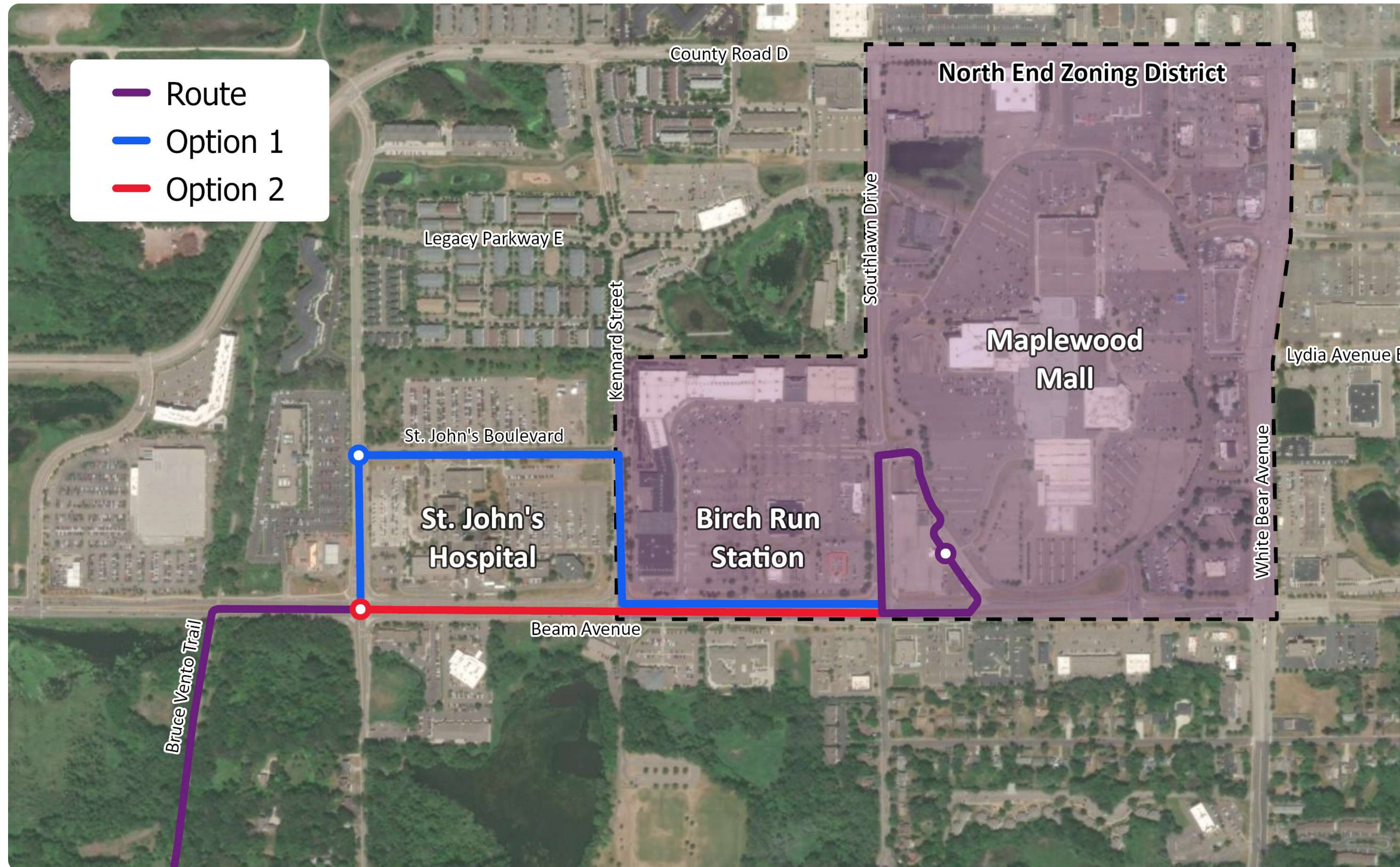
After review of cost, ridership, and other factors for each end point, End Point 2—ending at Maplewood Mall Transit Center—was the only end point that could have qualified for federal funding to advance for further design and planning.



# END POINT 2 (ROUTE MODIFICATION STUDY PHASE I)

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**There are two route options to Maplewood Mall under consideration:**



## ✓ Alignment Benefits

- Connection to several existing bus routes
- Serves St John's Hospital, Maplewood Mall, and the Birch Run Station

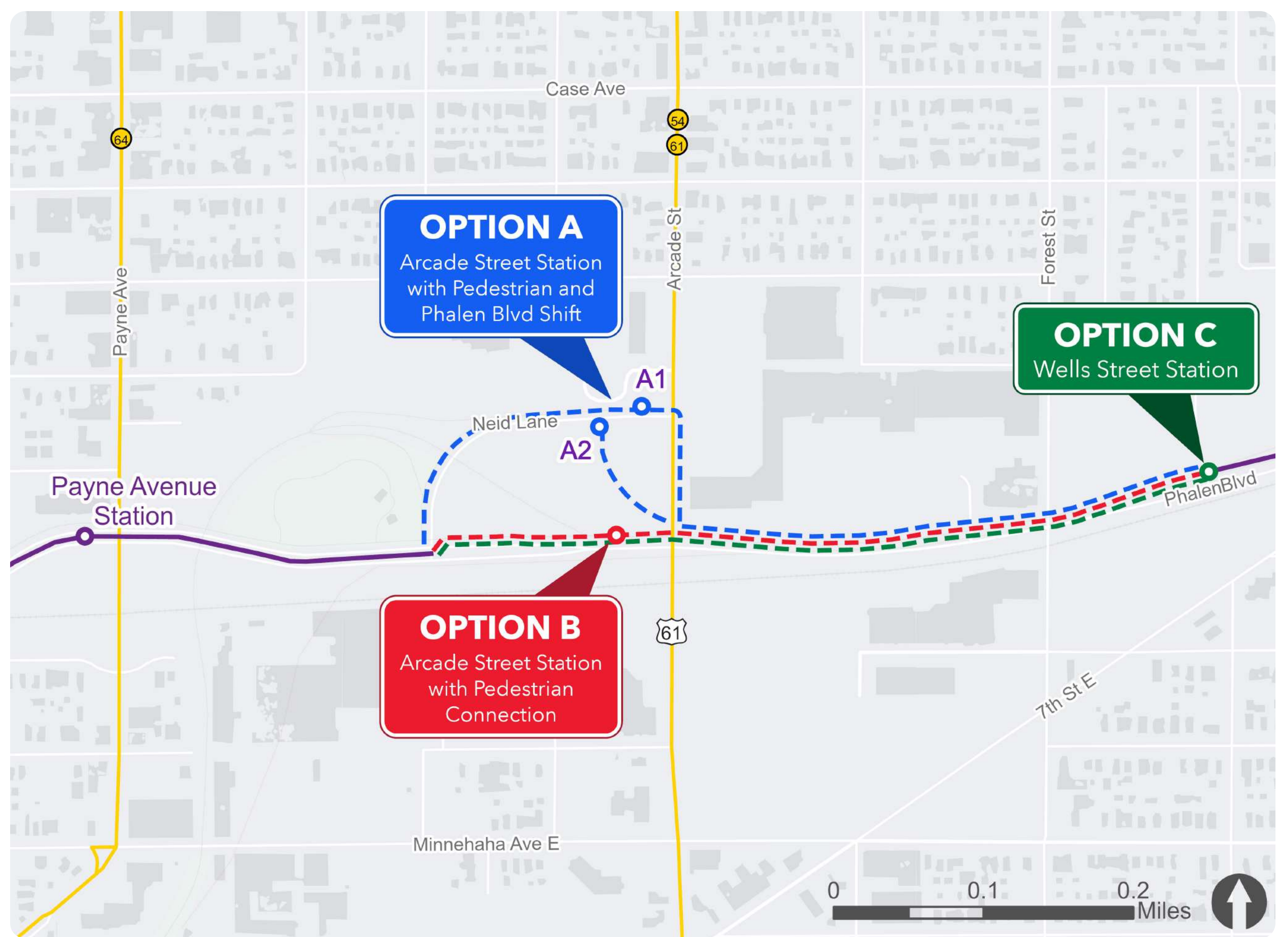


# ARCADE STREET STATION OPTIONS

Since fall 2022, the Purple Line BRT project team explored three options for Arcade Street Station in St. Paul to find a location that provides the best pedestrian access for the surrounding neighborhoods. Those options include:

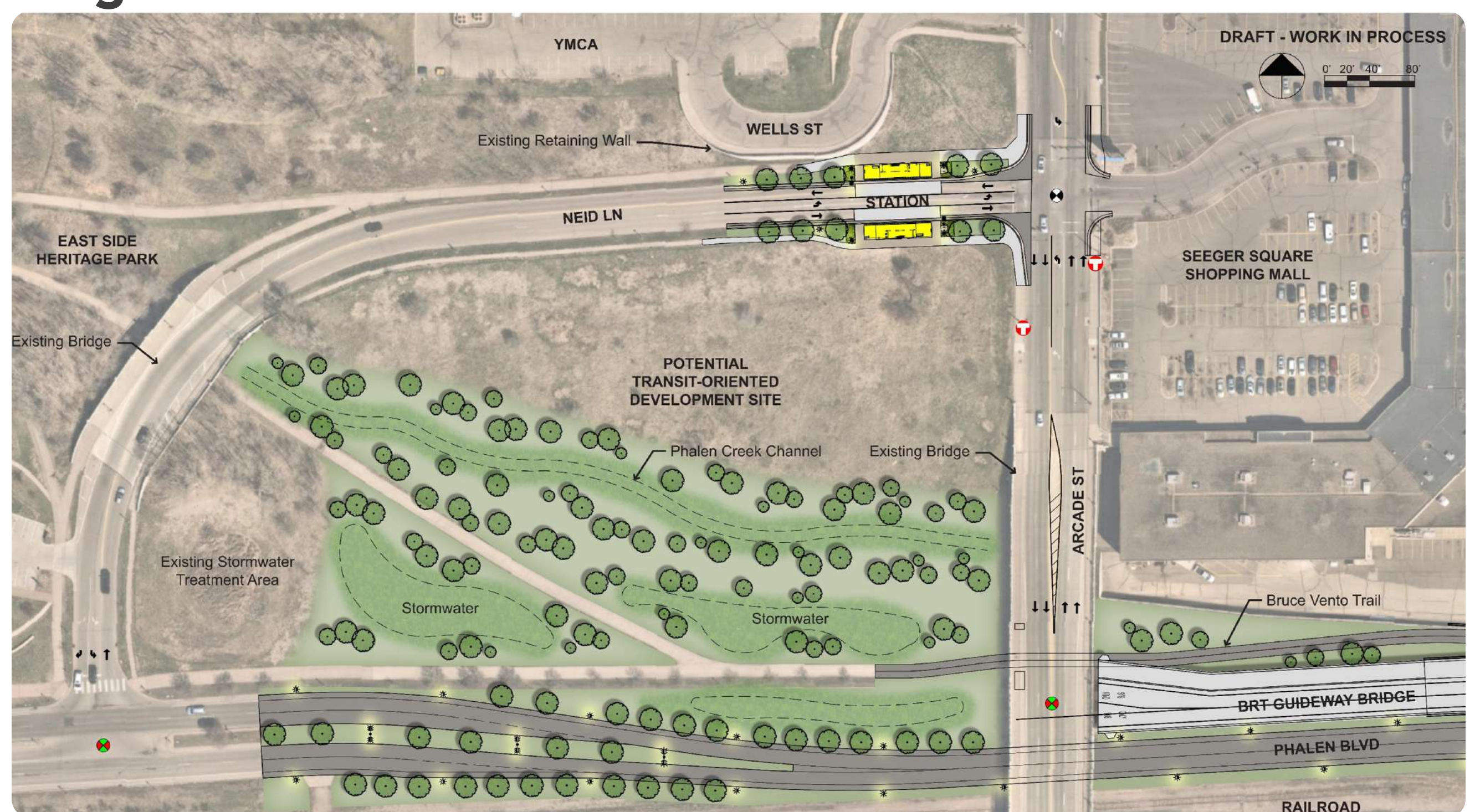
- **Option A:** an Arcade Street station at Neid Lane with a pedestrian bridge to Phalen Blvd.
- **Option B:** an option with a station on Phalen Blvd. below Arcade Street
- **Option C:** a station at Wells Street

Community and stakeholder feedback and design considerations indicated Option A was preferred.



## Original Arcade A Station Location

The project team modified the community-preferred option to blend community preferences, cost effectiveness, and design considerations.

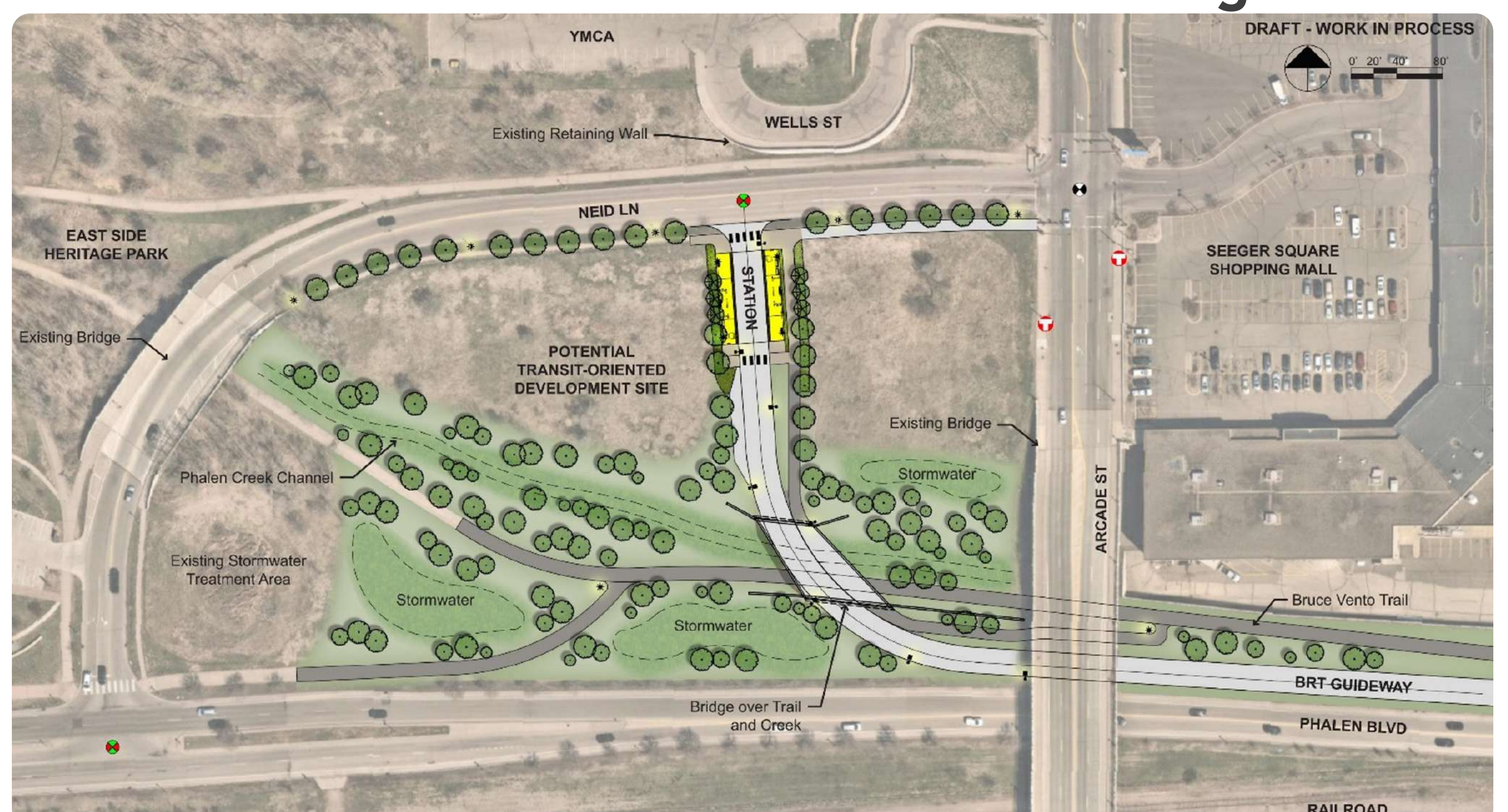


## ✔ Modified Arcade (A2) Benefits:

Closest to the preferred option from community engagement; improves travel time; limits changes to existing traffic pattern; maintains opportunity for Phalen Creek daylighting; minimal impact to planned stormwater pond; new pedestrian connection to Neid from Bruce Vento Regional Trail.

Approved to advance at the April 6, 2023 Corridor Management Committee meeting.

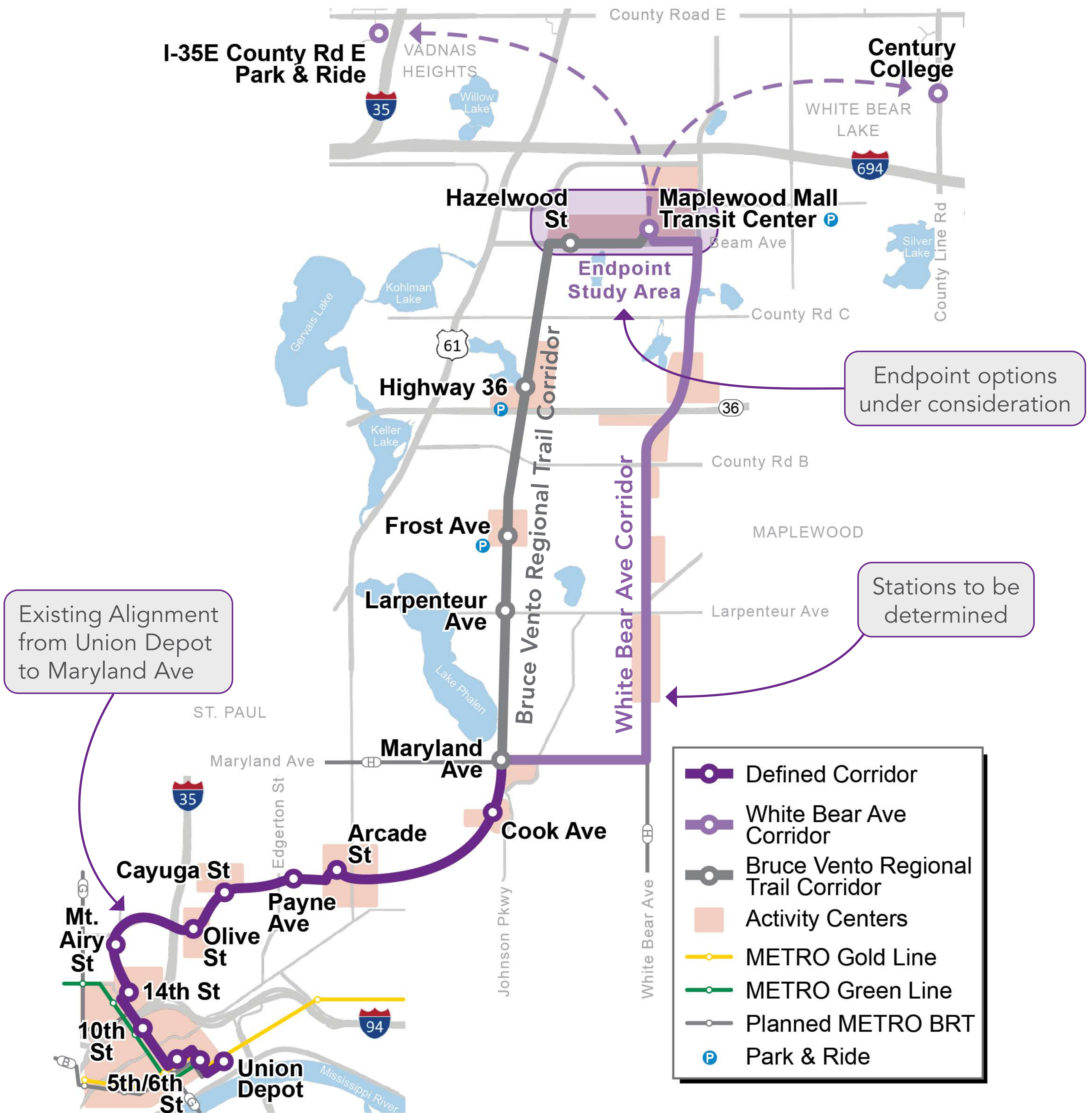
## Modified Arcade Station Location is Advancing





# ROUTE MODIFICATION STUDY PHASE II WHITE BEAR AVE CORRIDOR

The project is studying an alternative route that will use Maryland and White Bear avenues to travel to the Maplewood Mall area instead of the route through the Bruce Vento Regional Trail Corridor, north of Maryland Avenue. The Project will compare these two routes to determine which provides the greatest benefit to area residents and businesses.



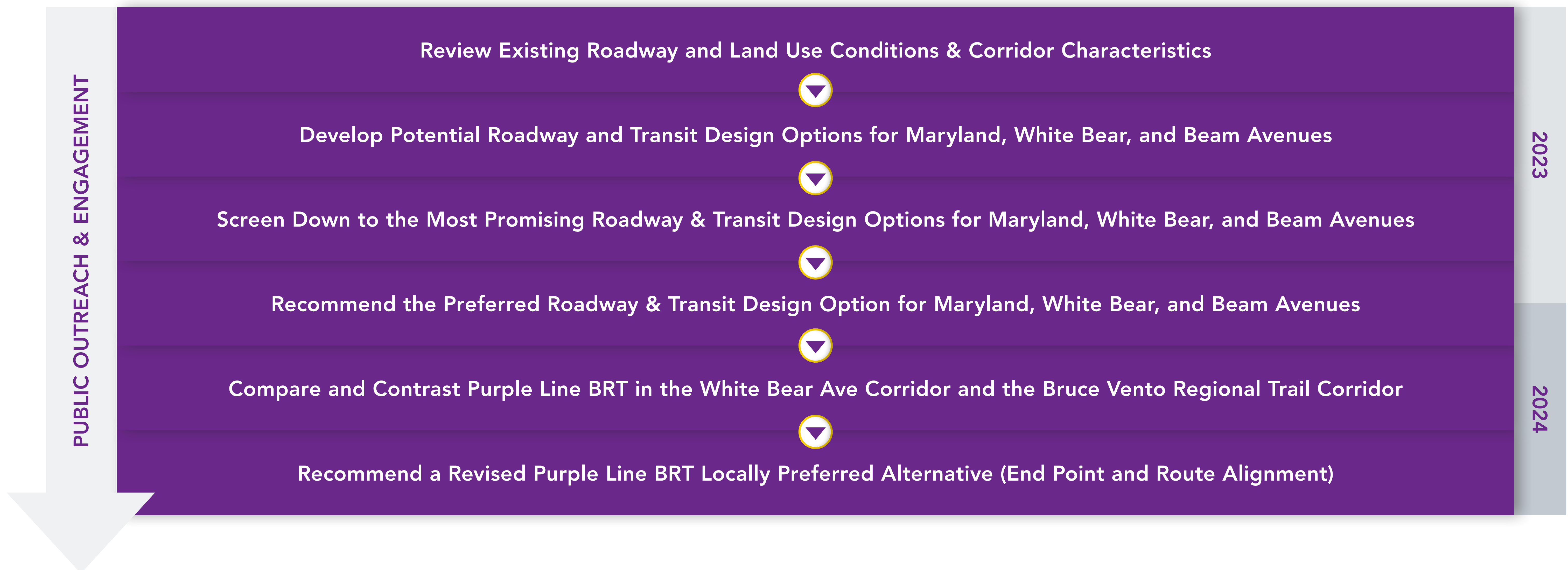
## Next Steps

- Evaluate the potential of Purple Line BRT along Maryland and White Bear avenues to Maplewood Mall Transit Center
- Evaluate potential to extend the Purple Line BRT to Vadnais Heights or Century College
- Compare this new alternative to the Bruce Vento Regional Trail alignment to inform a final recommendation
- Conduct community engagement on station locations, route alignments, and concept design throughout these next steps



# ROUTE MODIFICATION STUDY PHASE II; EVALUATION STEPS

The Route Modification Study Phase II evaluation will be conducted over the next year. First steps include identifying station locations and developing the roadway & transit design options for the White Bear Ave Corridor, which includes Maryland, White Bear, and Beam avenues.



# IDENTIFYING STATION LOCATIONS

General locations for future bus rapid transit station platforms have been identified along the White Bear Ave Corridor. This corridor includes parts of Maryland, White Bear, and Beam avenues. The following information guided the identification of these locations:

## Existing land uses and future development opportunities

- ✔ Station areas should have a mix of jobs and housing that can generate ridership throughout the day or have the potential for transit-supportive development in the near future.

## Recommended station spacing

- ✔ Metropolitan Council guidelines recommend bus rapid transit stations are spaced between one-half to one mile apart, on average.

## Understanding who would be served

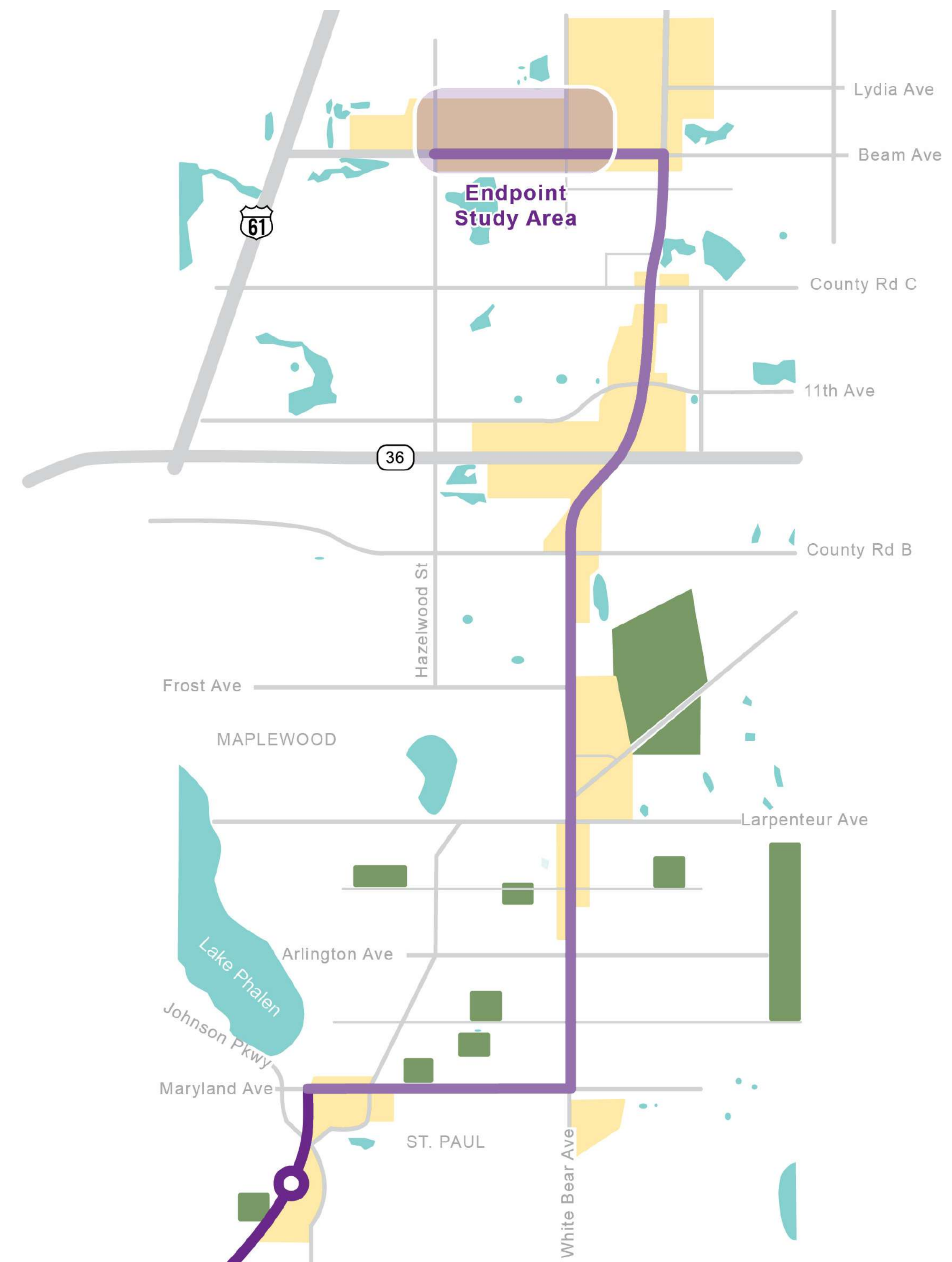
- ✔ Assessing demographics, activity centers, and affordable housing.

## Existing local bus service

- ✔ Bus routes 54, 64, and 80 run in the White Bear Avenue Corridor today.

**Route 54 is a limited stop service in this section of Maryland and White Bear avenues. The station spacing is similar to bus rapid transit service, providing a good framework.**

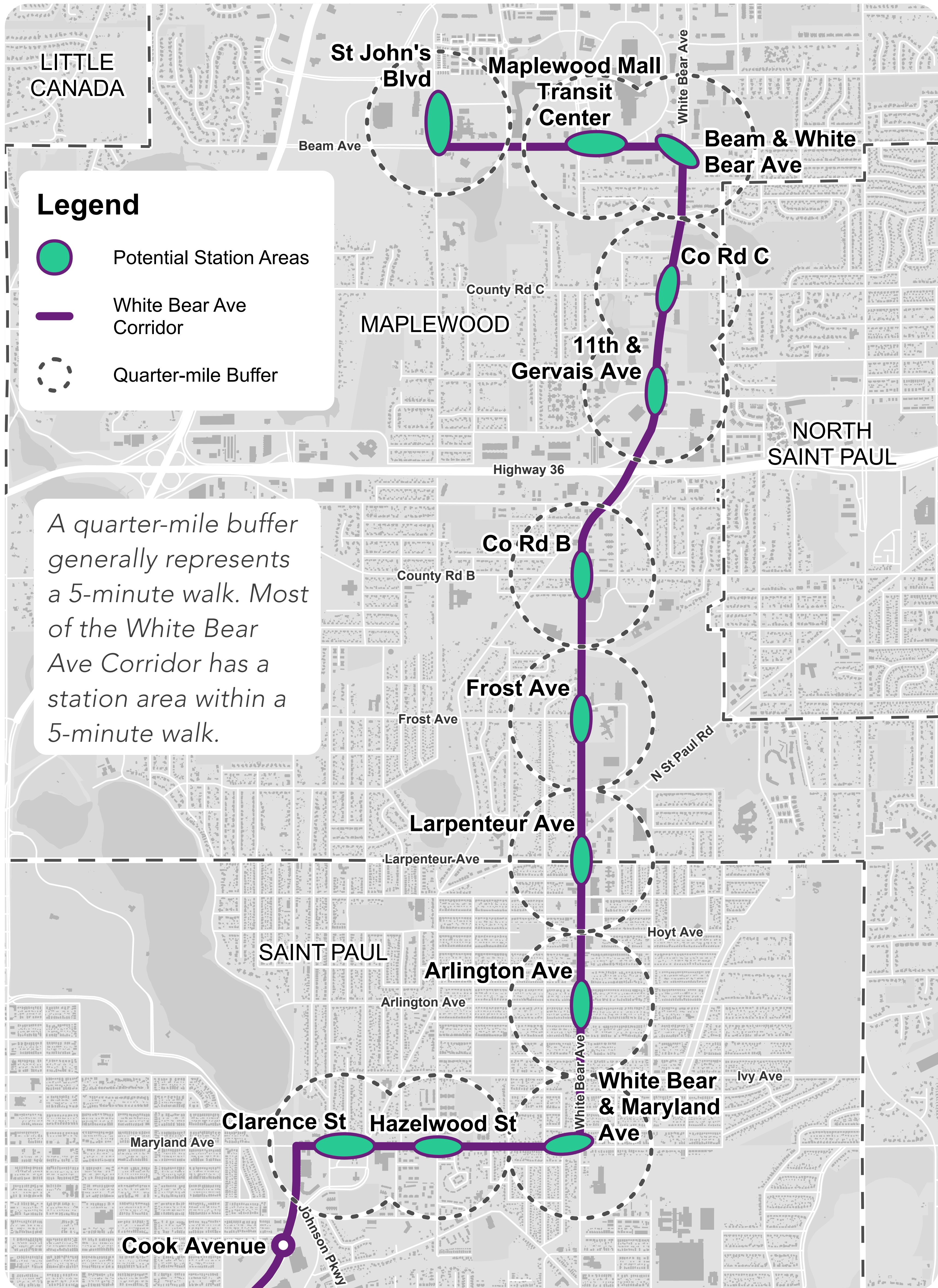
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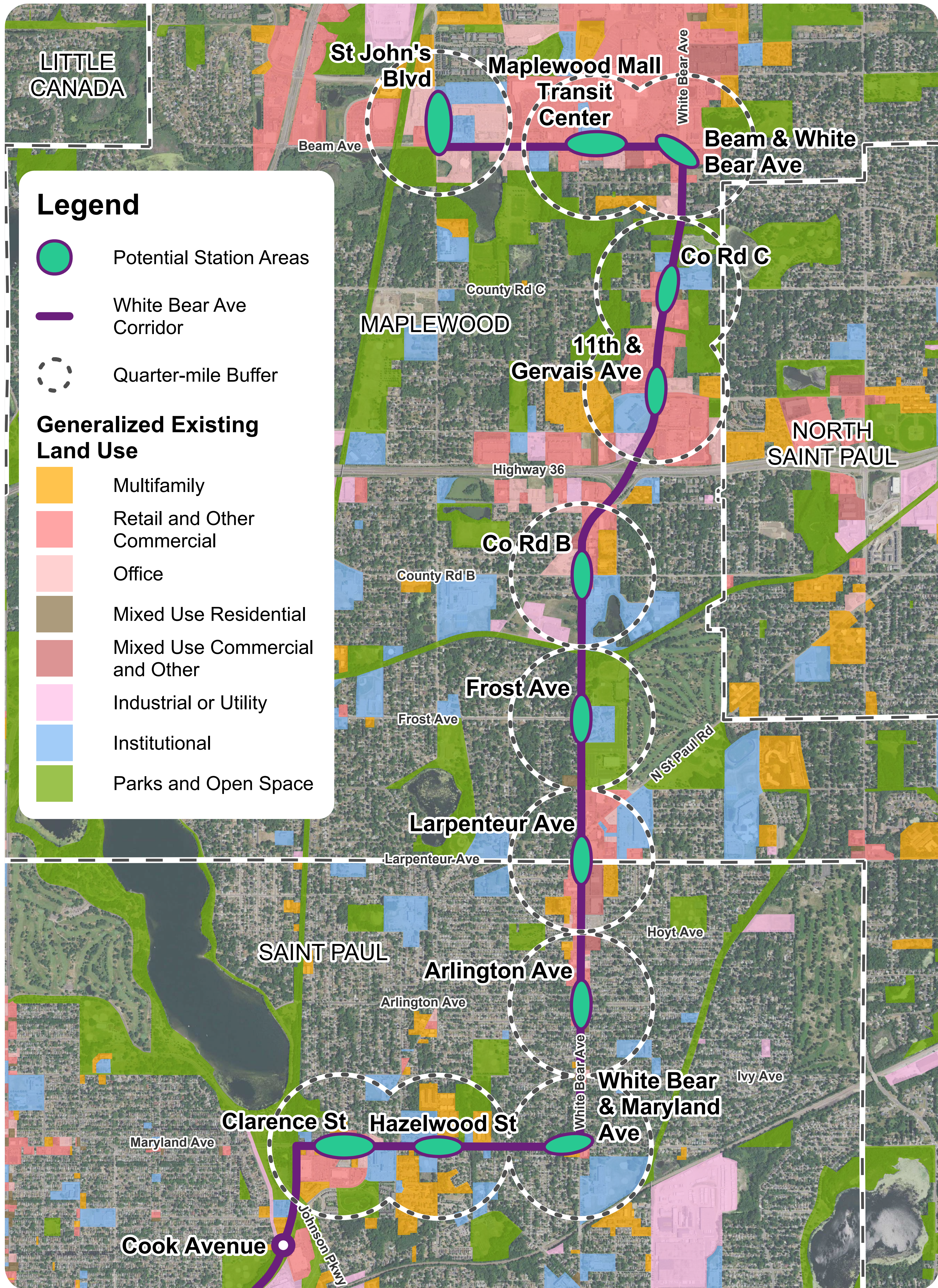
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# METRO TRANSIT'S SAFETY AND SECURITY ACTION PLAN

**Metro Transit is making a concerted effort to improve public safety and the customer experience on transit.** Here are examples of some of these efforts:



## IMPROVING CONDITION ON THE SYSTEM

- ✓ Expand the official presence at stations and on transit vehicles
- ✓ Hire more Metro Transit Police Department officers
- ✓ Hire more staff to watch real-time cameras on trains and METRO stations from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m., each day
- ✓ Place security officers at transit facilities with the most calls for service
- ✓ Create a team of non-police personnel to support customers and fare compliance
- ✓ Hire more operators to increase frequency and maintain reliability
- ✓ Regularly clean transit facilities and redesign facilities to discourage vandalism



## TRAINING AND SUPPORTING EMPLOYEES

- ✓ Facilitate de-escalation and self-protection training for operators
- ✓ Install operator barriers on all active, non-coach buses
- ✓ Install video monitors that remind passengers security cameras are in use on buses
- ✓ Present strong cases to prosecute assaults on operators
- ✓ Facilitate a peer support program and provide professional counseling
- ✓ Review the circumstances of assaults to identify and address root causes



## ENGAGING CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERS

- ✓ Update Metro Transit's Code of Conduct and Reintroduce an anti-harassment campaign
- ✓ Publicly communicate action plan performance and crime data
- ✓ Expand the Adopt-A-Stop program for community to support shelter maintenance
- ✓ Dedicated federal housing vouchers for individuals sheltering on transit
- ✓ Collaborate on plans for substance abuse prevention and treatment



# SAFETY AND SECURITY AT METRO STATIONS

Safety and security are key considerations factored into the planning and design of bus rapid transit well before the line is built and in operation. We plan and design the bus platforms and station areas to be safe and secure with elements such as:

We create spaces where people want to be by designing platforms and stations where people feel safe and comfortable.

- 1 Consistent wayfinding and signage
- 2 Real-time information
- 3 Security cameras
- 4 Appropriate lighting in the station area and on the bus
- 5 Open-air or clear glass shelters for better visibility
- 6 Emergency telephones
- 7 A human-scale feel, which means facilities are designed to be comfortable to riders of all abilities
- 8 Clear sight lines which allow bus operators and riders to see each other
- 9 Greater circulation, which allows riders to safely access the bus
- 10 Visibility from nearby roadways so riders feel safe and drivers are aware of transit stops



# SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITMENT

## AGENCY COMMITMENT

Metro Transit is committed to keeping transit safe for all customers. Some of the measures we have implemented to cultivate a safe and secure transit environment include:

- Transit vehicle and facility cleaning, maintenance, and repair.
- Our Text for Safety program, which allows Metro Transit riders to report unwanted or suspicious behavior discreetly via text.
- Additional resources to directly handle issues and concerns identified by customers.

Feel unsafe, see something suspicious or inappropriate?

**TEXT FOR SAFETY**



## APPROACH

Metro Transit uses a multi-layered approach to safe and secure operations on vehicles and at METRO stations. Ensuring safe and secure operations include:

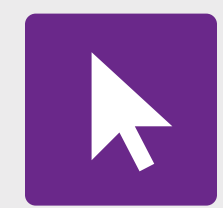
- Metro Transit employees are trained to deal with security issues.
- Metro Transit have a professional police force for customer safety and emergency response.
- Station platforms and vehicles have security equipment such as monitored security cameras, emergency phones, and customer intercom buttons to contact a dispatcher.





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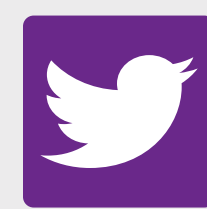
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## APPENDIX C. COMMUNITY SPACE POSTERS

September 2023



# METRO PURPLE LINE BUS RAPID TRANSIT

The Purple Line, a proposed bus rapid transit line in Ramsey County, will connect with expanding light rail and BRT service of the METRO system, including direct connections to the Green Line, Gold Line, B Line, G Line, and H Line, as well as local bus routes. The line will increase accessibility to jobs, housing, and services, improving the appeal and competitiveness of the east metro area.



## The Purple Line will include:

### More frequent service

- Provides all-day service that operates seven days a week with buses arriving every 10-15 minutes on weekdays, every 30 minutes on weekends

### A faster ride

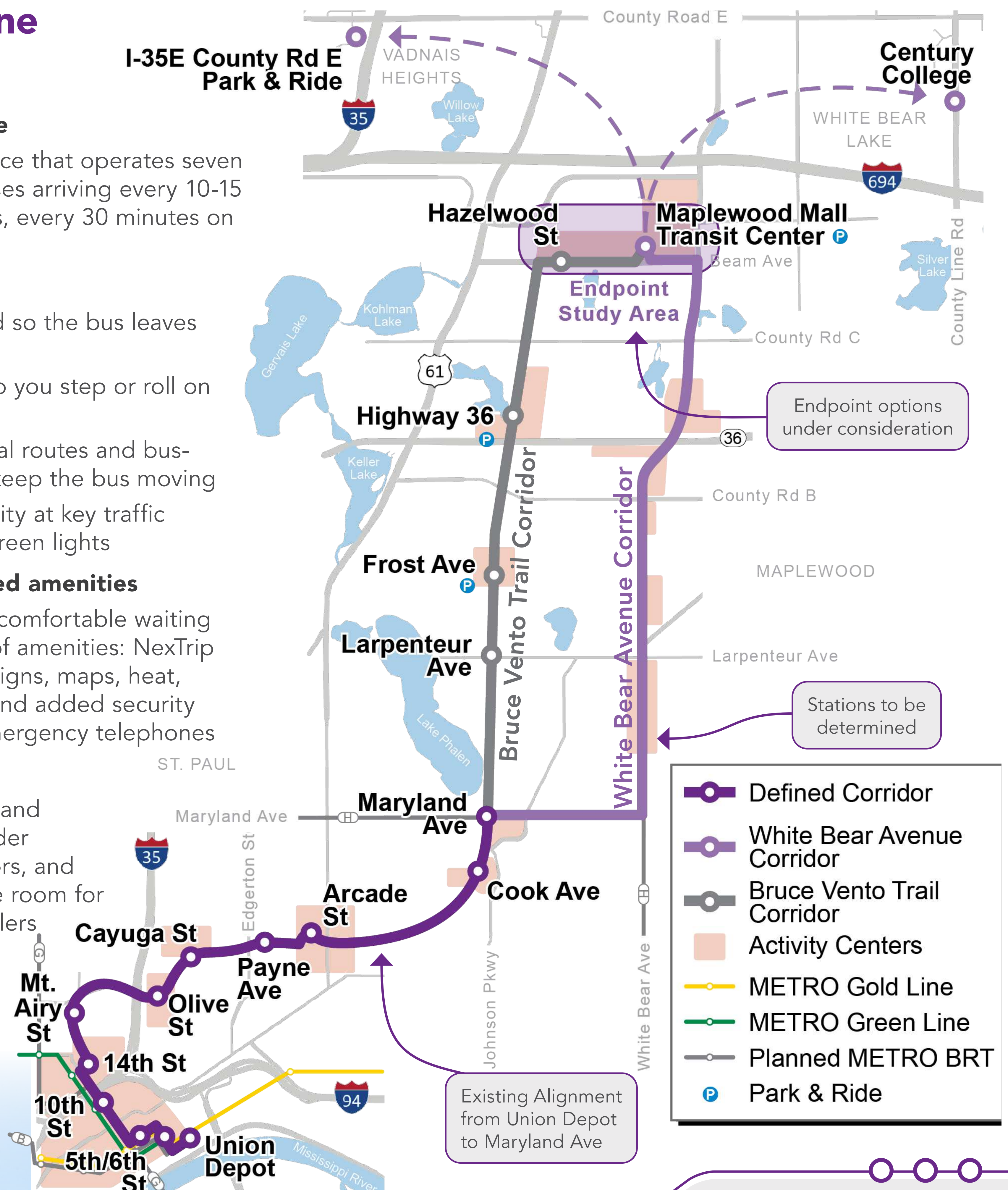
- Pay before you board so the bus leaves the station faster
- Raised platforms help you step or roll on and off easily
- Fewer stops than local routes and bus-only lanes that help keep the bus moving
- Buses are given priority at key traffic signals to "ask" for green lights

### Stations with enhanced amenities

- Shelters will provide comfortable waiting space and a variety of amenities: NexTrip real-time departure signs, maps, heat, lighting, bike racks, and added security with cameras and emergency telephones

### Specialized buses

- Buses will be unique and recognizable with wider aisles, additional doors, and folding seats to make room for wheelchairs and strollers



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# METRO PURPLE LINE AUTOBÚS DE TRÁNSITO RÁPIDO

Purple Line, una línea de tránsito rápido de autobuses (BRT en sus siglas en inglés) propuesta en el condado de Ramsey se conectará con la expansión del tren ligero y el servicio BRT del sistema METRO, e incluyen las conexiones directas a Green Line, Gold Line, B Line, G Line, y H Line, así como las rutas de autobuses locales. La línea aumentará la accesibilidad a empleos, vivienda y servicios, mejorando el atractivo y la competitividad del área metropolitana del este.



## Purple Line incluirá:

### Servicio más frecuente

- Proporciona servicio durante todo el día y opera los siete días de la semana con autobuses que llegan cada 10-15 minutos de lunes a viernes, cada 30 minutos en fines de semana

### Un viaje más rápido

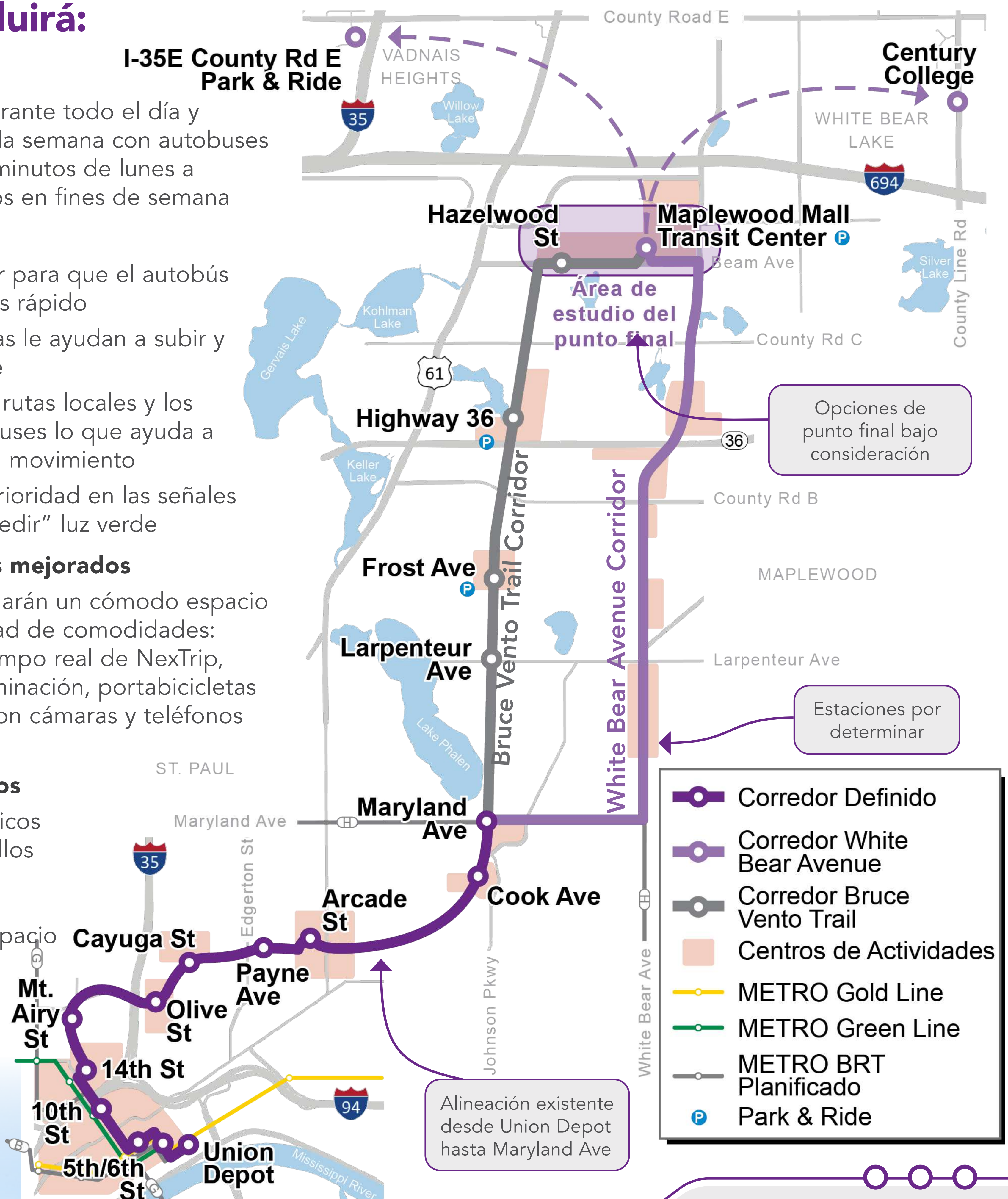
- Pague antes de abordar para que el autobús salga de la estación más rápido
- Las plataformas elevadas le ayudan a subir y bajar o rodar fácilmente
- Menos paradas que las rutas locales y los carriles sólo para autobuses lo que ayuda a mantener el autobús en movimiento
- Los autobuses tienen prioridad en las señales de tráfico clave para "pedir" luz verde

### Estaciones con servicios mejorados

- Los refugios proporcionarán un cómodo espacio de espera y una variedad de comodidades: señales de salida en tiempo real de NexTrip, mapas, calefacción, iluminación, portabicicletas y seguridad adicional con cámaras y teléfonos de emergencia

### Autobuses especializados

- Los autobuses serán únicos y reconocibles con pasillos más anchos, puertas adicionales y asientos plegables para dejar espacio para sillas de ruedas y carriolas



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# KEV THAUJ MUS LOS UAS SIV TSHEB NPAV KHIAV CEEV UAS YOG KAB XIM LIAB NTSHAV HAUV METRO

Txoj Kab Liab Ntshav, txoj kab tsheb npav khiav ceev uas pom zoo hauv Nroog Ramsey, yuav txuas nrog kev nthuav dav tsheb ciav hlau thauj sib thiab kev pab cuam BRT ntawm kab kev hauv METRO, uas xam muaj cov kev sib txuas ncaj qha rau Kab Ntsuab, Kab Xim Kub, Kab B, Kab G, thiab Kab H, thiab cov kev tsheb npav hauv zos. Txoj kab no yuav ua kom muaj kev nkag tau mus rau tej haujlwm, vaj tse, thiab tej kev pab cuam, kev txhim kho kev rov hais dua thiab kev sib tw ntawm cheeb tsam metro sab hnub tuaj.



## Txoj Kab Liab Ntshav yuav muaj xws li:

### Kev pab cuam uas muaj heev dua

- Muab kev pab cuam tas hnub uas ua haujlwm xya hnub hauv ib vij uas muaj cov tsheb npav los txog txhua txhua 10-15 feeb ntawm hnub ua haujlwm, txhua txhua 30 feeb nyob rau txhua hnub kawg vij

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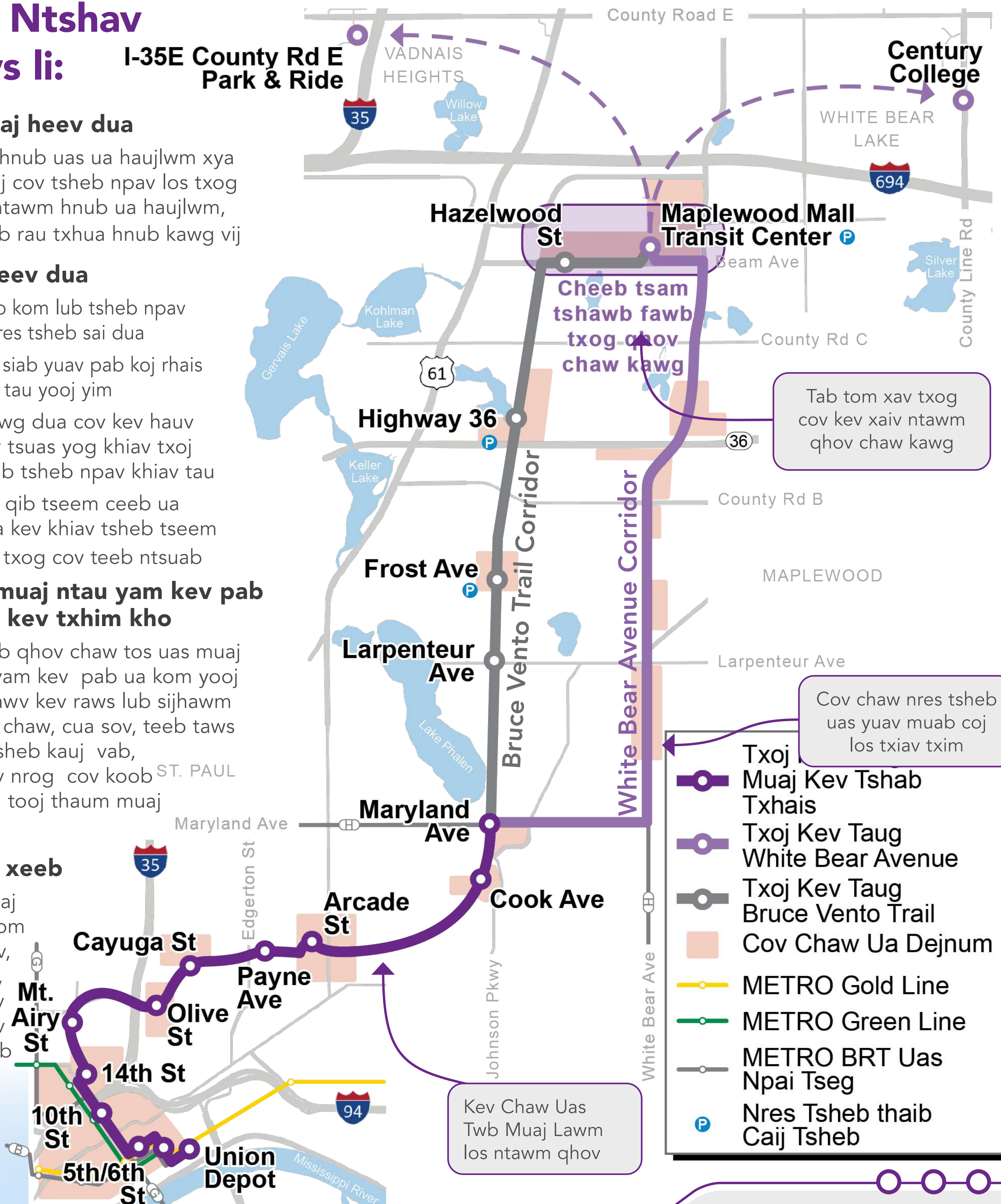
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# BASKA DEGDEGGA AH EE METRO PURPLE LINE

Baska Purple Line waa bas degdeg ah oo loo soo jeediyay Degmada Ramsey, oo waxa uu isku xiri doonaa ballaarinta tareenka iyo adeegga BRT ee tareenka magaalada ama METRO, sida Green Line, Gold Line, B Line, G Line, iyo H Line, iyo weliba basaska deegaanka. Khadku wuxuu kordhinayaa helitaan ah shaqooyin, guriyeyn, iyo adeegyo, oo wuxuu u fiican yahay codsiga jidadka tareenka ee dhinaca bariga.



## Khadka Purple Line waxaa ka mid ah:

### Basas badan oo soo noqnoqda

- Maalintii oo dhan toddobada maalmood basas socda oo ku imaanaya 10 ilaa 15 daqiiqadood oo kasta maalmaha shaqada, 30 daqiiqo oo kasta maalmaha nasashada

### Baska degdegga ah

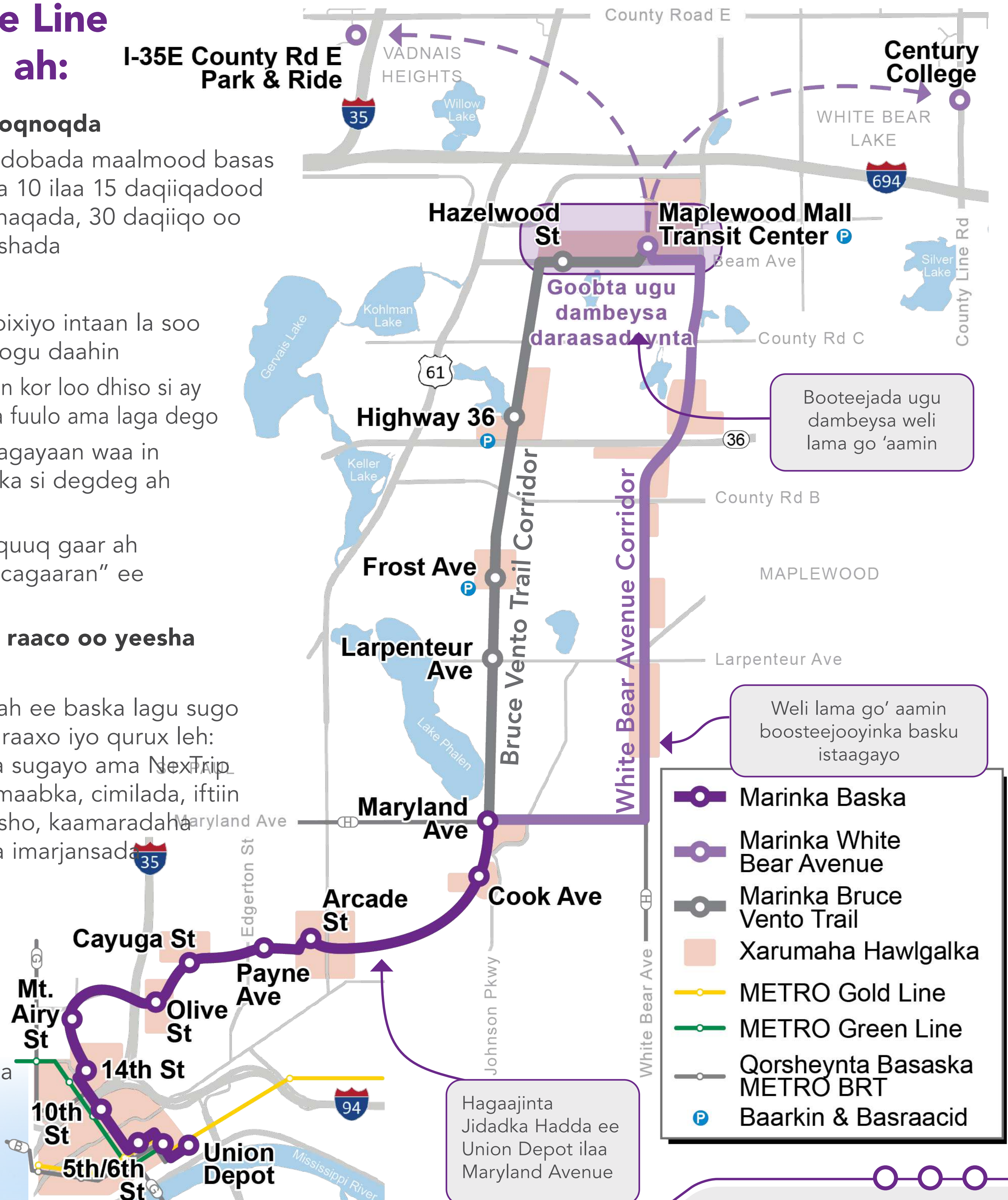
- Lacagta waa in la sii bixiyo intaan la soo raacin baska si aan loogu daahin
- Meelaha sugidda waa in kor loo dhiso si ay u fududaato in baska la fuulo ama laga dego
- Meelaha basasku istaagayaan waa in la yareeyo si ay basaska si degdeg ah ugu socdaan
- Basasku waa in ay xuquuq gaar ah ku yeeshaan nalalka "cagaaran" ee samaafaraha.

### Meelaha basaska laga raaco oo yeesha caws iyo qurux

- Meelaha gabbaadka ah ee baska lagu sugo oo laga dhigo meelo raaxo iyo qurux leh: calamaadaha baska la sugayo ama Next Trip muujinaya wakhtiga, maabka, cimilada, iftiin badan, baaskiil dhigasho, kaamaradaha amniga iyo taleefanka imarjansada

### Basaska gaarka ah

- Basaska gaarka ah waa kuwa leh kuraas kala fog, albaabbo dheeraad ah, iyo kuraas la laabo si ay u dhex maraan kursiga curyaanka iyo kursiga ilmaha lagu riixo.



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Wixii su'aalo ah oo la xiriira mashruuca ama si aad kulan noogu qabanqaabiso, nagla soo xiriir:

**Colin Owens**  
Iskuduwaha Xiriirka Dadweynaha



# METRO PURPLE LINE (တင်္ဂါလွှဲအကျဉ်း) သိလှည့်ဘား(၈) အချက်ကမ္ဘာ့ဝိသိသိဆရာတင်္ဂါလွှဲတင်္ဂါကုဒ

တင်္ဂါဆရာတင်္ဂါ Purple Line, သိလှည့်ဘား(၈)အချက်ကမ္ဘာ့ဝိသိသိဆရာတင်္ဂါလွှဲတင်္ဂါကုဒ လာ Ramsey ကိုရိုဒ်ခီးထံတိုအပူဒ, ကဘျားစဲခီးသိလှည့် ဘား(၈)အချက်လာတင်္ဂါမဒါထီတို အီဒီး BRT တင်္ဂါမဒါ METRO အကျဉ်းအကျဉ်း, ပုဒ်ယုဒ်ခီးတင်္ဂါဘျားစဲလီလီဒီး

Green Line, Gold Line, B Line, G Line, ဒီး H Line, ယုဒ်ခီး လီကဝီဒါသိလှည့်ဘား(၈) တဖုဒ်နုဒ်လီဒ. သိလှည့်ဘား(၈) အကျဉ်းတဖုဒ်ကဒါထီတိုလာ တင်္ဂါလွှဲဆူ တင်္ဂါမဒါ, ဟံဒ်ယီ, ဒီးတင်္ဂါမဒါတဖုဒ်နုဒ်, မဒါဂုဒ်ထီတို တင်္ဂါပတံသင်္ဂါကညး ဒီးတင်္ဂါသုတင်္ဂါဘုဒ်လာတင်္ဂါပဂြိုလီဒ်သးလာ metro (မုဒ်ထီတို) မုဒ်ထီတို လီကဝီဒါနုဒ်လီဒ.



## Purple Line ကပုဒ်ယုဒ်ခီး-

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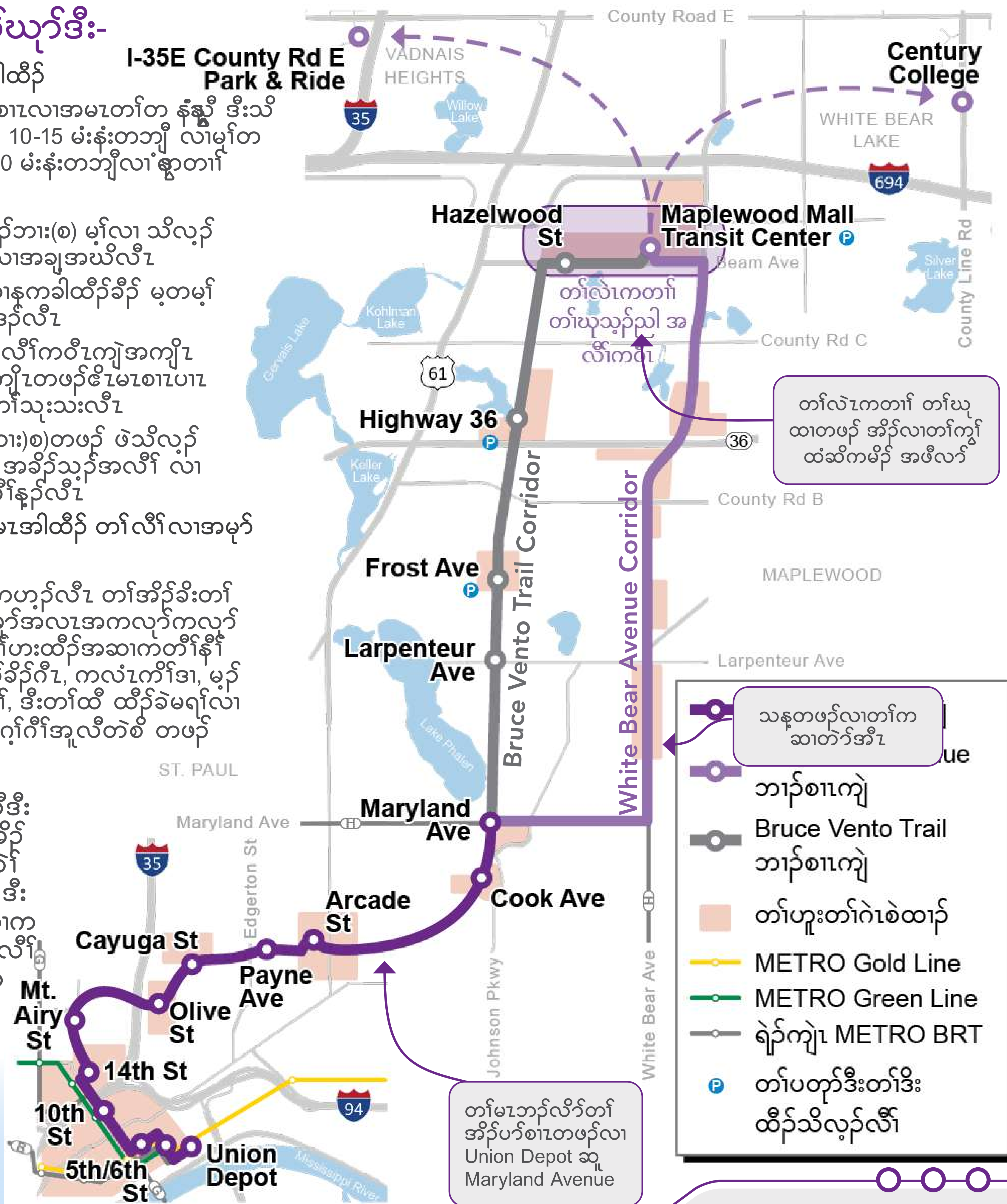
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**Colin Owens**  
ပုဒ်တတင်္ဂါမဒါတုဒ်လီတုဒ်ကျဲ ပုဒ်ယုဒ်ဆုဒ်ကျဲတင်္ဂါ colin.owens@metrotransit.org

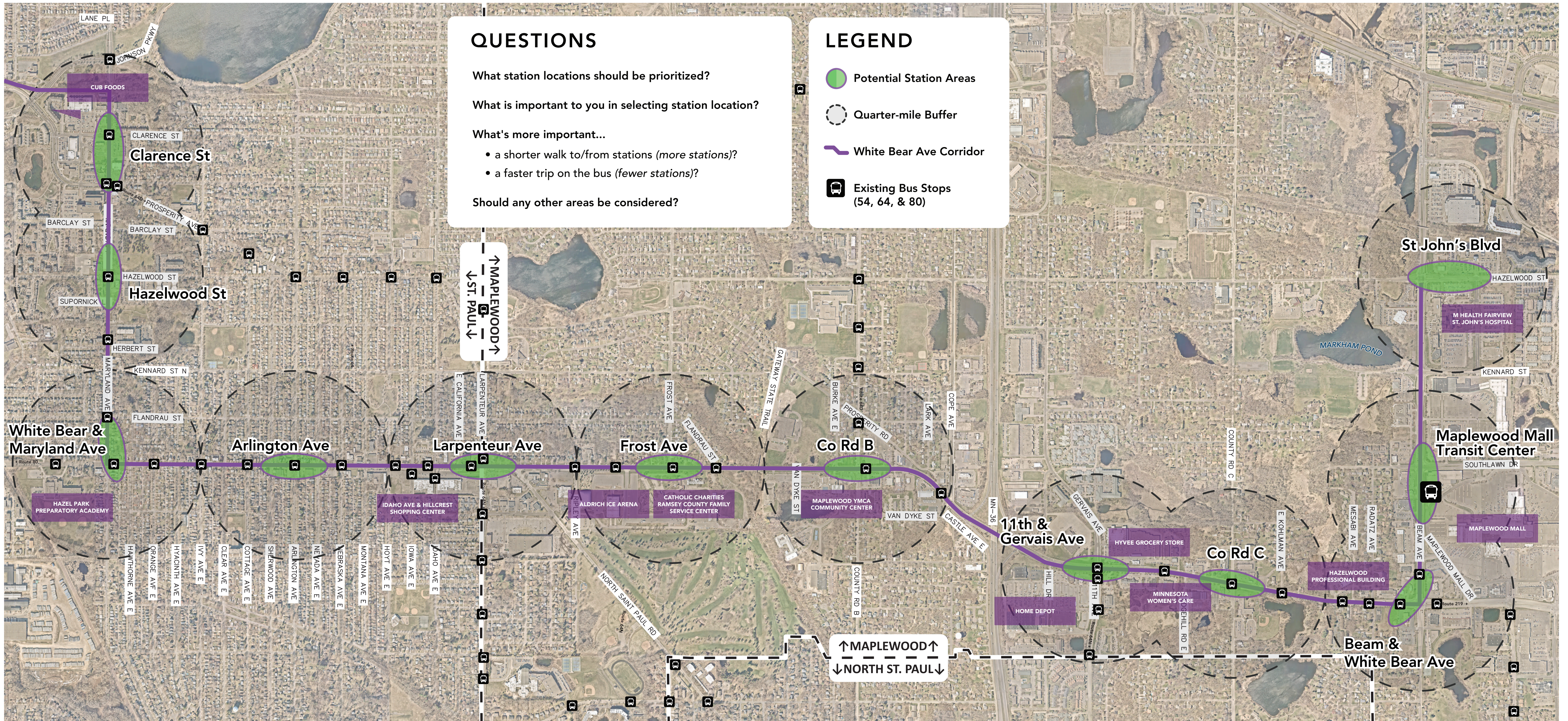




# METRO PURPLE LINE BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROPOSED STATION LOCATIONS

The Purple Line, a proposed bus rapid transit line in Ramsey County, will connect with expanding light rail and BRT service of the METRO system, including direct connections to the Green Line, Gold Line, B Line, G Line, and H Line, as well as local bus routes. The line will increase accessibility to jobs, housing, and services, improving the appeal and competitiveness of the east metro area.

**We want your feedback!** Please use the paper survey available to provide your thoughts on the questions below or take our questionnaire online by visiting [metrotransit.org/purple-line](http://metrotransit.org/purple-line) or scanning the QR code. Put completed paper surveys in the envelope provided.



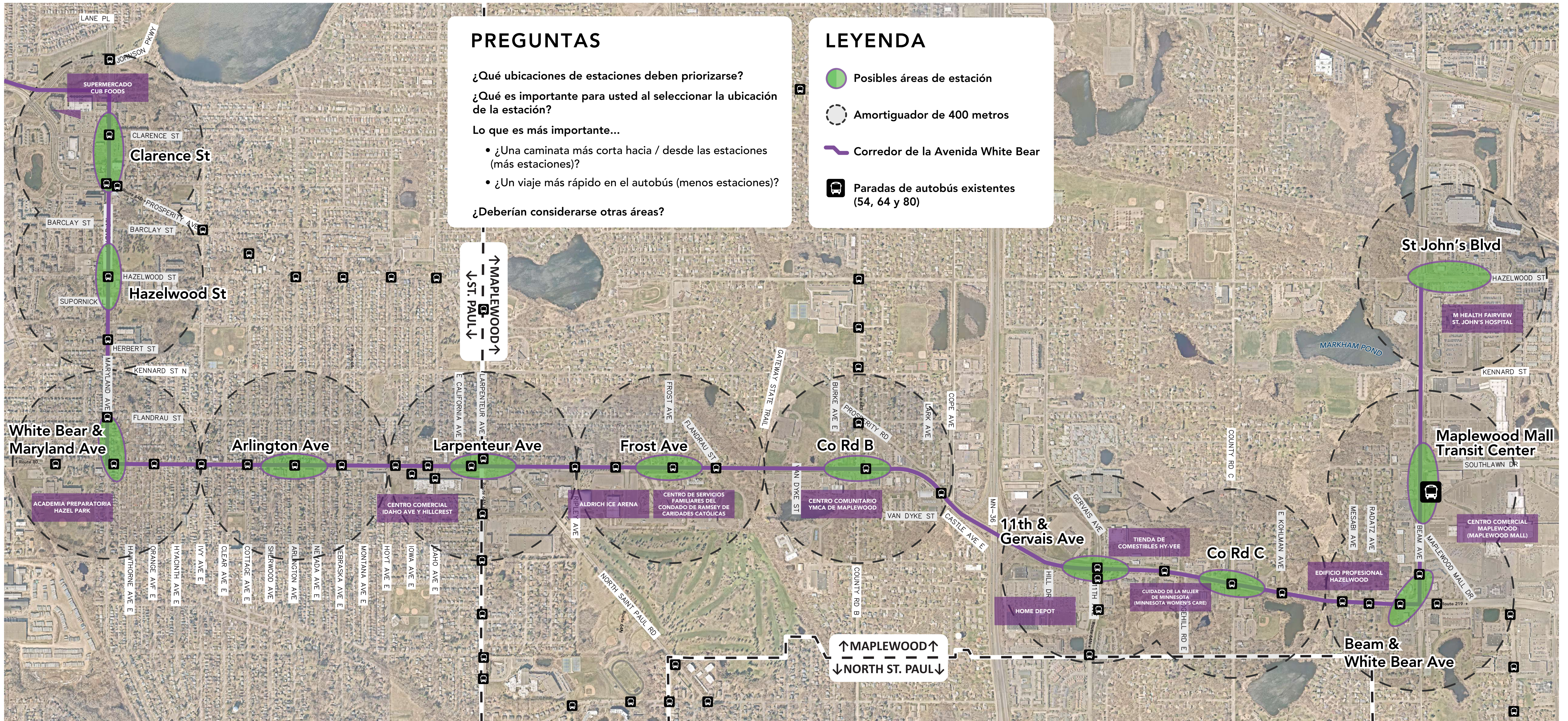


# METRO PURPLE LINE AUTOBÚS DE TRANSITO RÁPIDO

## UBICACIONES DE ESTACIONES PROPUESTAS

Purple Line, una línea de tránsito rápido de autobús propuesta en el condado de Ramsey, se conectará con la expansión de tren ligero y el servicio Autobús de Transito Rápido (BRT en sus siglas en inglés) del sistema METRO, incluye incluyen las conexiones directas a Green Line, Gold Line, B Line, G Line y H Line, así como las rutas de autobuses locales. La línea aumentará la accesibilidad a empleos, vivienda y servicios, mejorando el atractivo y la competitividad del área metropolitana del este.

¡Queremos sus comentarios! Utilice la encuesta en papel disponible para proporcionar sus pensamientos sobre las preguntas a continuación o tome nuestro cuestionario en línea visitando [metrotransit.org/purple-line](http://metrotransit.org/purple-line) o escaneando el código QR. Coloque las encuestas en papel completadas en el sobre proporcionado.



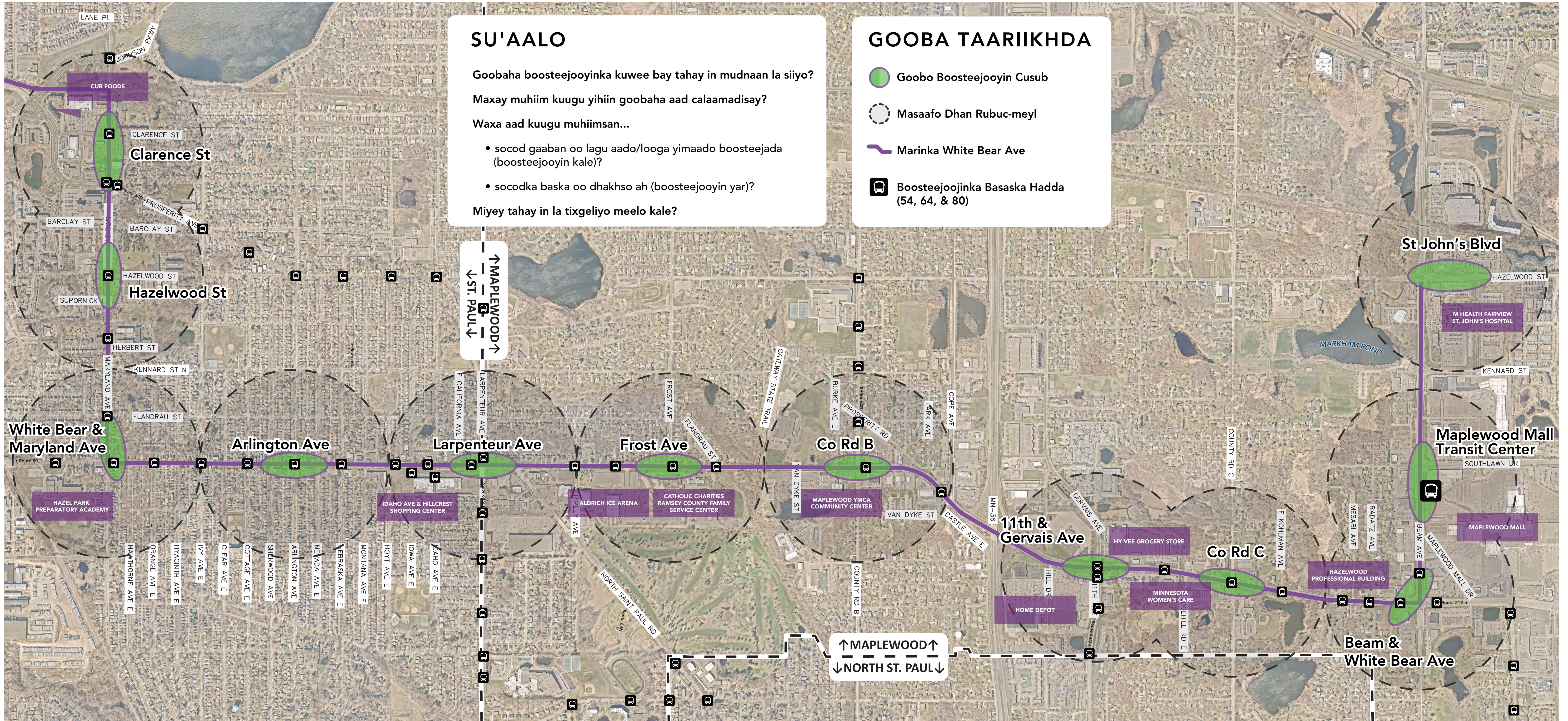


# BASKA DEGDEGGA AH EE PURPLE LINE

## GOBAHA SOOJEEDINTA BOOSTEEJOOYINKA

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**Waxaan kaa rabnaa jawaabo!** Fadlan isticmaal waraaqda daraasadeynta oo ah fikradaha aad ka qabto su'aalaha hoose ama su'aalaha uga soo jawaab internetka adigoo booqanaya [metrotransit.org/purple-line](http://metrotransit.org/purple-line) ama sawiro calaamadda QR. Bakhshadda aan kuu soo dirnay noogu soo dir jawaabaha.







## APPENDIX D. PROJECT UPDATE MEMOS

September 2023



**Date:** 05/04/2023

**To:** Melinda Coleman, City Manager, Maplewood

**From:** Craig Lamothe, Project Manager, Purple Line BRT

## **RE: Purple Line BRT Project Update**

Below is an informational update on current and upcoming Purple Line BRT Project activities which may be of interest to the Maplewood City Council and readers of the City Manager's Blog.

- Current project status and activities
- Upcoming community outreach & engagement events in Maplewood
- Upcoming field work in Maplewood
- Upcoming project related public meetings

### **Current Project Status and Activities**

As initially envisioned, the METRO Purple Line BRT was a 15-mile line between Union Depot in downtown Saint Paul and downtown White Bear Lake generally along Robert Street, Jackson Street, Phalen Boulevard, Ramsey County rail right of way co-located with the Bruce Vento Regional Trail and Highway 61. In spring 2022, the Purple Line began a Route Modification Study to evaluate a new northern terminus north of Beam Avenue to either end the line at Maplewood Mall Transit Center, I-35E & County Rd. E park & ride in Vadnais Heights or Century College on the border of White Bear Lake and Mahtomedi. An ending at Maplewood Mall Transit Center proved to be the only option that would qualify for federal funds.

The Purple Line project is now beginning to evaluate White Bear Avenue as an alternative to using the Bruce Vento Regional Trail Corridor following a public engagement process in Maplewood about the trail alignment. Options for the route to continue beyond Maplewood Mall Transit Center will continue to be explored during the evaluation of this new alignment. The County's support for the evaluation of White Bear Ave as an alternate route is contingent upon converting one lane in each direction of the four-lane county road for dedicated bus lanes. This is consistent with County policy to prioritize pedestrians, bicycles, and transit over automobiles.

Upcoming Route Modification Study Phase II activities include:

- Evaluation of route along Maryland Ave and White Bear Ave for technical, operational and federal viability.
- Extensive engagement with project partners and the community.

For more information on the Route Modification Study , please visit [www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-project-route-modification-study](http://www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-project-route-modification-study)



## Community Outreach & Engagement Events

Purple Line project outreach and engagement in May and June will focus on spreading awareness about the project and the evaluation of the new White Bear Ave alignment as well as building contacts in the White Bear Ave corridor. Events and activities will also occur in St. Paul, near Arcade St. station to follow-up with the community on the updated station location that was shaped by engagement. The below table lists outreach events and activities that are currently planned for May in the city of Maplewood.

**Table 1: Upcoming outreach events and activities in Maplewood**

| <b>Date</b>      | <b>Event/activity type</b> | <b>Event name/location</b>                  | <b>Address</b>                            | <b>Time</b>         | <b>Indoor/<br/>outdoor</b>           |
|------------------|----------------------------|---|---|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>5/9/2023</b>  | Tabling Event              | Harmony Learning Center                     | 1961 County Road C E, Maplewood, MN 55109 | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM   | Indoors, Tabling in Classroom        |
| <b>5/10/2023</b> | Canvassing*                | Maplewood Mall Transit Center               | 1793 Beam Ave, Maplewood, MN 55109        | 3:30 PM - 5:30PM    | Outdoors, Tabling at Bus Stops       |
| <b>5/13/2023</b> | Tabling Event              | Big Red Barn Spring Folk Arts & Crafts Fair | 2170 County Rd. D E., Maplewood, MN 55109 | 11:00 AM - 3:00PM   | Outdoors, Tent and Table             |
| <b>5/17/2023</b> | Tabling Event              | Aldrich Arena Farmer's Market               | 1850 White Bear Ave, Maplewood, MN 55109  | 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  | Outdoors, Tent and Table             |
| <b>5/18/2023</b> | Canvassing*                | Route 80 and 64 Canvassing                  | 1793 Beam Ave, Maplewood, MN 55109        | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM  | Inside Buses or at Stops<br>Outdoors |
| <b>5/23/2023</b> | Tabling Event              | Hayden Heights Library                      | 1456 White Bear Ave Saint Paul MN 55106   | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM   | Indoors, tabling in lobby            |
| <b>5/27/2023</b> | Canvassing*                | Bruce Vento Trail Area -                    | Various Dwellings near Frost              | 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM | Outdoors                             |



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|                  |               | West side of Trail near Frost |  |                    |                          |
| <b>5/31/2023</b> | Tabling Event | Aldrich Arena Farmer's Market | 1850 White Bear Ave, Maplewood, MN 55109 | 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Outdoors, Tent and Table |

\*Please note that canvassing dates and times are flexible and subject to change

## Field Work

As part of the Route Modification Study Phase II traffic study of White Bear Avenue and Maryland Ave, traffic data collection will occur at many locations along the two corridors in early to mid May.

## Project Related Public Meetings

Below is a list of upcoming project committee meetings and other project related meetings.

- The next meeting of the Purple Line Community and Business Advisory Committee (CBAC) is scheduled for Monday, May 22 from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm. CBAC meetings are open to the public and are currently being held virtually. For more information on the CBAC, please visit [www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-project-committee](http://www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-project-committee)
- The next meeting of the Purple Line Corridor Management Committee (CMC) has not yet been scheduled but is expected to occur in late June. CMC meetings are open to the public. For more information on the CMC, please visit [www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-project-committee](http://www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-project-committee)
- On June 7<sup>th</sup>, project staff will be providing a project update to the Metropolitan Council board during their Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting. This meeting is open to the public. For more information on the COW, please visit [www.metrocouncil.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Committee-of-the-Whole.aspx](http://www.metrocouncil.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Committee-of-the-Whole.aspx)



**Date:** 06/01/2023

**To:** Melinda Coleman, City Manager, Maplewood

**From:** Craig Lamothe, Project Manager, Purple Line BRT

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### **Current Project Status and Activities**

The Purple Line project is beginning to evaluate White Bear and Maryland Avenues as a route alternative to using the Bruce Vento Regional Trail Corridor. Some of the upcoming Route Modification Study Phase II activities include:

- Review of existing conditions and corridor characteristics.
- Identification of proposed station locations.
- Development of roadway cross section options.
- Extensive engagement with project partners and the community.

For more information on the Route Modification Study, please visit [www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-project-route-modification-study](http://www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-project-route-modification-study)

### **Community Outreach & Engagement Events**

Purple Line project outreach and engagement in June will focus on spreading awareness about the project and the evaluation of the new White Bear Ave alignment as well as building contacts in the White Bear Ave corridor. Events and activities will also occur in St. Paul, near Arcade St. station to follow-up with the community on the updated station location that was shaped by engagement. The below table lists outreach events and activities that are currently planned for June in the city of Maplewood.



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|-------------|----------------------------|--|--|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 6/1/2023    | Pop-Up                     | Maplewood Mall Transit Center            | 1793 Beam Ave, Maplewood, MN 55109       | 3:30 PM - 5:30PM   | Outdoors              |
| 6/8/2024    | Canvassing*                | AM Bus Canvassing                        | 1793 Beam Ave, Maplewood, MN 55109       | 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM | Outdoors, buses       |
| 6/14/2023   | Tabling Event              | Aldrich Arena Farmer's Market            | 1850 White Bear Ave, Maplewood, MN 55109 | 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Outdoors              |
| 6/14/2023   | Community Event            | Summer Event - Maplewood (Touch a Truck) | Maplewood YMCA White Bear Avenue         | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM  | Outdoors              |
| 6/21/2023   | Tabling Event              | Aldrich Arena Farmer's Market            | 1850 White Bear Ave, Maplewood, MN 55109 | 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Outdoors              |
| 6/23/2023   | Canvassing*                | West Side of Frost                       | Maplewood Bakery                         | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Outdoors              |
| 6/26/2023   | Tabling Event              | Ramsey County Service Center (Maplewood) | "3001 White Bear Avenue N., Suite 1022A  | 6/26/2023          | Indoors               |

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### **Project Related Public Meetings**

Below is a list of upcoming project committee meetings and other project related meetings.

- The next meeting of the Purple Line Community and Business Advisory Committee (CBAC) is anticipated to be scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> and will focus on reviewing the scope of work and



schedule for the Route Modification Study Phase II efforts. CBAC meetings are open to the public and are currently being held virtually. For more information on the CBAC, please visit [www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-project-committee](http://www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-project-committee)

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- On June 12, Purple Line project staff will be providing a project update to the Maplewood City Council during a workshop session. The purpose of this meeting will be to review recent and upcoming outreach and engagement events, share the Route Modification Study Phase II Outreach and Engagement Plan and discuss with councilmembers feedback they have on the plan.
- The next meeting of the Purple Line Corridor Management Committee (CMC) is scheduled for June 29 and will focus on reviewing the scope of work and schedule for the Route Modification Study Phase II efforts. *CMC meetings are open to the public. For more information on the CMC, please visit [www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-project-committee](http://www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-project-committee)*



**Date:** 06/29/2023

**To:** Melinda Coleman, City Manager, Maplewood

**From:** Craig Lamothe, Project Manager, Purple Line BRT

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### **Current Project Status and Activities**

The Purple Line project is beginning to evaluate White Bear and Maryland Avenues as a route alternative to using the Bruce Vento Regional Trail Corridor. Some of the upcoming Route Modification Study (RMS) Phase II activities include:

- Review of existing conditions and corridor characteristics.
- Identification of proposed potential station locations.
- Development of roadway design options.
- Extensive engagement with project partners and the community.

Issue Resolution Teams have also formed for project staff to meet with staff from project partners to identify, evaluate and resolve technical issues related to RMS Phase II. This includes staff from Maplewood Public Works and Community Development departments.

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### **Community Outreach & Engagement Events**

Feedback from the community during May and June engagement along the Maryland/White Bear Ave. corridor has provided constructive information on community concerns and issues to the project team - especially regarding safety, traffic congestion, business access and transit use. The project team has also continued to receive helpful suggestions from project partners and committees, such as the Maplewood City Council and Purple Line Community and Business Advisory Committee, on additional community events and groups to connect with during outreach efforts.



Purple Line project outreach and engagement in July will continue to focus on spreading awareness about the project and the evaluation of the new White Bear Ave alignment as well as building contacts in the White Bear Ave corridor. Outreach activities will also include canvassing businesses along Maryland and White Bear avenues to understand their current operations and collect contact information and asking questions to understand the current challenges, constraints, and opportunities of the corridor.

Project staff are launching an interactive feedback map of the White Bear Avenue route option to solicit feedback from the community on what they enjoy about the corridor, their vision for its future and thoughts about Purple Line on Maryland and White Bear avenues. View the interactive map at: <https://www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-public-engagement>.

Information and opportunities to provide feedback on proposed potential station locations will occur between **July 25 and August 11**. Project staff will provide virtual and in person opportunities to review and provide feedback, including hosting three upcoming open houses in addition to continuing pop-ups and meetings with community groups/stakeholders. See the information for those in the table below. Additionally, project staff are planning corridor walks this fall to speak with businesses and residents along Maryland and White Bear avenues to understand what’s working well today and what could be improved along the corridor. More information will be shared about the specific dates later this summer.

Events and activities will also occur in St. Paul, near Arcade St. station to follow-up with the community on the updated station location that was shaped by engagement. The below table lists outreach events and activities that are currently planned for July and early August in the city of Maplewood.

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### Project Related Public Meetings

Below is a list of upcoming project committee meetings and other project related meetings.

- On August 14, project staff are expected to engage the Maplewood City Council in a discussion about proposed potential station locations and potential North End District routing options during a workshop.
- On July 5, project staff will be providing a project update to the Metropolitan Council Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting. This meeting is open to the public. For more information on the TAAC, please visit <https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Accessibility-Advisory-Committee.aspx>
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**Date:** 06/29/2023

**To:** Saint Paul Ward 6, Planning and Economic Development, and Public Works

**From:** Craig Lamothe, Project Manager, Purple Line BRT

## **RE: Purple Line BRT Project Update**

Below is an informational update on current and upcoming Purple Line BRT Project activities which may be of interest to the Saint Paul City Council, Ward 6, Planning and Economic Development, and Public Works.

- Current project status and activities
- Upcoming community outreach & engagement events in Saint Paul
- Upcoming project related public meetings

### **Current Project Status and Activities**

The Purple Line project is beginning to evaluate White Bear and Maryland Avenues as a route alternative to using the Bruce Vento Regional Trail Corridor. Some of the upcoming Route Modification Study (RMS) Phase II activities include:

- Review of existing conditions and corridor characteristics.
- Identification of proposed station locations.
- Development of roadway cross section options.
- Extensive engagement with project partners and the community.

Issue Resolution Teams have also formed for project staff to meet with project partners to identify, evaluate and resolve technical issues related to RMS Phase II. This includes staff from Saint Paul Public Works and Planning and Economic Development.

For more information on the Route Modification Study, please visit [www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-project-route-modification-study](http://www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-project-route-modification-study)

### **Community Outreach & Engagement Events**

Feedback from the community during May and June engagement along the Maryland/White Bear Ave. corridor has provided constructive information on community concerns and issues to the project team - especially regarding safety, traffic congestion, business access and transit use. The project team has also continued to receive helpful suggestions from project partners and committees, such as the Maplewood City Council and Purple Line Community and Business Advisory Committee, on additional community events and groups to connect with during outreach efforts.



Purple Line project outreach and engagement in July will continue to focus on spreading awareness about the project and the evaluation of the new White Bear Ave alignment as well as building contacts in the White Bear Ave corridor. Outreach activities will also include canvassing businesses along Maryland and White Bear avenues to understand their current operations and collect contact information and asking questions to understand the current challenges, constraints, and opportunities of the corridor.

Project staff are launching an interactive feedback map of the White Bear Avenue route option to solicit feedback from the community on what they enjoy about the corridor, their vision for its future and thoughts about Purple Line on Maryland and White Bear avenues. View the interactive map at: [metrotransit.org/Purple-Line](https://metrotransit.org/Purple-Line).

Information and opportunities to provide feedback on potential station locations will occur between **July 25 and August 11**. Project staff will provide virtual and in person opportunities to review and provide feedback, including hosting three upcoming open houses in addition to continuing pop-ups and meetings with community groups/stakeholders. See the information for those in the table below. Additionally, project staff are planning corridor walks this fall to speak with businesses and residents along Maryland and White Bear avenues to understand what’s working well today and what could be improved along the corridor. More information will be shared about the specific dates later this summer.

Events and activities will also occur in St. Paul, near Arcade St. station to follow-up with the community on the updated station location that was shaped by engagement. The below table lists outreach events and activities that are currently planned for July and early August in the city of Saint Paul.

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|----------------------|----------------------------|---|--|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>7/10/2023</b>     | Presentation               | Greater East Side - Land Use and Transportation Committee | Kramer Room                            | 6:30 PM            | Indoors               |
| <b>7/10/2023</b>     | Tabling                    | La Canasta Familiar - CLUES                               | 771 Margaret Street St. Paul, MN 55106 | 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM  | Outdoors              |
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| 7/25/2023 | Open House          | Option #1 at Hayden Heights Library | 1456 White Bear Ave, St Paul, MN 55106   | 5:00-7:00 PM       | Indoors        |
| 8/2/2023  | Tabling             | St. Paul Farmers Market             | Downtown ST. Paul                        | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM | Outdoors       |
| 8/3/2023  | Open House          | Option #2 Virtual                   | Teams                                    | Noon – 1:30 PM     | N/A            |
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### Project Related Public Meetings

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**Date:** 07/20/2023

**To:** Purple Line Policymakers and Staff

**From:** Craig Lamothe, Project Manager, Purple Line BRT

## **RE: Purple Line BRT Project Update**

Below is an informational update on current and upcoming Purple Line BRT Project activities which may be of interest to the Maplewood and Saint Paul City Councils and staff.

- Current project status and activities
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### **Current Project Status and Activities**

Upcoming Route Modification Study (RMS) Phase II activities include:

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- Identification of proposed potential station locations.
- Development of roadway design options.
- Extensive engagement with project partners and the community.

Issue Resolution Teams have also formed for project staff to meet with staff from project partners to identify, evaluate and resolve technical issues related to RMS Phase II. This includes staff from Maplewood and Saint Paul Public Works and Community Development departments.

For more information on the Route Modification Study, please visit [www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-project-route-modification-study](http://www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-project-route-modification-study)

### **Community Outreach & Engagement Events**

Purple Line project outreach and engagement in July has continued to focus on spreading awareness about the project and the evaluation of the new White Bear Ave alignment as well as building contacts in the White Bear Ave corridor. Outreach activities include canvassing businesses along Maryland and White Bear avenues to understand their current operations and collect contact information and asking questions to understand the current challenges, constraints, and opportunities of the corridor. View an online version of the business inventory survey at: [www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-public-engagement](http://www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-public-engagement)



Project staff have launched an interactive feedback map of the White Bear Avenue route option to solicit feedback from the community on what they enjoy about the corridor, their vision for its future and thoughts about Purple Line on Maryland and White Bear avenues. View the interactive map at: [www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-public-engagement](http://www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-public-engagement). The interactive map will be updated this month to include station location areas that are under consideration.

Information and opportunities to provide feedback on proposed potential station locations will occur between **July 25 and August 11**. Project staff will provide virtual and in person opportunities to review and provide feedback, including hosting three upcoming community meetings/open houses in addition to continuing pop-ups and meetings with community groups/stakeholders. Postcards with the details for the community meetings have been sent to all properties within a half mile of the White Bear Ave. corridor in Maplewood and Saint Paul. See the information for those in the table below. Additionally, project staff are planning corridor walks/rides this fall to speak with businesses and residents along Maryland and White Bear avenues to understand what’s working well today and what could be improved along the corridor. More information will be shared about the specific dates later this summer.

The below table lists outreach events and activities that are currently planned for July and early August in Maplewood and Saint Paul.

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| Date      | Event/activity type              | Event name/location         | Address                                  | Time              | Indoor/Outdoor |
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| 8/3/2023  | Project Hosted Community Meeting | Option #2 Virtual           | Microsoft Teams                          | Noon – 1:30 PM    | N/A            |
| 8/9/2023  | Project Hosted Community Meeting | Option #3 at Maplewood YMCA | 2100 White Bear Ave, Maplewood, MN 55109 | 6:00-8:00 PM      | Indoors        |
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### Project Related Public Meetings

Below is a list of upcoming project committee meetings and other project related meetings.

- On August 9, project staff are expected to engage the Saint Paul City Council with a project update during their Organizational Committee Meeting to discuss how the route modification study has progressed, the proposed potential station locations and potential North End District routing options.
- On August 14, project staff are expected to engage the Maplewood City Council in a discussion about proposed potential station locations and potential North End District routing options during a workshop.
- On August 15, project staff will present a project update with the White Bear Avenue Business Association and discuss the project and proposed potential station locations along White Bear Avenue and Maryland Avenue.
- On August 21, project staff will present a project update to the Sant Paul Transportation Committee to discuss how the route modification study has progressed, the proposed potential station locations and potential North End District routing options.
- The next meeting of the Purple Line Community and Business Advisory Committee (CBAC) is anticipated to be scheduled for late August to review the existing conditions and corridor characteristics information and a staff recommendation on proposed potential station locations for the White Bear Avenue/Maryland Avenue route. CBAC meetings are open to the public and are currently being held virtually. For more information on the CBAC, please visit [www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-project-committees](http://www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-project-committees)
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**Date:** 08/24/2023

**To:** Purple Line Policymakers and Staff

**From:** Craig Lamothe, Project Manager, Purple Line BRT

## **RE: Purple Line BRT Project Update**

This memo is an informational update on current and upcoming Purple Line BRT Project activities which may be of interest to the Maplewood and Saint Paul City Councils and staff. This update includes:

- Current Project Status and Activities
- Community Outreach & Engagement Methods
- Station Location Feedback
- Overall Feedback from Community
- Safety and Security Action Plan
- Upcoming Project-Related Public Meetings and Community Events

### **Current Project Status and Activities**

Focus is on evaluating White Bear and Maryland avenues as a route alternative to collocating with the Bruce Vento Regional Trail between Maryland and Beam avenues. Some activities included in the [Route Modification Study \(RMS\) Phase II](#) are:

- Review of existing conditions and corridor characteristics
- Identification of proposed potential station locations
- Development of roadway design options
- Extensive engagement with project partners and the community

An Issue Resolution Team has formed for project staff to meet with staff from project partners to identify, evaluate, and resolve technical issues related to RMS Phase II. This includes staff from Maplewood and Saint Paul Public Works and Community Development departments.

Through July and August, project staff are developing a proposal of station locations that will be evaluated throughout RMS Phase II and a proposal of the most viable design concepts to be evaluated further. The planning and design teams are working on screening potential concepts. Preliminary results will be presented to the Issue Resolution Team later this month. A proposal of the three or four most viable concepts will be presented to the project's Corridor Management Committee in October.



## Community Outreach & Engagement Events

Purple Line project outreach and engagement will continue to focus on spreading awareness about the project, spreading awareness about the evaluation of the new White Bear Avenue alignment, and building contacts in the White Bear Avenue corridor.

Project staff inform the public about project updates through the project website, social media, newsletters, and news releases. Translated materials are available at each community meeting, open house, or community event attended by the project. The project also has resources available to provide additional translated materials or interpreters, as requested.

In mid-July, project staff canvassed businesses along Maryland and White Bear avenues to conduct a survey of business operations. The survey sought to understand their current operations and gain their perspective on the current challenges, constraints, and opportunities of the corridor. View the online version of the business inventory survey at: [www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-public-engagement](http://www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-public-engagement).

Project staff launched an interactive feedback map of the White Bear Avenue alignment in early July to solicit feedback virtually from the community. View the interactive map at: [www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-public-engagement](http://www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-public-engagement). The map will continue to be updated throughout RMS Phase II to inform the community and collect feedback.

Project staff hosted 3 community meetings to collect feedback on potential station locations between **July 25 and August 11**. Project staff have attended various other community meetings, open houses, or community events to inform the public and collect feedback on the potential station locations.

The project is collecting preliminary input on proposed station locations through September. Afterward, input on stations is always welcome but the project will shift the focus toward design concepts. Project staff are planning corridor walks/rides this fall to speak with businesses and residents along Maryland and White Bear avenues to understand what's working well today and what could be improved.

## Station Location Feedback

### Top Station Location

- Maplewood Mall Transit Center (#1)
- Larpenteur Avenue (#2)
- Other stations that should be prioritized:
  - White Bear & Maryland Avenues
  - 11th & Gervais Avenue
  - Clarence Street
  - Arlington Avenue

### Station Frequency vs. Faster Service

- Faster service is preferred over more frequent stations

### Other Station Areas to be Considered:

- Station next to St. John's Hospital
- Century College (especially for those who participate in PSEO)
- Vadnais Heights
- Arcade Street Station A2 routing option
- Frost Avenue and Clarence Street (future assisted living and multi-family developments are planned)
- Beam Avenue and Hazelwood Street for a connection to Costco



## Feedback from Community

- Safety and security of homes and businesses around station locations
- Existing and future traffic conditions along White Bear Ave
  - Optimism that bus service will minimize the need for individual cars along the corridor
  - Concern about increase of traffic with dedicated BRT lanes
  - A lot of accidents happen on Larpenteur Avenue along White Bear Avenue. During the school year, many students are picked up from schools along the route during this time.
- Excitement about a route that would get to downtown relatively easy, as well as the connectivity to greater transport systems and surrounding region
- Accessibility for all
  - Language barriers
  - Able/non-abled body
  - Near amenities, businesses, residential areas, and transit dependent communities
- Fast and reliable service
- Mix of preferences for a route on White Bear Avenue or the Bruce Vento Trail corridors
  - Concern about disturbance to nature and the residential area on the Bruce Vento Trail
  - People who advocate for the Bruce Vento Trail routing describe it as “barely used” throughout the day and it doesn’t make sense to add another route on White Bear Avenue
  - Preference for the Bruce Vento Trail alignment—a nature corridor that was originally reserved for transit projects

## Safety and Security Action Plan

Metro Transit is leading a concerted effort to improve public safety on transit. These efforts are summarized in the [Safety & Security Action Plan \(SSAP\)](#). The SSAP advances recommendations from the Council’s Metro Transit Police Work Group and reflects considerable feedback from customer, staff, and community stakeholders. It identifies 40 actions in three areas: improving conditions on the system, training and supporting employees, and engaging customers and partners. The plan also recognizes the need to address underlying issues that impact public safety on transit, including drug addiction, homelessness, and mental health. View the [Quarter 2 2023 SSAP Plan Update](#).

## Upcoming Public Meetings

Below is a list of upcoming project committee meetings and other project related meetings open to the public.

- The next meeting of the Purple Line Community and Business Advisory Committee (CBAC) is scheduled for *September 11* to review the existing conditions and corridor characteristics information and the staff recommendation of potential station locations for the White Bear Avenue alignment. CBAC meetings are open to the public and are currently being held virtually in a hybrid format (in-person at the Project Office and virtual with Microsoft Teams).
- The next meeting of the Purple Line Corridor Management Committee (CMC) is scheduled for *September 13* to review the existing conditions and corridor characteristics information and the staff recommendation on potential station locations for the White Bear Avenue alignment. CMC meetings are open to the public and are currently being held virtually.

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## Upcoming Community Events

**Table 1: Upcoming Outreach Events and Activities**

| Date           | Activity Type   | Event Name                      | Address   | Time        |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|---|-------------|
| 9/13/2023      | Community Event | Maplewood – Touch a Truck Event | 2100 White Bear Avenue YMCA/MCC Parking Lot   | 5:30-7 p.m. |
| 9/16/2023      | Community Event | Fiesta Latina                   | CLUES St. Paul – 797 E. 7 <sup>th</sup> St  | 12-4 p.m.   |
| 9/16/2023      | Community Event | White Bear Parade               | White Bear Avenue   | 11 a.m.     |
| Mid-Late Sept. | Pop-up          | Corridor Walk                   | Purple Line Corridor  | Multiple    |
| September      | Community Event | School Pop-Up                   | Schools along the corridor: L’Etoile du Nord French Immersion School, Academia Cesar Chavez, Hazel Park Preparatory Academy | Multiple    |



**Date:** 09/28/2023

**To:** Purple Line Policymakers and Staff

**From:** Craig Lamothe, Project Manager, Purple Line BRT

## RE: Purple Line BRT Project Update

This memo is an update on current and upcoming Purple Line BRT Project activities which may be of interest to the Maplewood and Saint Paul City Councils and staff, as well as additional agency partners and policymakers. This update includes:

- Current Project Status and Activities
- FTA's CIG Program PD Extension Request
- Station Area Planning Update
- Recommended Station Locations
- Upcoming Community Events

### Current Project Status and Activities

Project staff are currently focusing on evaluating White Bear and Maryland avenues as a route alternative to collocating with the Bruce Vento Regional Trail between Maryland and Beam avenues. Current activities included in the [Route Modification Study \(RMS\) Phase II](#) are:

- Development of roadway and transit design options
- Extensive engagement with project partners and the community
  - *The Purple People Coalition, including Move Minnesota, Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing, East Side Area Business Association, and Greater East Side District Council, is currently leading a letter campaign for organizations and public officials to support the White Bear Avenue alternative over the Bruce Vento Regional Trail alternative. [View the letter here.](#)*

### FTA's CIG Program PD Extension Request

The project was admitted into the [Federal Transit Administration \(FTA\)'s Capital Investment Grants \(CIG\) Program](#) on December 9, 2021. The project is currently in the Project Development (PD) Phase of the CIG Program. The PD Phase for the project is scheduled to end on December 8, 2023. Due to the evaluation of the White Bear Avenue alternative, the project will not complete the milestones required during the PD phase by December 8<sup>th</sup>. Those requirements include:

- Identify a community-supported locally preferred alternative (LPA)
- Adopt the community-supported LPA in the [region's long-range transportation plan](#).
- Complete the federal environmental review process for revised LPA required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
- Develop sufficient information about the project for FTA to evaluate and rate the project.



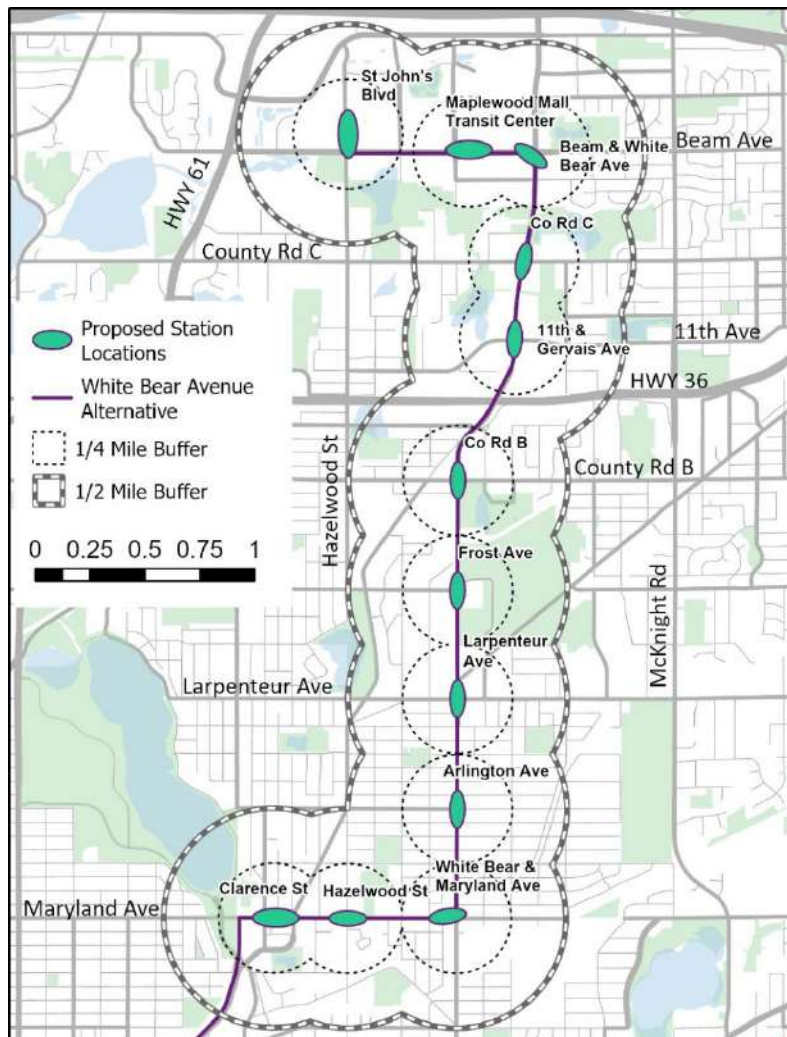
On September 25, 2023, project staff submitted a PD Phase Extension Request to the FTA. Project staff requested a 22-month extension, with the environmental review process driving the length of the extension. This extension is based on a revised schedule for completing required PD Phase milestones/activities.

### Station Area Planning Update

A Purple Line Station Area Working Groups Summit occurred on September 12. 34 community members, representing eight stations in Saint Paul, met to discuss their ideas for areas around Purple Line stations. Themes that arose included a need for improved public safety, safer pedestrian crossings, and increased access to nutritional food. There will be smaller working group meetings, consisting of 1–2 stations, in October.

### Recommended Station Locations

Project staff are advancing 12 station locations for further evaluation during RMS Phase II, shown in the image below. Many community members supported the proposed station locations; 63% of people surveyed preferred faster service rather than more frequent stations. The Corridor Management Committee (CMC) reviewed the proposed station locations on September 13 and concurred with the project staff recommendation to advance these station locations for further technical evaluation and community engagement.





The final number of stations and platform locations will not be finalized until the CMC recommends the preferred roadway and transit design concept, currently anticipated in March 2024. Station location considerations currently include whether the proposed Larpenteur Ave Station location should shift 3 blocks south to provide better accessibility for the Iowa Hi-Rise public housing building at 1743 East Iowa Ave.

### Upcoming Public Meetings

Below is a list of upcoming project committee meetings and other project related meetings open to the public. For more information about project committees, please visit [www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-project-committees](http://www.metrotransit.org/purple-line-project-committees).

- The next meeting of the Purple Line CMC is October 11 to review and recommend the most promising roadway and transit design options for White Bear and Maryland avenues design options for full technical evaluation and public engagement.
- The next meeting of the Purple Line Community and Business Advisory Committee (CBAC) is anticipated for mid to late October to review the most promising roadway and transit design options for White Bear and Maryland avenues recommended for full technical evaluation and public engagement.

### Upcoming Community Events

Project staff will host a round of corridor walks/rolls in early October to speak with businesses and residents to understand what is working well today and what could be improved on White Bear and Maryland Avenues in consideration for implementing bus rapid transit. This is an opportunity to discuss design considerations and constraints, while viewing the corridor. Each walk/roll will cover an approximately one-mile section of the corridor on either Maryland or White Bear Avenue but will focus on key points and areas of interest among participants.

**Table 1: Upcoming Outreach Events and Activities**

| Date         | Event Name                           | Address  | Time          |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------|
| September 29 | Pop-Up                               | Tabling with residents at the Iowa High Rise   | 10–11:30 a.m. |
| October 2    | Pop-Up                               | Tabling with residents at the Iowa High Rise   | 2–3:30 p.m.   |
| October 3    | Pop-Up                               | Maplewood Mall – Ramey County Service Center   | 10–1 p.m.     |
| October 4    | Corridor Walk/Roll                   | White Bear Avenue between 11th/Gervais and Beam Avenue – intersection of White Bear Avenue and County Road C | 4–6 p.m.      |
| October 5    | Board Meeting – Friends of the Parks | Riverview Branch Library   | 6–8 p.m.      |
| October 6    | Corridor Walk/Roll                   | White Bear Avenue between Maryland and Larpenteur Avenue – intersection of White Bear and Arlington Avenue   | 4–6 p.m.      |
| October 10   | Corridor Walk/Roll                   | White Bear Avenue between Larpenteur Avenue and Gateway Trail – Aldrich Ice Arena                            | 4–6 p.m.      |
| October 12   | Corridor Walk/Roll                   | White Bear Avenue between Gateway Trail and Highway 36 – intersection of White Bear Avenue and County Road B | 4–6 p.m.      |
| October 14   | Corridor Walk/Roll                   | Maryland Avenue – intersection of Maryland Avenue and Hazelwood Street                                       | 12–2 p.m.     |