



METRO F Line – Corridor Planning

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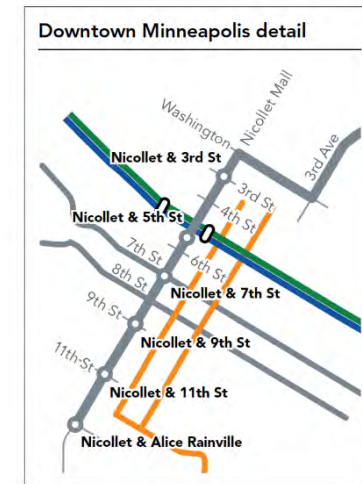
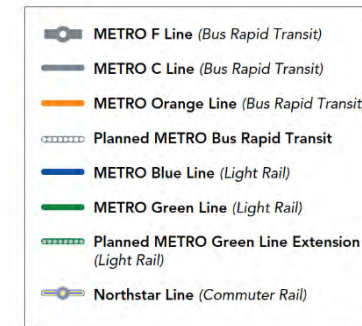
METRO F Line

Arterial Bus Rapid Transit

- Substantial upgrade to Route 10
 - Region's 5th highest ridership bus route
- 13-mile corridor from downtown Minneapolis to Northtown Transit Center
 - Nicollet Mall, Washington, 3rd Ave, Central, 53rd Ave, University
- Fast, frequent, all-day service
 - Goal of approximately 20% faster than Route 10
- 32 stations (63 platforms) with enhanced features planned across corridor



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Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

Learn more at
metrotransit.org/brt

2-3 stations per
mile, designed
for faster stops

Pre-boarding
fare payment for
faster stops

Higher-capacity
buses & boarding
through all doors

High-tech, high-
amenity, secure
stations

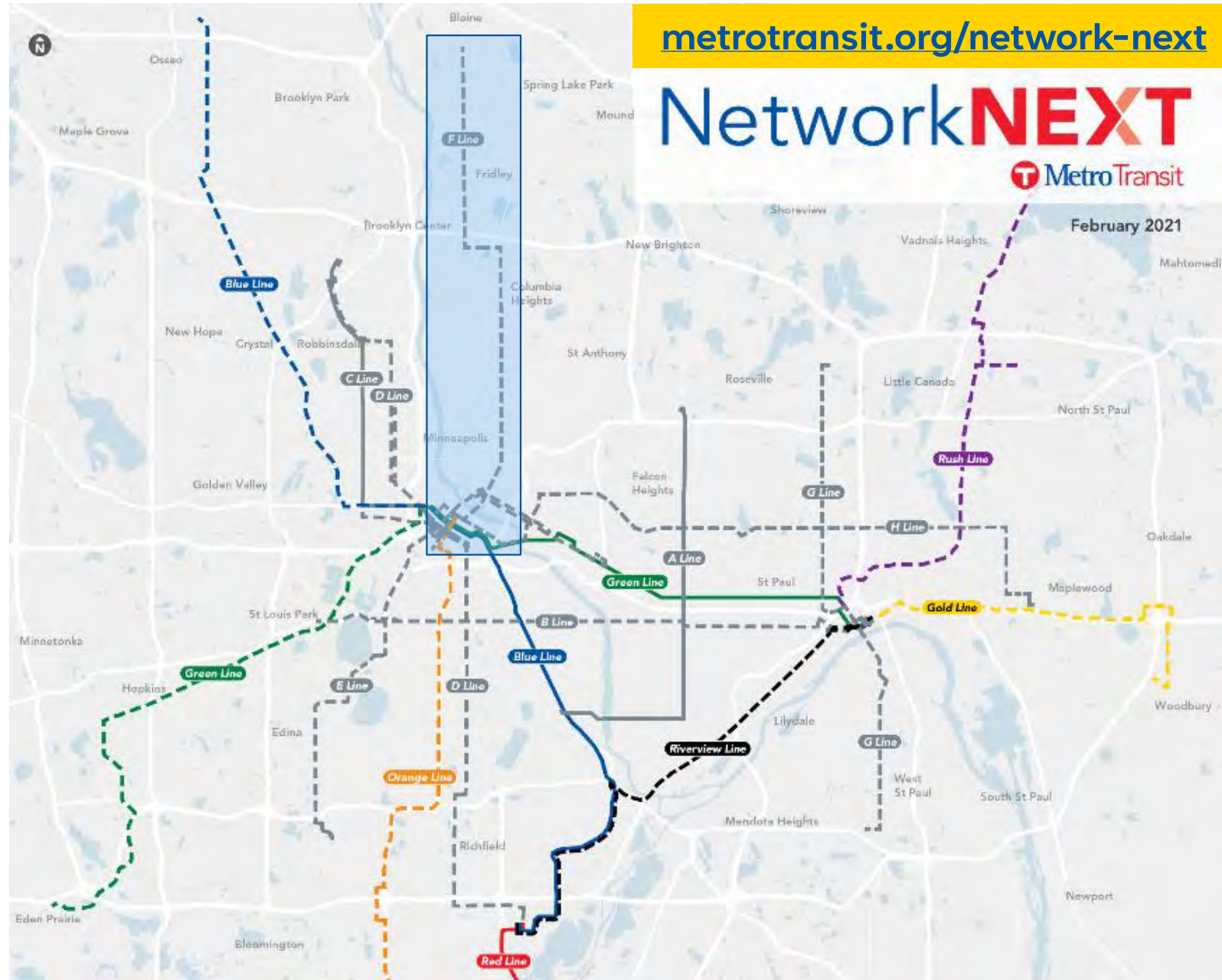
Faster, frequent,
all-day service

Bus priority
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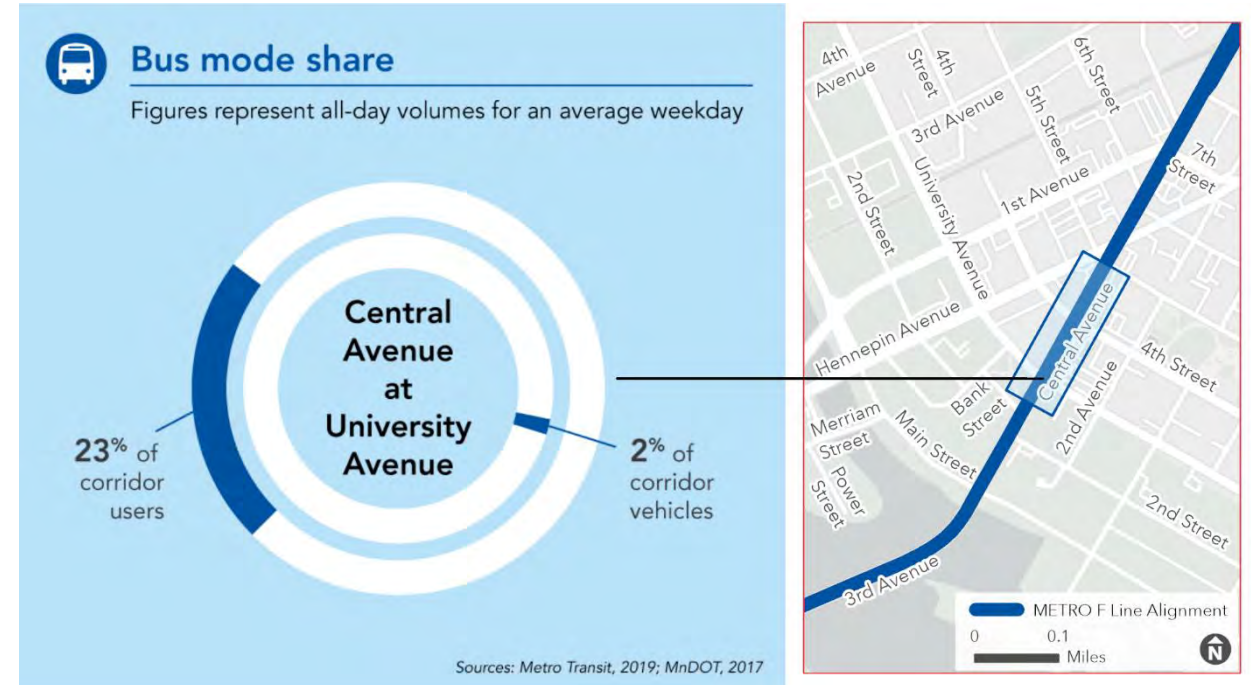
Eight arterial BRT lines operating by 2030

- A Line (Snelling): Open 2016
- C Line (Penn): Open 2019
- D Line (Chicago/Fremont – Route 5)
Opens late 2022
- B Line (Lake/Selby – Route 21)
Construction 2023, opens 2024
- E Line (Hennepin/France – Route 6)
Construction 2024, opens 2025
- F Line (Central Avenue – Route 10)
Construction 2025, opens 2026
- G Line (Rice/Robert – Routes 62/68)
2025-2030 implementation
- H Line (Como/Maryland – Route 3)
2025-2030 implementation



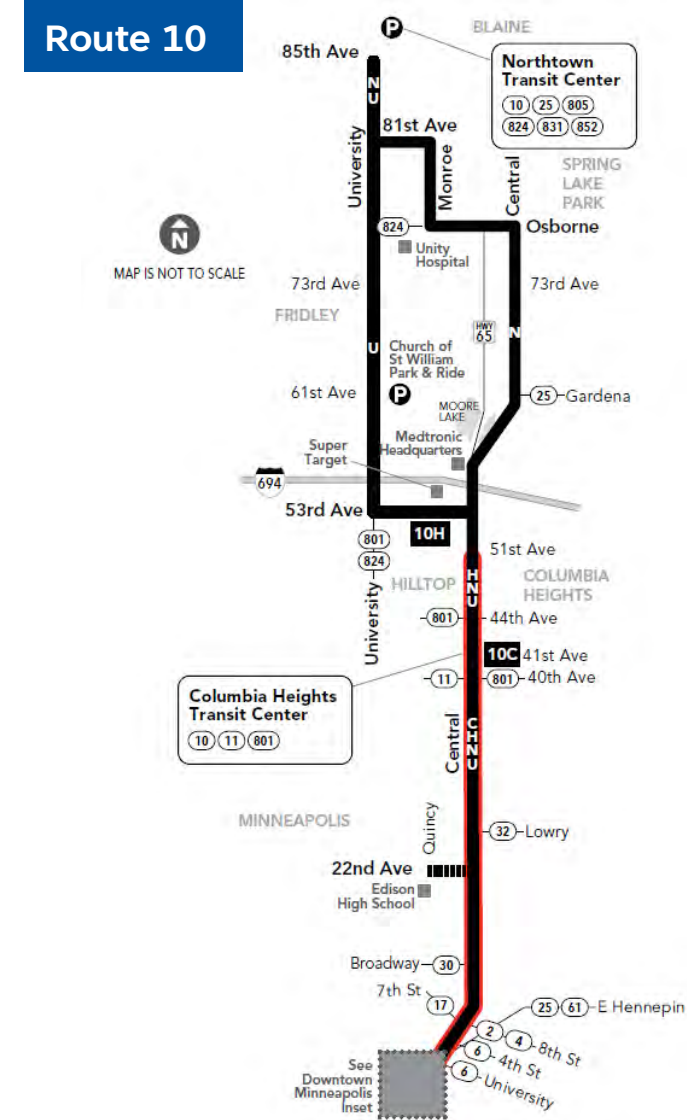
Why arterial BRT?

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



Why Route 10 for the F Line?

- Identified through Network Next project (2020-2021) metrotransit.org/network-next
- Prioritized for near-term implementation through public surveys
- High ridership corridor, high impact
- Improved transit access in NE Minneapolis and northern suburbs – connection to METRO network of LRT and BRT lines



What will F Line stations look like?



A Pylon markers help riders identify stations from a distance.

B Real-time NexTrip signs provide bus information, and on-demand annunciators speak this information for people with low vision.

C Shelters provide weather protection and feature push-button, on-demand heaters and shelter lighting. Shelter sizes will vary based on customer demand (small shown here).

D Ticket machines and fare card readers collect all payment before customers board the bus.

E Emergency telephones provide a direct connection to Metro Transit police. Stations also feature security cameras.

F Stations feature trash and recycling containers.

G Platform edges are marked with a cast-iron textured warning strip to keep passengers safely away from the curb while the bus approaches. Many stations also feature raised curbs for easier boarding.

H Platform areas are distinguished by a dark gray concrete pattern.

I Benches at stations provide a place to sit.

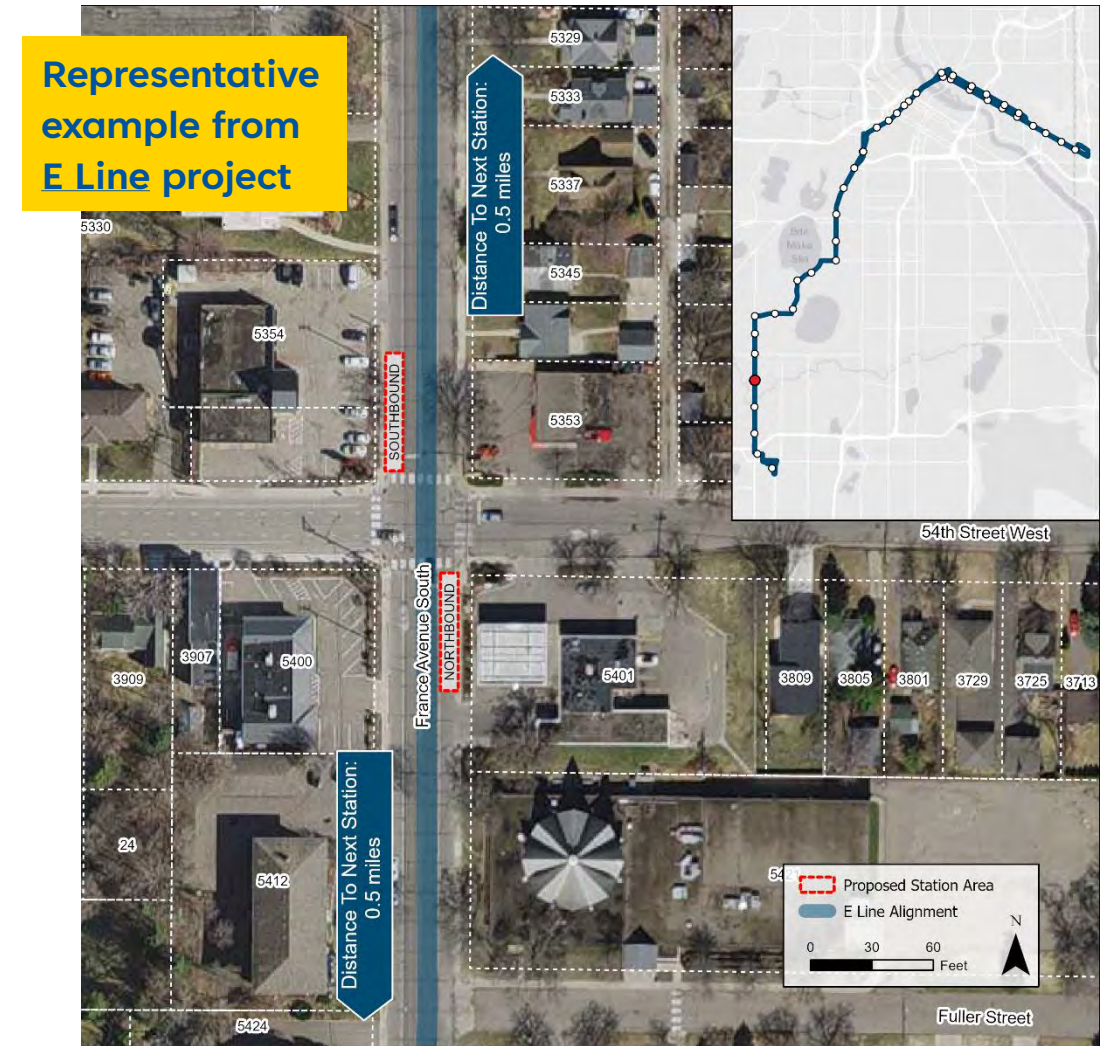
J Most stations have bike parking.

At some stations, railings separate the platform from the sidewalk.

Some stations have pedestrian-scale light fixtures to provide a safe, well-lit environment.

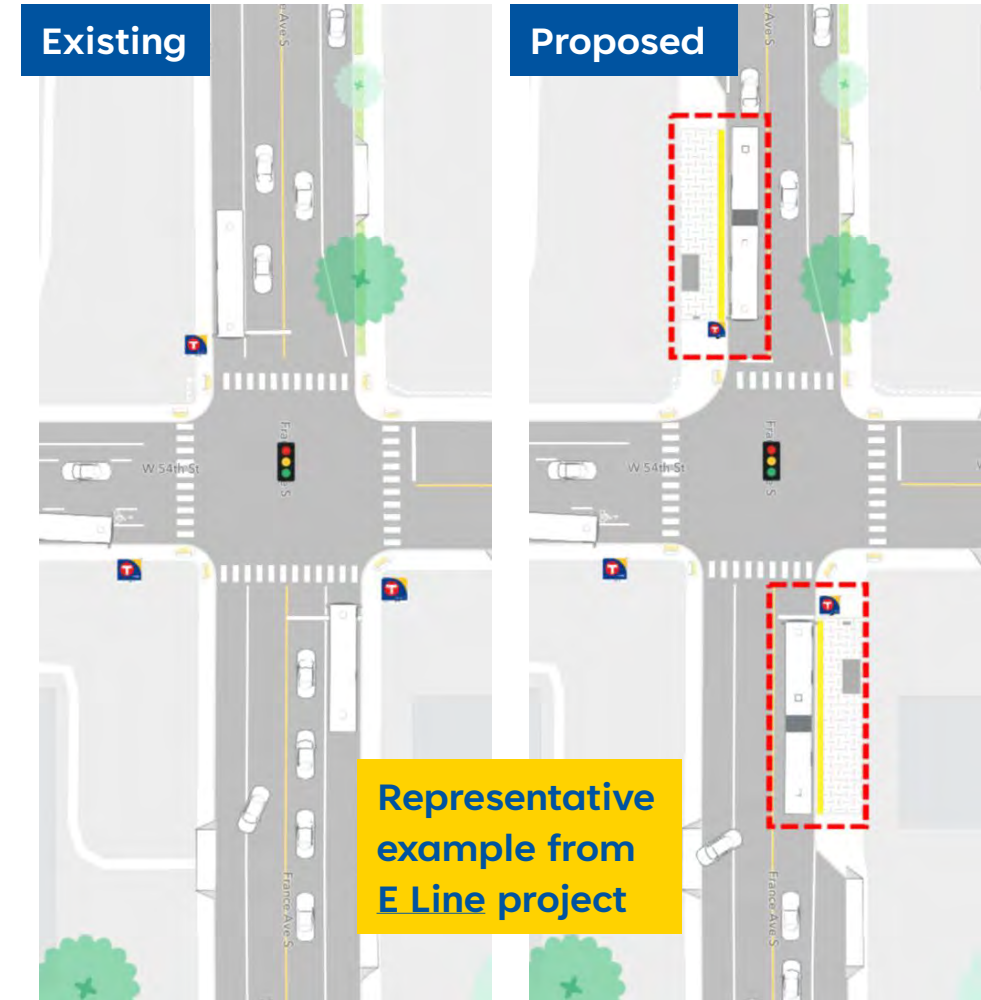
Draft Corridor Plan

- Coming soon!
- Early, important opportunity for community input
 - Draft Corridor Plan released for public comment **October 24, 2022**
- Address key station location questions:
 - What **intersections** will have BRT stations?
 - In which **quadrants (corners)** of the **intersections** will platforms be located?
 - How was the location determined?



Draft Corridor Plan

- Proposed platform locations developed through site-specific review
- Concept designs evolve and are refined through detailed engineering (beginning mid-2023) and coordination with other projects
- Other planning issues (ongoing)
 - Bus priority treatments
 - Project coordination with MnDOT, Hennepin County, City of Minneapolis, among others
- Metropolitan Council will approve corridor plan to establish the number and location of stations



Public engagement

- Spring-fall 2022: Raising awareness about the project
- Fall-winter 2022: Draft Corridor Plan public comment period, **October 24 – December 5**
 - Direct mailing
 - Email: Project newsletter, Route 10 Rider Alerts, etc.
 - Door knocking homes and businesses
 - In-person feedback at Route 10 stops and aboard buses
 - Community organizations and neighborhood groups
 - Community events
 - Social media
 - Online survey
 - Virtual open house (date TBD)

The new METRO F Line

Faster transit is coming to the Route 10 corridor

The METRO F Line is a planned Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line that will provide faster and more reliable transit service in the Route 10 corridor. BRT is a package of transit enhancements that adds up to a **faster trip and an improved experience** on Metro Transit's busiest bus routes.

The METRO F Line will travel along Nicollet Mall in downtown Minneapolis; Central Avenue through northwest Minneapolis; Columbia Heights, and Hi-Top; and University Avenue through Fridley and Spring Lake Park to Northtown Mall in Blaine.

The METRO F Line will improve a busy transit route:

- Before the pandemic, customers took more than 7,000 daily rides in the Route 10 corridor, making it one of Metro Transit's busiest bus routes.
- Route 10 ridership remains strong, even during the pandemic.



View a detailed map at metrotransit.org/f-line-project



Preliminary Project Schedule (subject to change)

2022-2023	2023-2024	2025-2026	2028
PLANNING	ENGINEERING	CONSTRUCTION	OPEN FOR SERVICE

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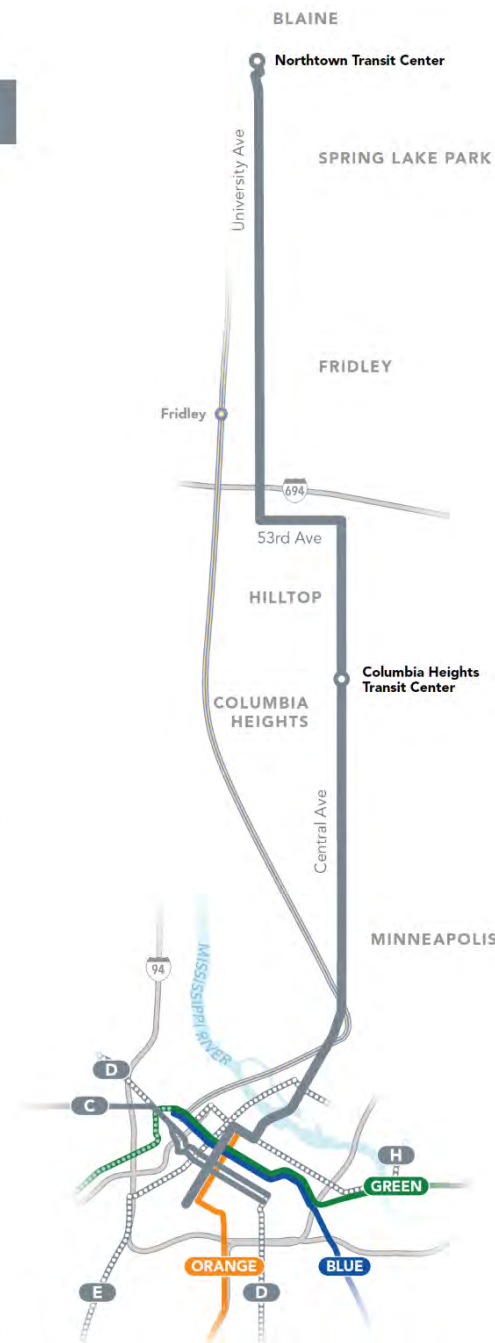
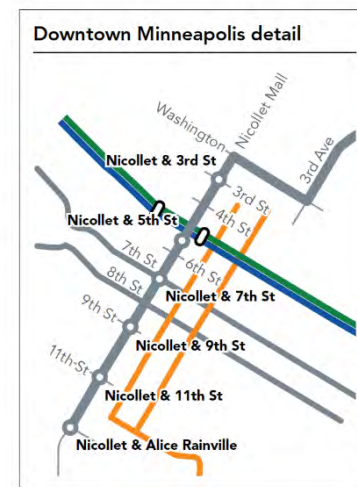
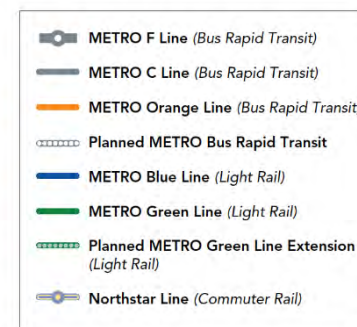
F Line project schedule

- Corridor Plan
 - **October 24, 2022: Release Draft Corridor Plan**
(Council action to release for public comment)
 - Spring 2023: Recommended Corridor Plan
(Council action to release for public comment)
 - Summer 2023: Final Corridor Plan
(Council action to approve)
- Engineering: Mid-2023 – Late 2024
- Construction: 2025 – 2026
- Start of service: 2026



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Next steps

- Review the F Line project webpage
 - Subscribe to the F Line Update **email newsletter**
- Coming soon! to the project webpage
 - F Line Draft Corridor Plan released **October 24**
 - Review the plan and provide comments
 - Public comment period: October 24 – December 5

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Thank You!

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