

Washington & 5th Avenue S

Hennepin County is leading the Washington Avenue Safety Improvements. H Line stations at Washington & 11th Avenue S and Washington & Chicago are in the project limits.

The County's project may change how the street looks. These changes are not reflected in this station concept. Metro Transit will coordinate with agency partners to include H Line platforms in the street design.

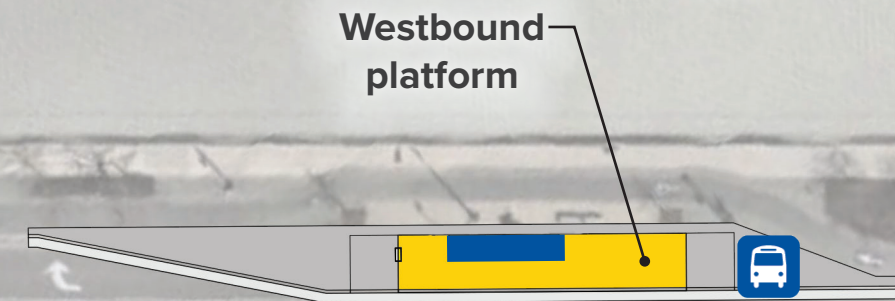
Legend

- Platform
- Bus shelter
- Sidewalk
- Bikeway
- ⓘ Existing bus stop

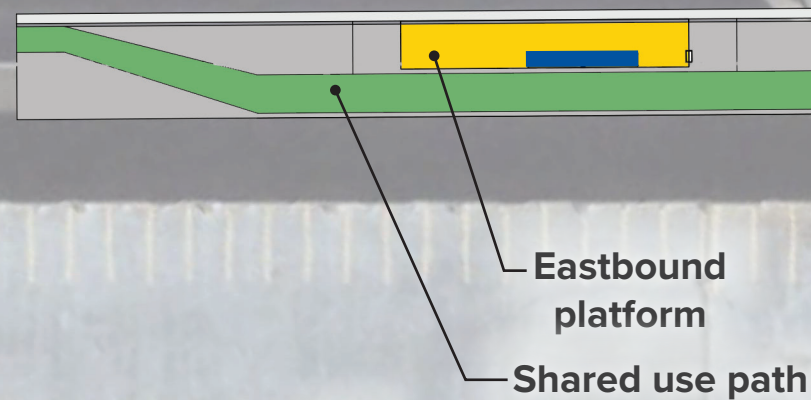
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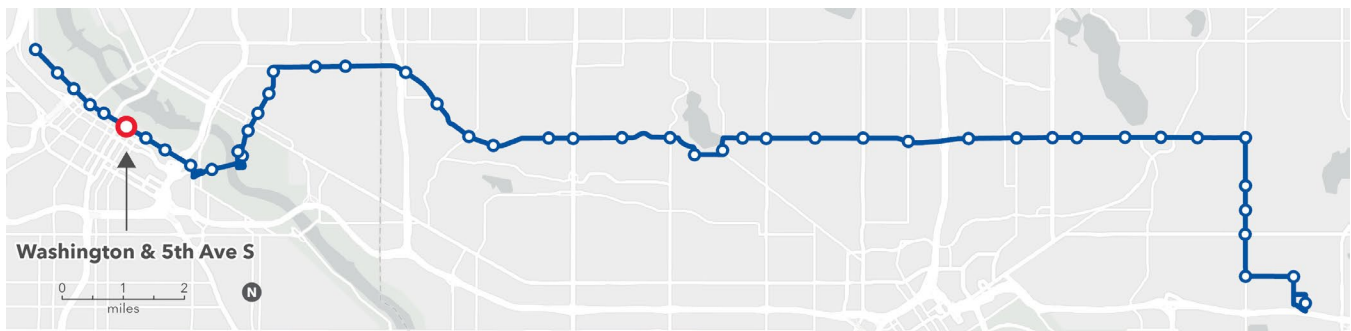
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Configuration of bicycle and pedestrian facilities at this station location will be determined during final design.

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[Click here to take our survey by October 7, 2026.](#) Select each station you want to comment on when responding to the first question of the survey.



Station concept

The eastbound platform is nearside of the intersection and westbound platform is farside of the intersection.

Station spacing

Distance from previous station: 0.25 miles from Washington & Marquette-2nd Avenue S

Distance to next station: 0.25 miles to Washington & Chicago Avenue S

Transit connections

Routes 7 and 22

Destinations

The Depot event center, Hennepin County Government Center, Minneapolis City Hall, Federal Courthouse, other government office buildings, The Armory.

Additional analysis based on draft plan input

Based on public feedback received on the Draft Corridor Plan, citing concerns about station spacing in downtown Minneapolis, a new H Line Station at Washington Ave & 5th Avenue was evaluated. Feedback centered on the approximately 1/2 mile distance between Washington & Marquette-2nd Avenue S Station and the Washington & Chicago Station and noted how the absence of a station at Washington & 5th Avenue S leads to longer distances for riders looking to access the Minneapolis City Hall and Hennepin County Government Center area.

METRO lines in downtown Minneapolis and Saint Paul (Blue Line and Green Line LRT and C Line and D Line BRT) typically use an average station spacing of 1/4 mile due to the high density of destinations. Adding a new H Line Station at Washington Avenue & 5th Avenue S is consistent with this practice.

An alternative adding a new H Line station at Washington & 5th Ave was evaluated:

- Baseline Alternative: Washington & Marquette-2nd Avenue S Station and Washington & Chicago Station
- Alternative 1: New Washington & 5th Station



The alternatives were compared with the baseline platform location on the factors shown in **Table 1**.

Recommendation

Following review, Metro Transit project staff recommend adding a new H Line station at Washington & 5th Avenue S. Without adding the Washington & 5th Avenue S Station, the distance between the Washington & Marquette-2nd Avenue S and Washington & Chicago stations will be about 1/2 mile, an undesirable station spacing distance within the downtown core where there is a high density of jobs, destinations, and riders. Adding the Washington & 5th Avenue S Station will improve station access and be more consistent with the station spacing of other METRO lines in downtown Minneapolis.

Table 1. Washington & 5th Avenue S evaluation matrix

Key	Green: Preferred	Yellow: Not preferred	Orange: Undesirable
Factor	Baseline: No Washington & 5th Avenue S Station	Alt. 1: Add Washington & 5th Avenue S Station	
Station spacing	1/2-mile spacing, wider than typical in downtown context [yellow]	1/4-mile spacing, common in downtown context [green]	
Access to destinations	Less direct access to Government Center, City Hall, Federal Courthouse employment area [yellow]	Better access to Government Center, City Hall, Federal Courthouse employment area [green]	
Safe pedestrian crossings	Encourages crossing at controlled intersection [green]	Encourages crossing at controlled intersection [green]	
Transit speed & reliability	Stopping less often reduces travel time and improves reliability [green]	Adding a station will increase travel time and introduce greater opportunity for unreliability [yellow]	
Street design & available right-of-way	No constraints [green]	There are space constraints that limit placement options for the eastbound platform [yellow]	
Recommendation	Do not advance [orange]	Add a new station at Washington & 5th Avenue S [green]	