

#### **Network Now: Building the Foundation**

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#### Agenda

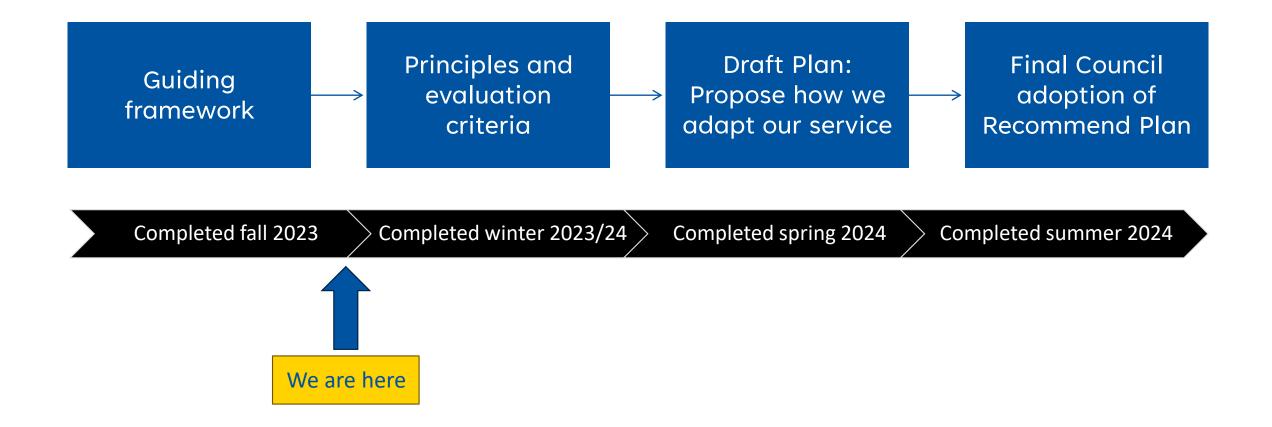
- Project overview
- Review principles
- Background
  - Results and methods
- Next steps



**Project background** 



#### **Current external project steps & timeline**



#### Addressed as part of Network Now

- New or redesigned routes
- Frequency or span improvements
- Resolve discontinued service and facility closures
- METRO line implementation
- Micro Transit possibilities



### **Building our foundation**





### Principles

- 1. Adapt service to changes in transit markets and travel patterns.
- 2. Prepare for new METRO and high-frequency routes.
- 3. Maintain the reliability of our scheduled service consistently over time.
- 4. Build on success to grow ridership, adding service where people use transit the most.
- 5. Provide access to opportunities and services with a focus on advancing equity and reducing regional disparities.

# **1. Adapt service to changes in transit markets and travel patterns**

#### What we explored

- Survey questions
- Workshop question
- Customer Relations feedback
- Planning data
- Policy: TPP

#### **Results/background**

- Community members recognize the need to adapt to new patterns
- Some transit markets have changed since 2020, others were already changing prior to the pandemic
- Technology improvements have resulted in new transit options such as microtransit

#### Principle

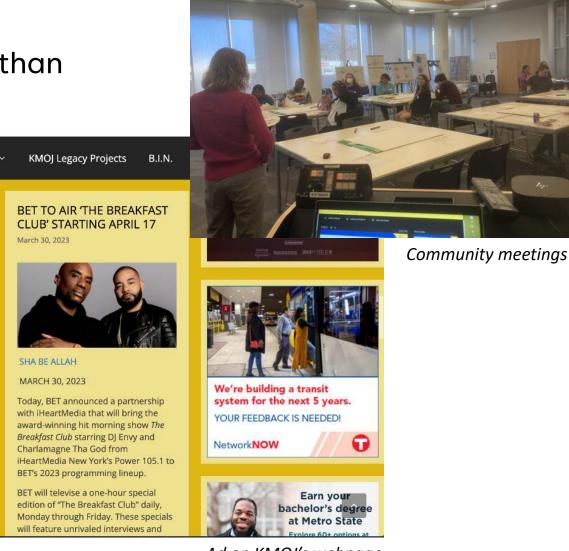
• Developed Principle 1



#### What we heard

#### **Network Now engagement**

- Over 5,000 points of contact with more than 6,000 unique comments
- Feedback received via:
  - Survey
  - Intercept conversations
  - Group and individual meetings
  - Customer Relations



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#### Survey

- The survey was open from late February late May, 2023
  - 4422 total responses
  - Versions:
    - Government/agency partners (45 responses)
    - Metro Transit employees (123 responses)
    - Public (4254 responses)
      - Over 6,000 unique written comments



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#### **Contents of Survey**

- 12 Trade-Off questions
  - Scenario: Option A vs. Option B
  - Scale: Agree with A, Lean towards A, Lean towards B, Agree with B
- 3 Allocating 100 Points questions
  - Areas
  - Types of Service
  - Values
- 3 Open-ended questions
- 8 Demographics questions



#### Demographics

- Ridership: 35% frequent riders, 11% non-riders
- Age: 66% 25-64 years old
- Gender: 42% women, 37% men, 5% non-binary or another gender
- Race/Ethnicity: 71% white, 10% POC
- Disability: 64% did not identify as having a disability or impairment, 22% did
- Household Income: 9% below \$30k, 20% over \$150k



#### Values – An example



#### **Allocating 100 Points - Values**

Values	Mean of Points Allocated out of 100
Ridership good service for the most people, but not everywhere	44
Equity good service to neighborhoods with low-income or BIPOC communities, but not everywhere	27
<b>Coverage</b> reaching more places, but not as good service	19
Geographic evenness each community gets similar service, but not as good service	11



#### Allocating 100 Points – Values – By Race

Values	POC Mean Points	White Mean Points	All Mean Points
Ridership	41	44	44
Equity	28	28	27
Coverage	20	19	19
Geographic evenness	11	10	11

Same order across racial categories

Compared to White or all respondents, POC allocate

- fewer points to ridership
- more points to other values

#### Allocating 100 Points – Values – By Disability Status

Values	Disability	No Disability	All Mean Points
Ridership	39	46	44
Equity	28	26	27
Coverage	20	18	19
Geographic evenness	13	10	11

Same order across disability status

Compared to individuals without disabilities, individuals with disabilities respondents allocate:

- fewer points to ridership
- more points to other values



### Next steps





#### **Continuing the conversation**

- Create metrics for the principles to give clear planning guidance
- Begin to develop the draft network plan
- Update stakeholders as we advance our work





## **Thank You!**

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