



# Arterial Bus Rapid Transit – 2024 Regional Solicitation

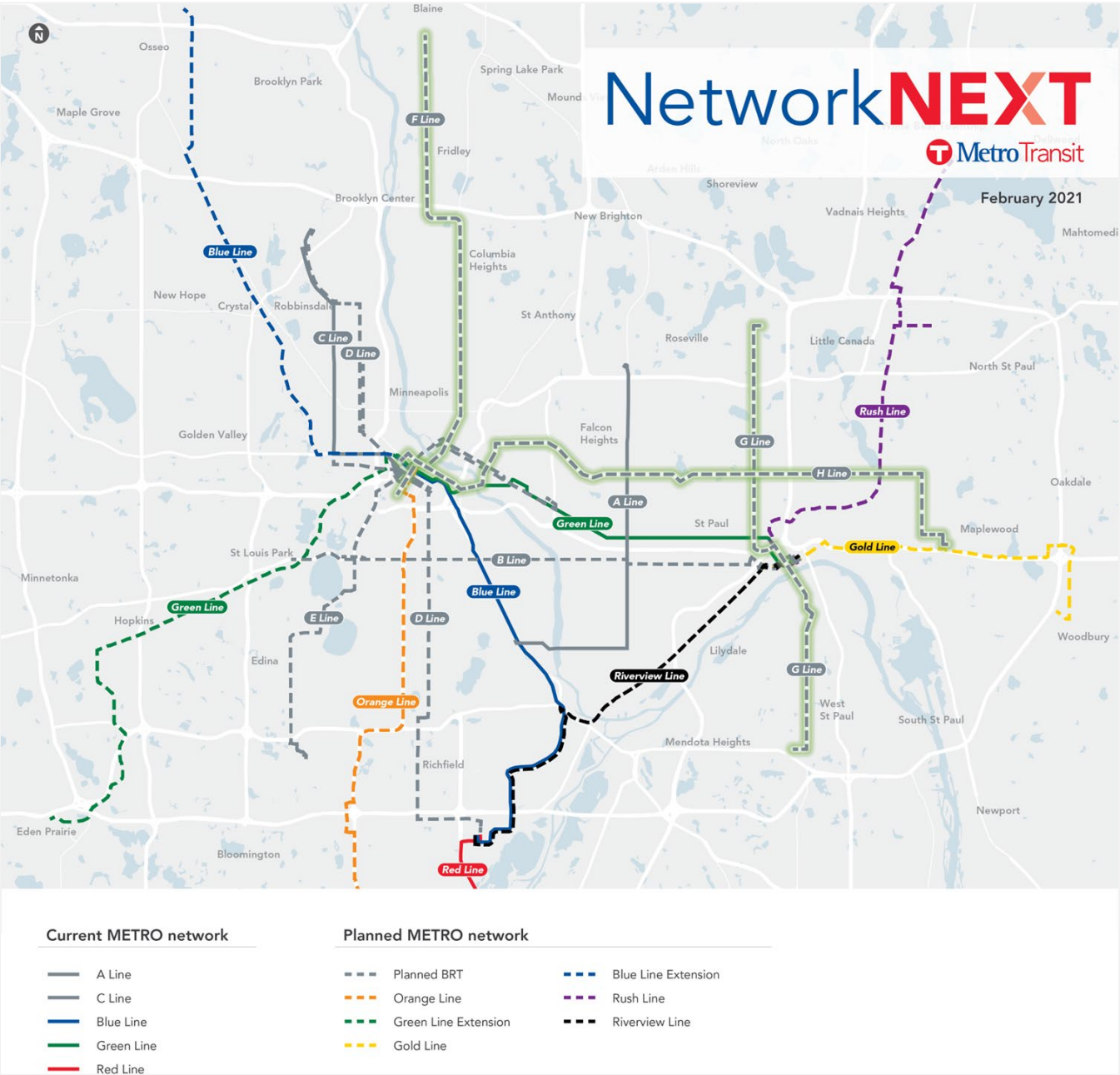
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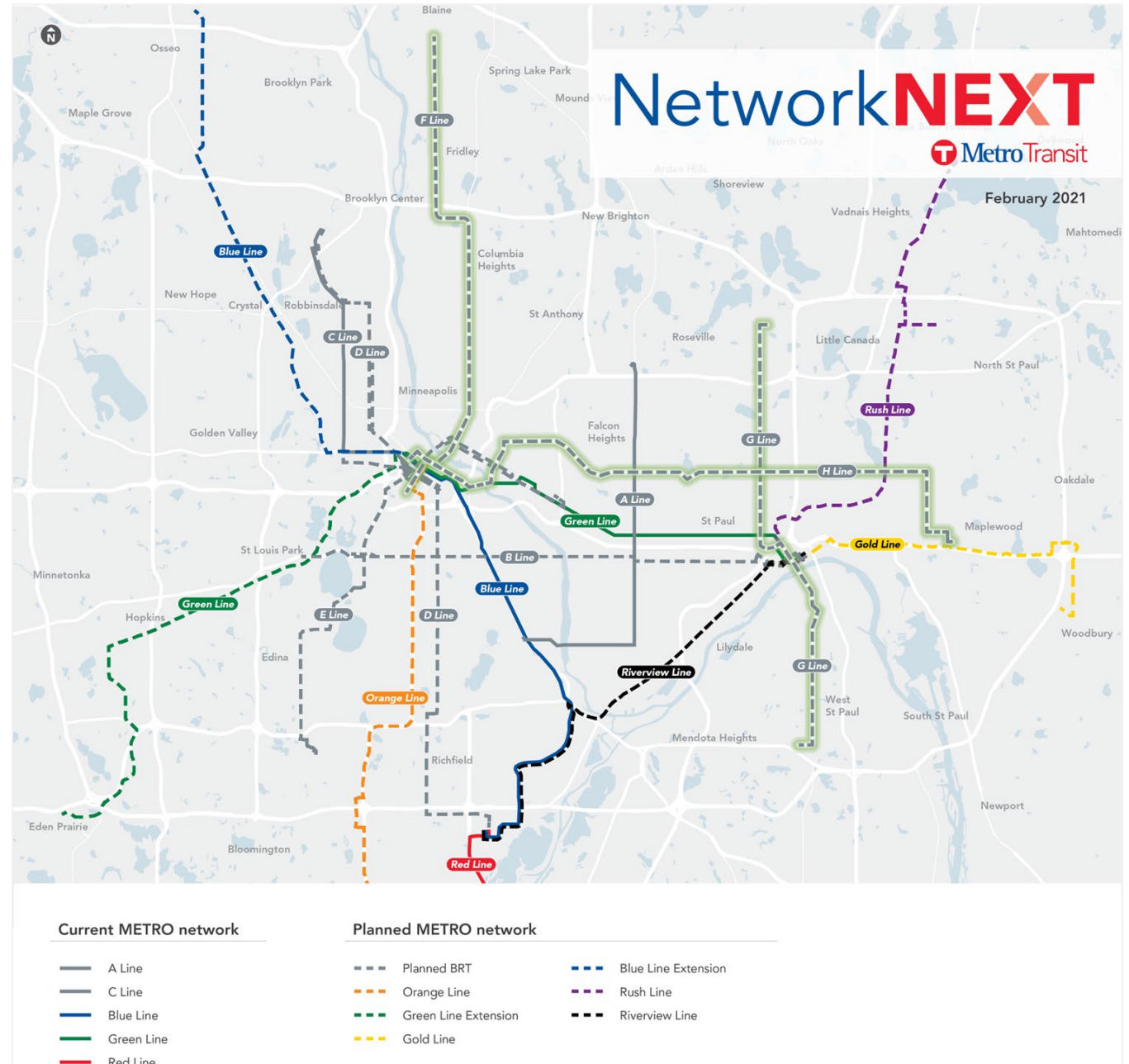
# Current Planned Arterial BRT Network

- A, C, D lines in operation
- B, E lines in construction
- In 2020-2021, Metro Transit completed Network Next
  - F, G, H lines identified for implementation between 2025-2030
- H Line submitted for 2024 Regional Solicitation funding



# F, G, H lines

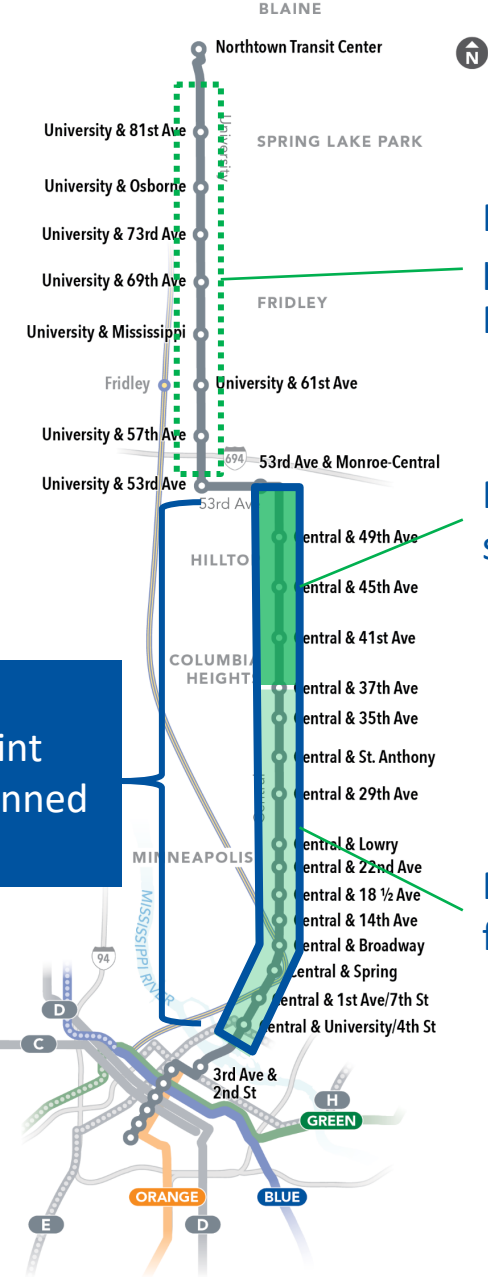
- F Line (Central Avenue)
  - Corridor plan approved August 2023
  - 2021 Regional Solicitation & Small Starts funding
- G Line (Rice / Robert)
  - Significant coordination with agency partners on roadway projects
  - \$25 million awarded through 2022 Regional Solicitation
  - Construction fully funded through 2023 bonding bill
- H Line (Como / Maryland)
  - \$25 million sought through 2024 Regional Solicitation



# METRO F Line & MnDOT coordination

- As of January 2024, MnDOT has programmed partial funding to deliver safety-focused multimodal improvements on Central Avenue
- Central Avenue construction planned to begin in 2028
- Joint construction schedule & financial plan for Central and University avenues to be developed in partnership with MnDOT
- F Line opening day to be determined as construction schedule and funding are finalized
- F Line expected to remain eligible and competitive for federal funding on anticipated revised schedule

MnDOT & Metro Transit joint construction planned to begin in 2028



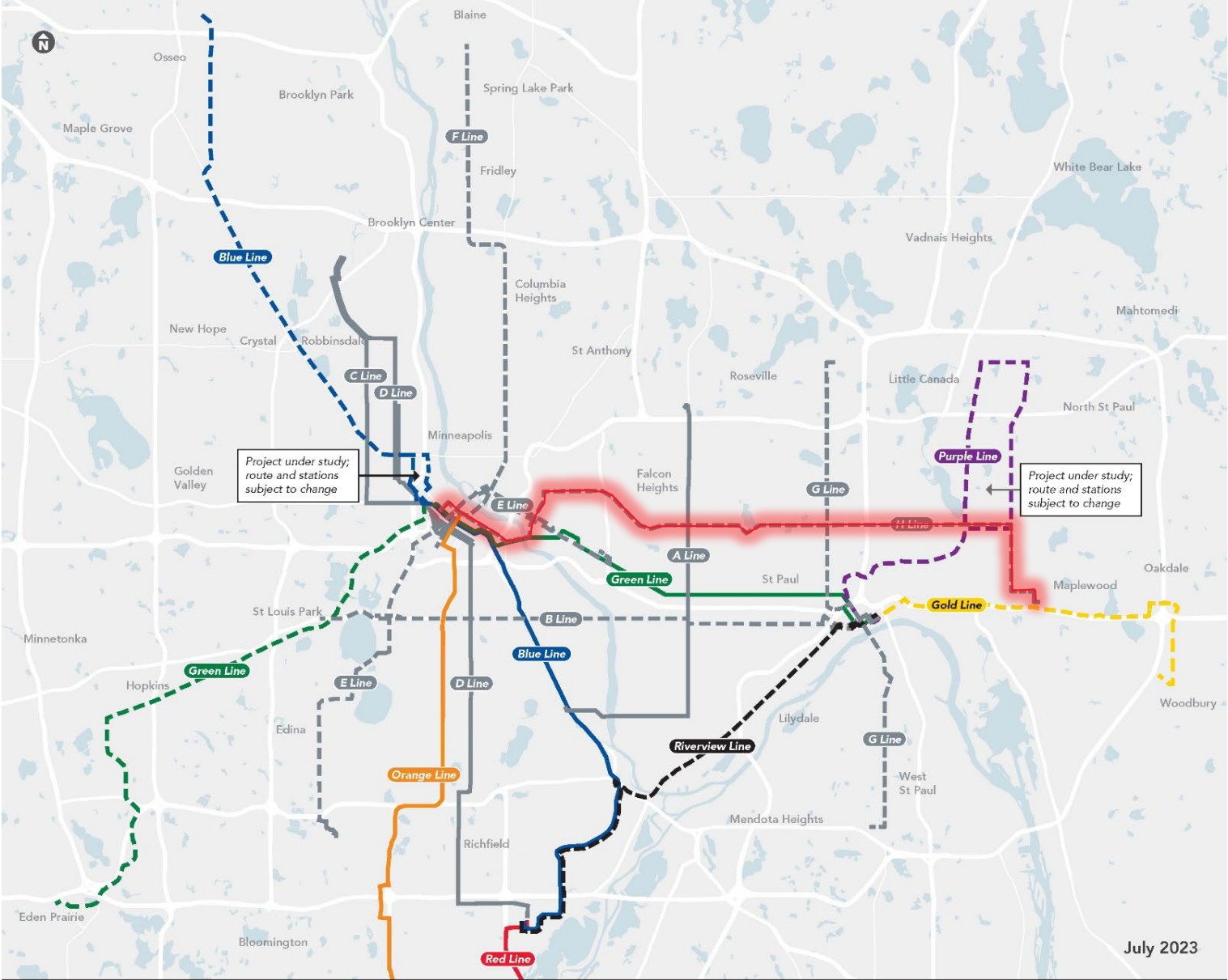
Future MnDOT project to follow F Line

MnDOT funding secured

MnDOT pursuing full funding

# METRO H Line (Como / Maryland)

- Upgrades and extends Route 3 to St. Paul's East Side
- Approximately 17 miles
- Approximately 80 new platforms (40 stations)
- Current phase: Planning
- Planned construction 2028-2029



July 2023

**Current METRO network**

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

**Planned METRO network**

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

# METRO H Line (Como / Maryland)

- A critical crosstown transitway: provides connections to nearly every other line in the existing and planned METRO network
- Coordination with Purple Line Route Modification Study on Maryland Avenue
- The H Line will provide access to 170,400 jobs, including 60,600 low-wage jobs
- 45% of Route 3 riders are people of color or live in low-income households



# METRO H Line project budget & funding

- \$118 million preliminary planning-level budget, with costs to be refined as project is developed
  - Approximately 22 60-foot buses
  - Construction of approximately 40 comfortable and accessible stations with heat, light, real-time information, fare collection, and security features
  - Corridor-wide technology network and consideration of bus priority treatments
- H Line submitted in December 2023 for \$25 million in 2024 Regional Solicitation
- \$37 million included in Governor's 2024 recommendations for capital investment would further advance H Line
- Candidate for federal funding

# What comes after H Line?

## Introduction to the 2025 Arterial BRT Plan Update

- Initiating plan in 2024 for completion by late 2025
  - Positioning outcomes for the 2026 Regional Solicitation
- Identify the next **programmed arterial BRT lines** to be implemented **between 2030-2035**
  - To be designated as the J, K, and L lines
- Identify additional **arterial BRT candidate corridors** for implementation **before 2050**
  - Aligned with the 2050 Transportation Policy Plan horizon
- Outcomes to be adopted into 2050 TPP via amendment following BRT plan update completion in late 2025
  - Timing anticipated in 2026; to be coordinated with MTS



# Preliminary approach to corridor identification

- Candidates will be drawn from existing high performing corridors, starting with 2040 candidate corridors
- Building on Network Now, refresh guiding principles, goals, and criteria
- Technically evaluate performance & prioritize based on readiness
  - Local construction plans
  - Phasing with METRO network plans
  - Other readiness factors identified through stakeholder engagement
- Engage public and partner agency stakeholders throughout process

