

Arterial Bus Rapid Transit Update

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HIGHWAY



GUIDEWAY



Mixed traffic with some bus-only lanes

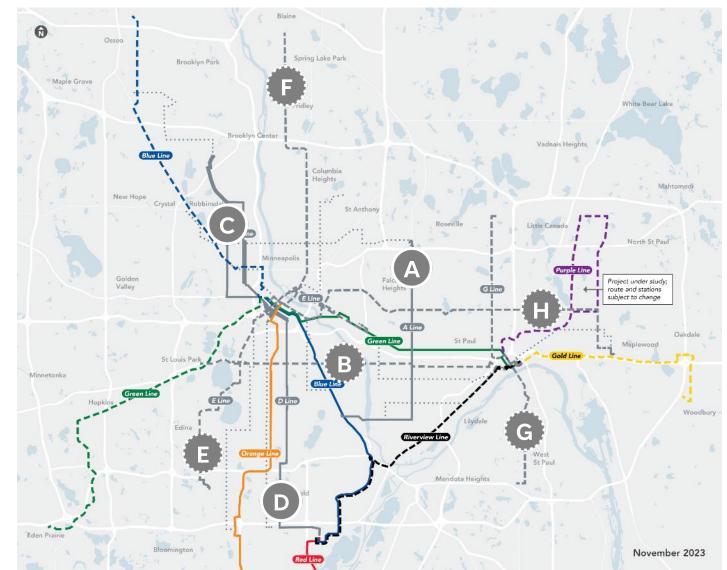
Metro Transit leads planning and pursues capital funding High-Occupancy Vehicle (or Toll) lanes County sponsors planning, provides capital funding

Exclusive BRT guideway County sponsors planning, provides capital funding

Three varieties of BRT, one 🕞 METRO transitway system

Current Planned Arterial BRT Network

- A Line (Snelling): 2016
- B Line (Lake/Marshall): Construction; **opens Jun. 14, 2025**
- C Line (Penn): 2019
- D Line (Chicago/Fremont): 2022
- E Line (Hennepin/France): Construction; **opens Dec. 6, 2025**
- F Line (Central): Engineering
- G Line (Rice/Robert): Planning
- H Line (Como/Maryland): Planning



2024 Arterial BRT Highlights



- Total BRT ridership up 17% over 2023 (as of 3rd Quarter)
- D Line ridership up 21%
- TRIP expansion onto C & D lines in December



- B Line: Most infrastructure is complete after second construction season
- E Line: 20 stations largely completed in first season of construction



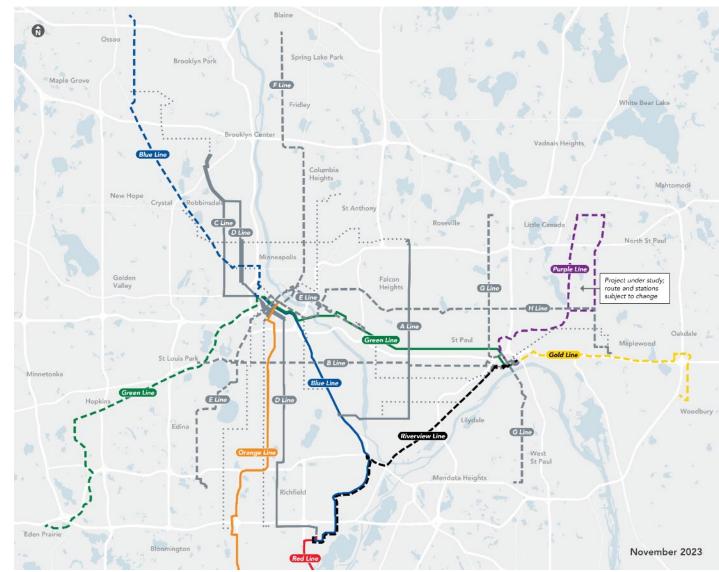
- G Line: Over 1,300 community members engaged in planning
- F Line and H Line: Significant planning and design coordination with project partners

2025 Arterial BRT Plan Update



Current arterial BRT plans in policy

- 2020-2021 Network Next plan resulted in:
 - The next programmed arterial BRT lines (F, G, and H Line) to be implemented between 2025-2030 (Business Item 2021-52)
 - Seven additional corridors as good candidates for arterial BRT before 2040 (Business Item <u>2021-245</u>)
- Amended into 2040 Transportation Policy Plan in March 2022



Planned outcomes

- 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 consideration before 2050
 - Aligned with the 2050 Transportation Policy Plan horizon
 - Beyond the J, K, and L lines, Metro Transit will continue to consider additional lines for implementation as resources allow
 - We will also continue to focus on **optimization** of the growing network planned for implementation through 2035
- Plan complete by December 2025 to feed into 2026 Regional Solicitation application submittal for J Line corridor
- Plan update outcomes to be adopted into 2050 TPP via amendment in 2026

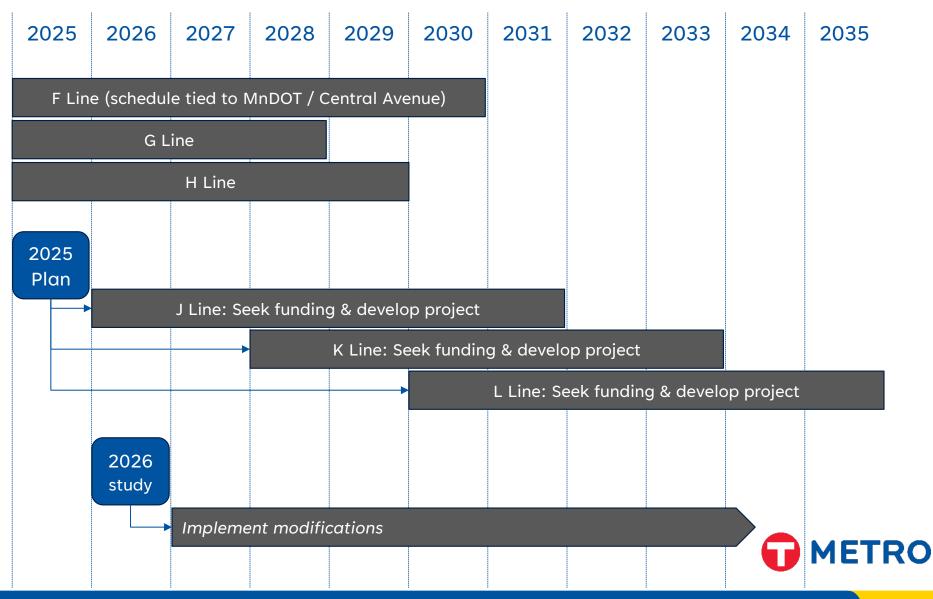


Arterial BRT Network Expansion & Optimization

Deliver F, G, H lines Identified in Network Next (adopted 2021)

ABRT Plan Update: Identify the next programmed lines for expansion

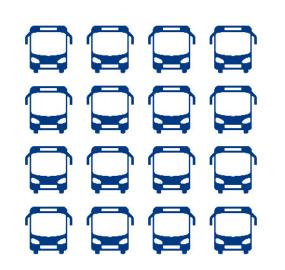
ABRT network optimization: Evaluate changes to the existing & programmed network May include infill stations, extensions, or other changes.



Four step 2025 plan update process

1. IDENTIFY

Identify ~15 to 20 candidate corridors for consideration for arterial BRT



2. SCREEN

Conduct simple screening to narrow consideration to most promising corridors

3. EVALUATE

Perform detailed technical evaluation of corridors and rank by technical score

High technical score

Medium technical score



4. PRIORITIZE

Apply technical evaluation and readiness criteria to prioritize next three lines



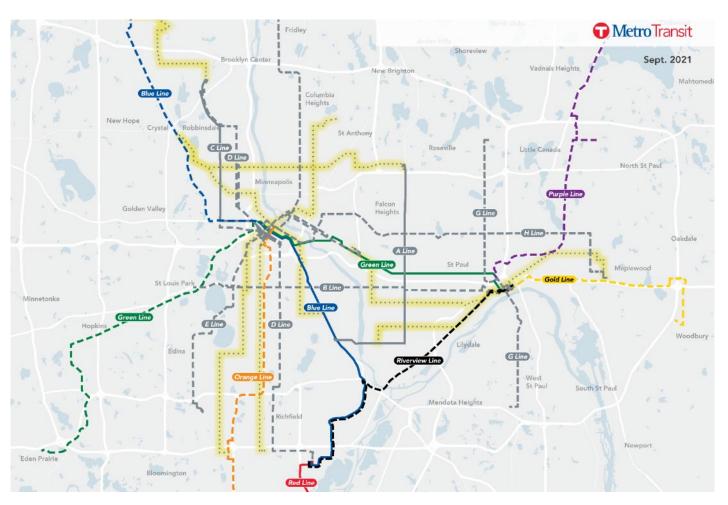


METRO K Line



Identify candidate corridors: where are we starting from?

- Key inputs:
 - Seven corridors identified as candidates prior to 2040 in current TPP
 - Current high-frequency, high-ridership corridors
 - High-frequency corridors identified in Network Now
 - Met Council policymaker priorities for consideration
 - Stakeholder priorities for consideration
- Draw a large universe of candidate corridors
- Screen according to policy and performance criteria





Key stakeholders

- Met Council
 - Committee of the Whole Info items at major milestones
 - Council adoption of plan outcome
- Core City and County partners
 - TAB updates January, ~April, ~October
 - Technical input/ feedback from staff inform development of major tasks
 - Corridor priorities for consideration, screening & evaluation criteria
 - How to prioritize top-ranked corridors: Align CIPs, planned and programmed projects with prioritized corridors
 - Roadway owner commitments for funding ADA & signal scope required by Legislature

- Advocacy and community groups
 - Information sharing ahead of major milestones
 - Seek feedback on plan priorities and outcomes
 - Communications amplification
- Riders and public
 - Seek feedback on plan priorities and outcomes



Schedule

Task	Q1			Q2			Q3			Q4		
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Identify candidate corridors												
Screen to most promising corridors												
Evaluate and rank by technical score												
Prioritize to identify J, K, and L lines												
Finalize and adopt plan results									Act	ion to ada	pt – Dec/	'Jan 이
Major communications/ engagement milestones												
Network Now												



Next steps

- Initiate project kickoff with partner agency staff
- Identify core city and county priorities for consideration in plan update
- Onboard planning and engagement consultant support team
- Finalize engagement and communications plans

