



# 2025 Arterial BRT Plan Update

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# Agenda

- Quick scope and process recap
- Candidate corridors
- Draft screening and evaluation criteria
- Next steps

# Plan update 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 within the local bus network

## Coverage

## Ridership

### Demand-responsive



**2 or more**  
passengers per service hour

### Suburban local



**10 or more**  
passengers per service hour

### Urban local



**15-20 or more**  
passengers per service hour

### Arterial BRT



**25 or more**  
passengers per service hour

2050 Transportation Policy Plan Productivity Guidance

**Varies**

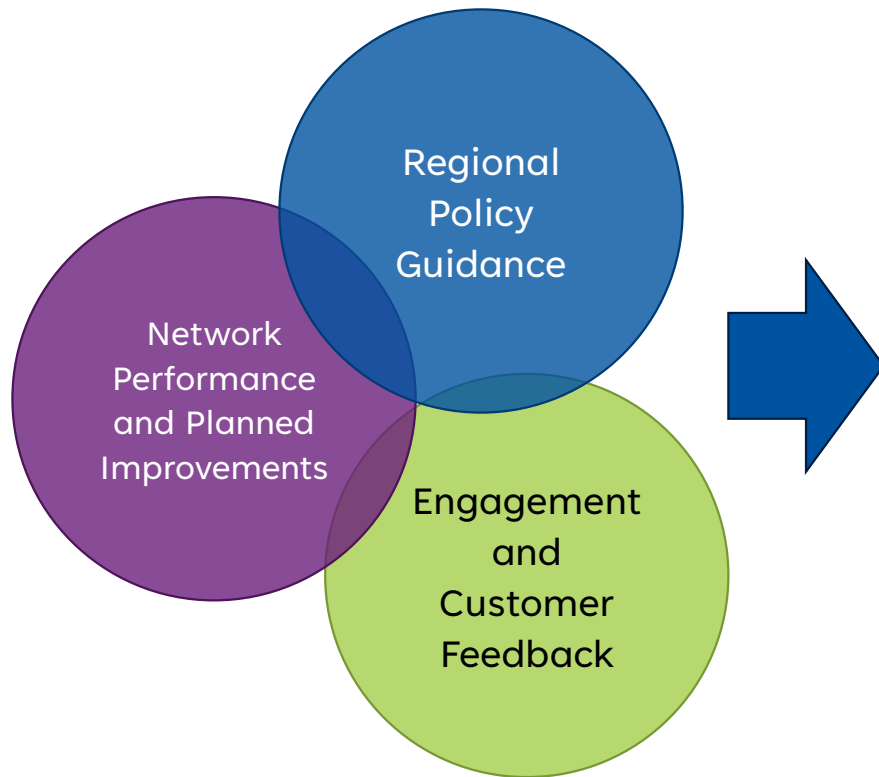
**Market Areas 2, 3, 4**

**Market Areas 1, 2**

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2050 Transportation Policy Plan Market Area Guidance

# Arterial BRT Plan Update goals



**Build on success** to grow ridership, by investing in arterial BRT where **people use transit the most**.

**Advance equity** and **reduce regional disparities** in access to opportunities.

**Balance expanded arterial BRT investment** with available resources.

Grow a network that **connects transit-supportive land uses** and **supports all-day, all-purpose travel**.

# Four step 2025 plan update process

## 1. IDENTIFY

Identify large set of 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



Low technical score

## 4. PRIORITIZE

Apply technical evaluation and readiness criteria to prioritize next three lines



METRO J Line



METRO K Line

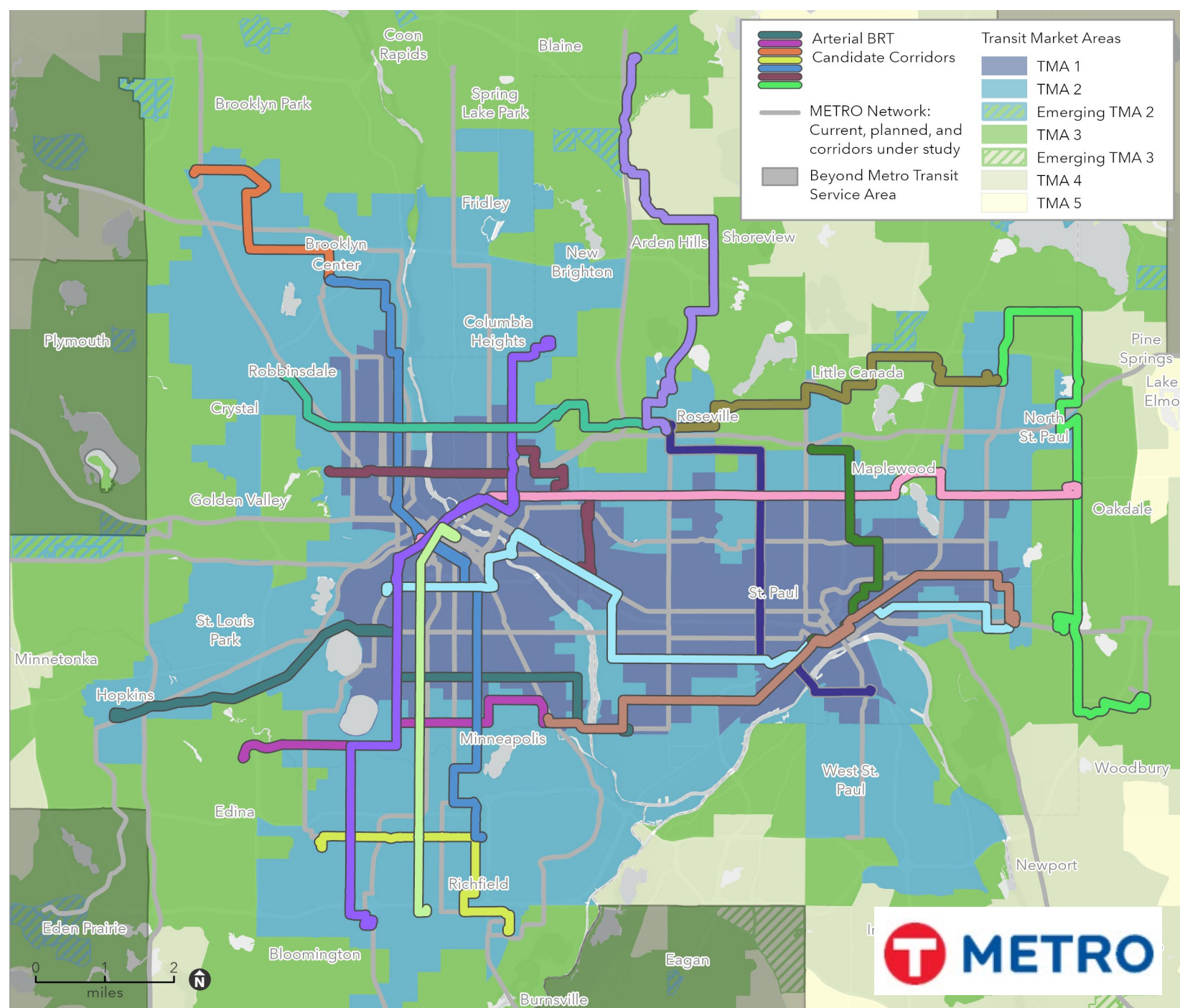


METRO L Line



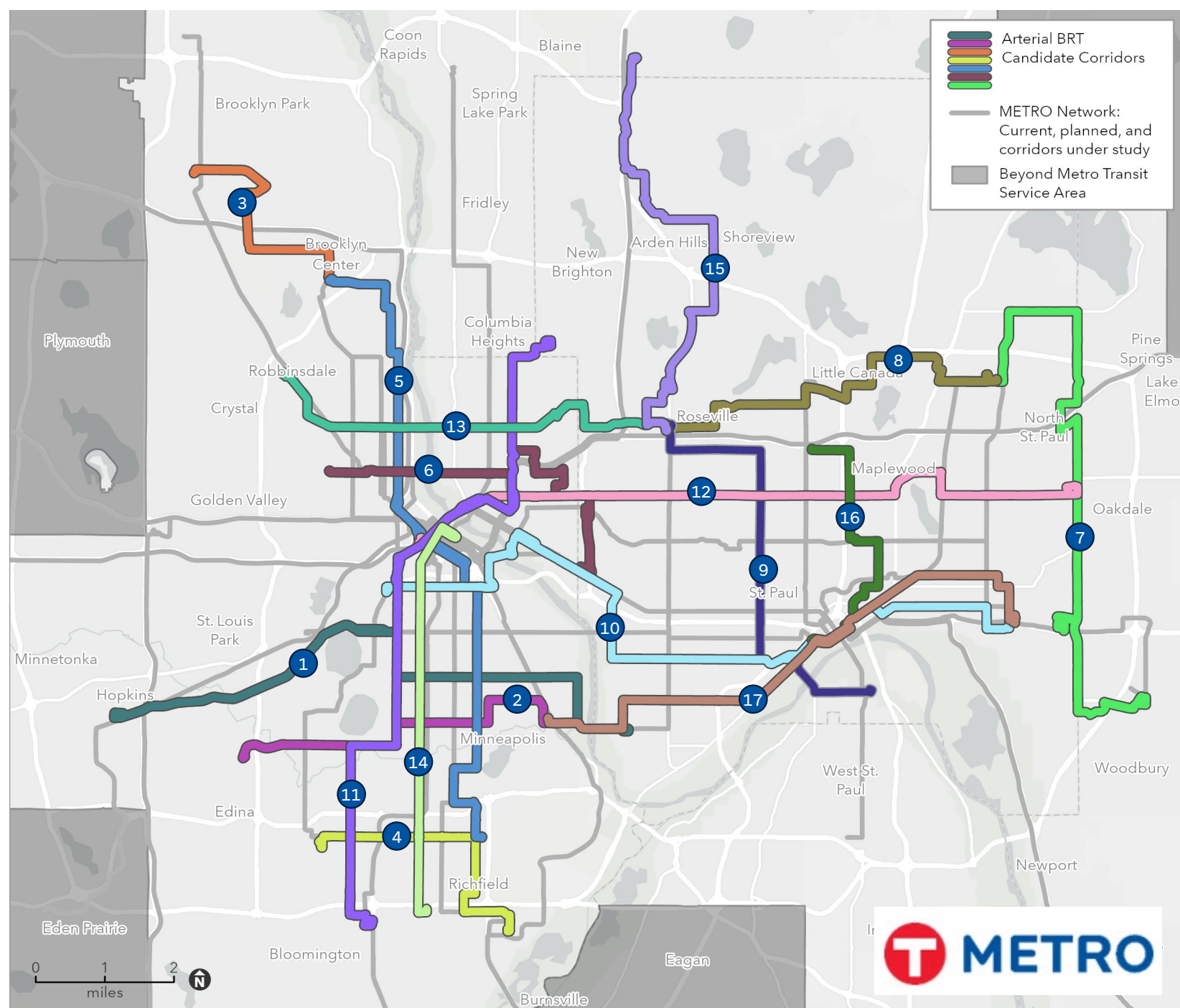
# Step 1: Identify candidate corridors

- Identified 17 candidate corridors for consideration
- Key inputs to identifying candidate corridors:
  - Corridors identified as candidates prior to 2040 in **current TPP**
  - Current **high-frequency, high-ridership** corridors
  - High-frequency corridors identified in **Network Now**
  - **Metropolitan Council** priorities for consideration
  - **City and County** partner priorities for consideration



# Candidate Corridors

1. 38th Street / Excelsior
2. 46th Street
3. 63rd Avenue / Zane
4. 66th Street
5. Bloomington / Lyndale
6. Broadway
7. Century
8. County Road C
9. Dale / George
10. Franklin / Grand / 3rd Street
11. Johnson / Lyndale
12. Hennepin / Larpenteur
13. Lowry
14. Nicollet
15. North Snelling / Lexington
16. Payne / Westminster
17. Randolph / East 7th Street





# Steps 2 and 3: corridor screening and evaluation

## 2. SCREEN



- Corridor-level screening
  - base local route
  - surrounding area
- Narrow consideration to most promising corridors
- Approximately 8 to 10 corridors to advance

## 3. EVALUATE



- Develop arterial BRT concept within corridor
  - Station locations
  - Refined alignment
  - Local bus changes
- Rank most promising corridors based on technical score

## Step 2: Screen – draft screening criteria

- Corridor-level screening
  - base local route
  - surrounding area
- Narrow consideration to most promising corridors
- Approximately 8 to 10 corridors to advance

**Build on success** to grow ridership, by investing in arterial BRT **where people use transit the most.**

- *Current* **ridership**
- *Current* **passengers per in service hour**

**Balance expanded arterial BRT investment** with available resources.

- Planned **midday frequency** on local route compared to BRT

**Advance equity** and **reduce regional disparities** in access to opportunities.

- **Historically disadvantaged populations** living near and using transit in corridor

Grow a network that **connects transit-supportive** land uses and **supports all-day, all-purpose travel.**

- **Population and job density** in the corridor
- Diversity of **trip purposes** on transit
- **Planned land** use in the corridor

# Step 3: Evaluate – draft evaluation criteria

- Develop arterial BRT concept within corridor
  - Station locations
  - Refined alignment
  - Local bus changes
- Rank most promising corridors based on technical score

**Build on success** to grow ridership, by investing in arterial BRT **where people use transit the most.**

- *Future ridership*
- *Future passengers per in service hour*

**Balance expanded arterial BRT investment** with available resources.

- Capital and operating **costs**
- Additional **operators**
- Additional **service hours**

**Advance equity** and **reduce regional disparities** in access to opportunities.

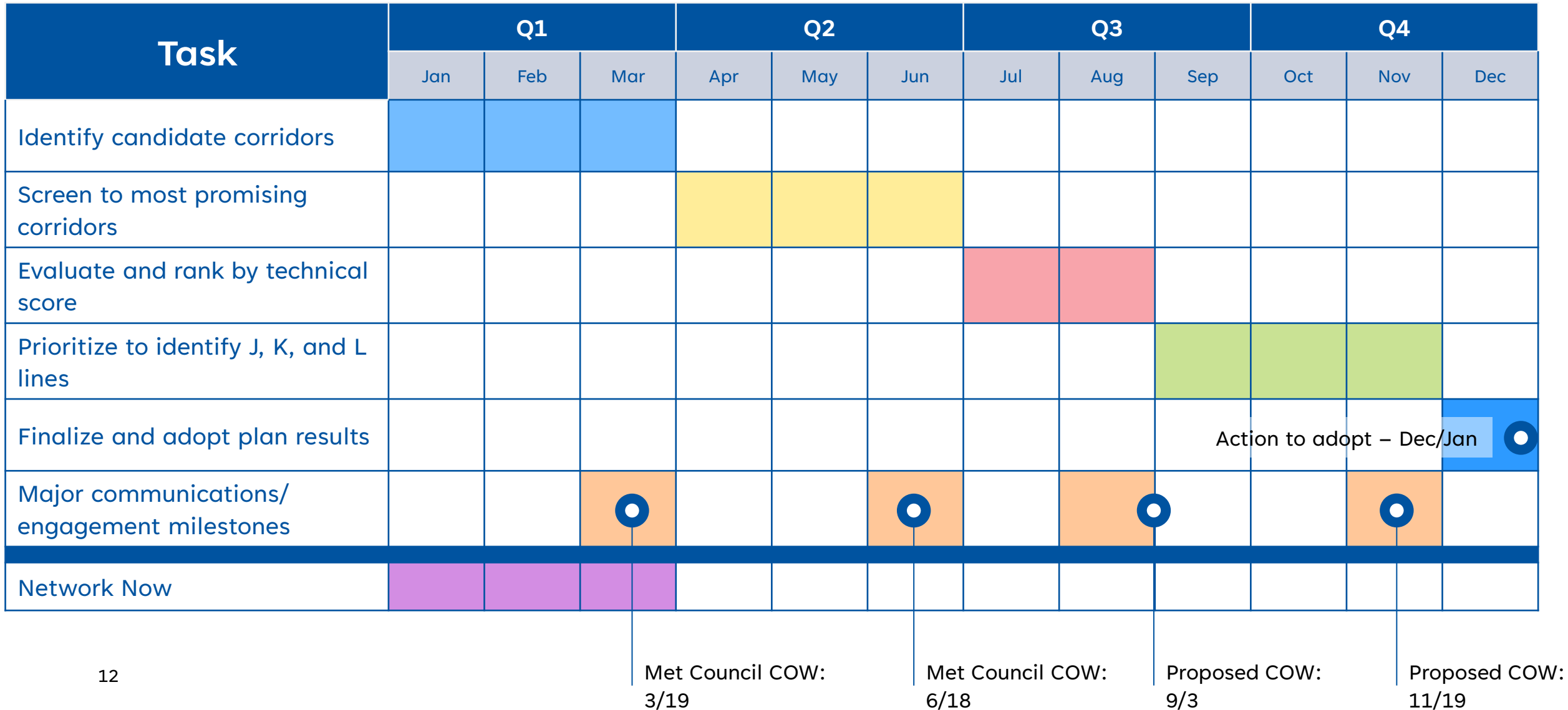
- **Historically disadvantaged populations** living near stations
- **Limited mobility boardings** at stations
- **Access to destinations** for historically disadvantaged populations

Grow a network that **connects transit-supportive** land uses and **supports all-day, all-purpose travel.**

- **Access to jobs and key destinations** by transit

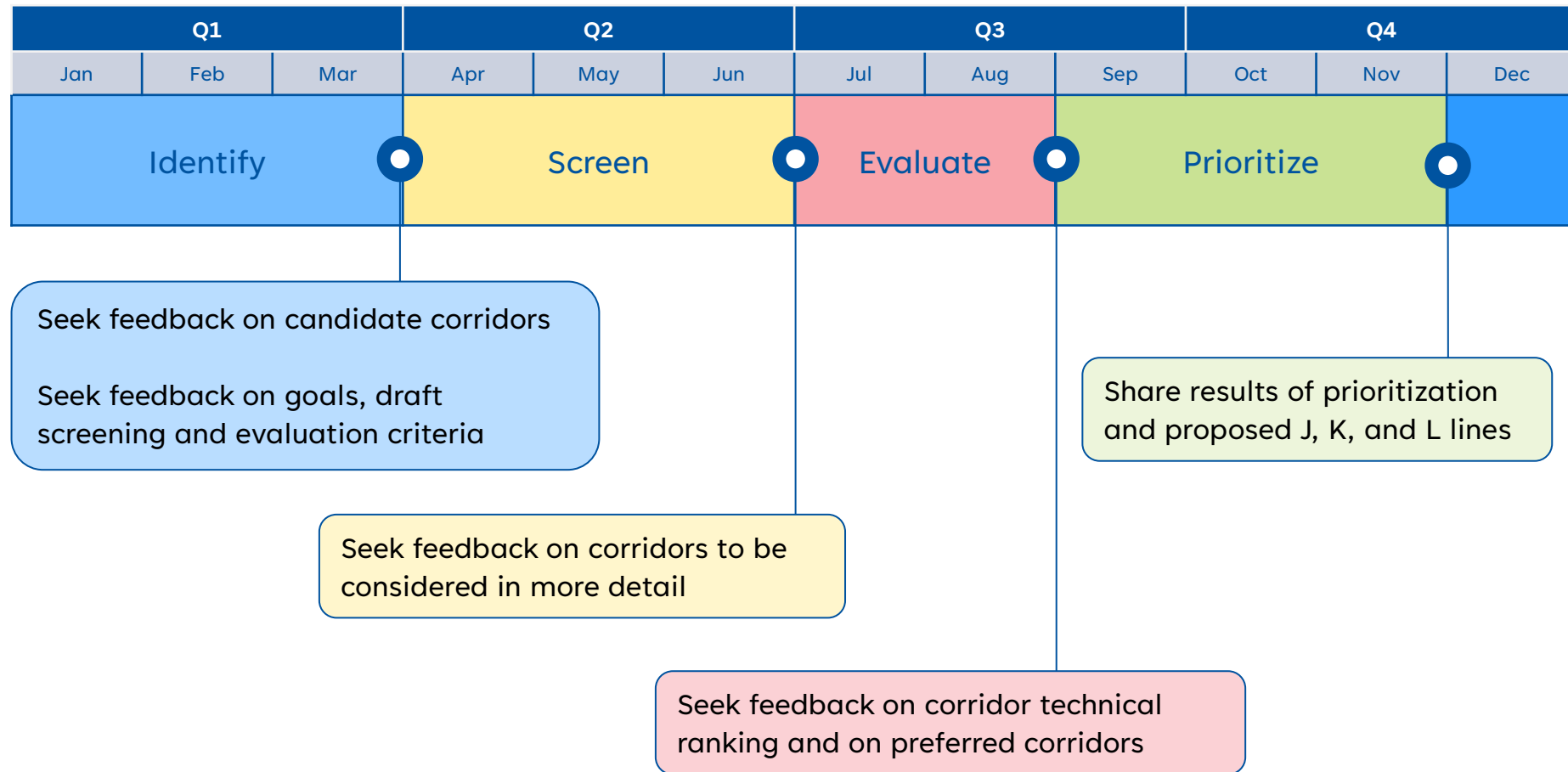


# Project timeline



# Planned outreach and engagement

- Key upcoming activities
  - Online interactive map and comment form
  - Connect with neighborhood and community organizations
  - Rider communications and engagement
  - Ongoing coordination with agency partners



## Upcoming next steps

- April 15 and 17: Technical open houses for City and County staff
- April 25: Complete candidate corridor public comment period



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