

Arterial BRT Planning Update

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Agenda

- Arterial BRT Network Review
- 2025 Arterial BRT Plan Update
 - Corridor screening results (August 2025)
 - Current and upcoming activities



Eight planned lines by 2030

• A Line (Snelling): 2016

B Line (Lake/Marshall): June 14, 2025

• C Line (Penn): 2019

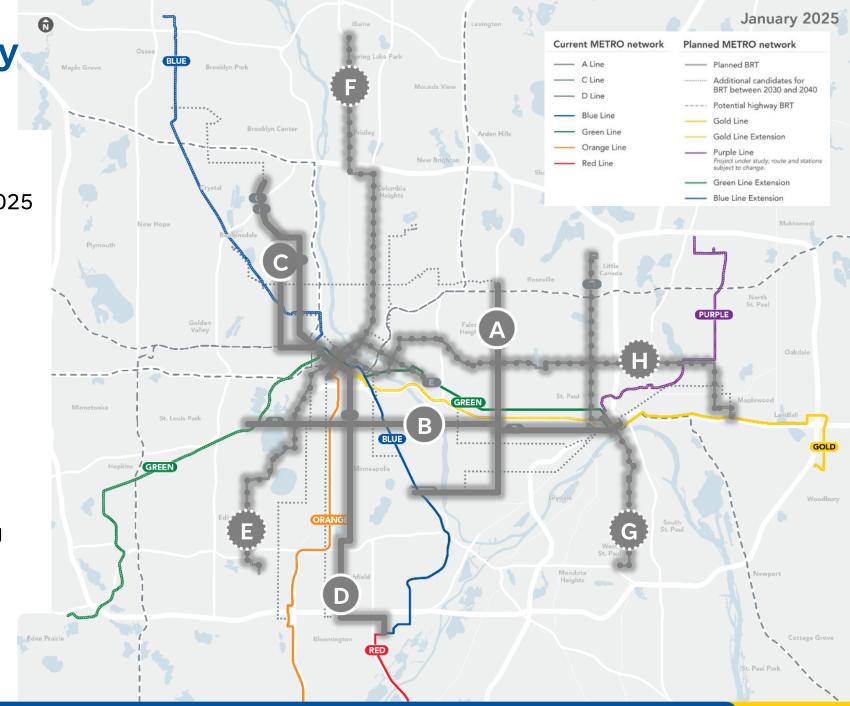
• D Line (Chicago/Fremont): 2022

• E Line (Hennepin/France): Construction; **opens Dec. 6, 2025**

• F Line (Central): Engineering

• G Line (Rice/Robert): Planning

• H Line (Como/Maryland): Planning

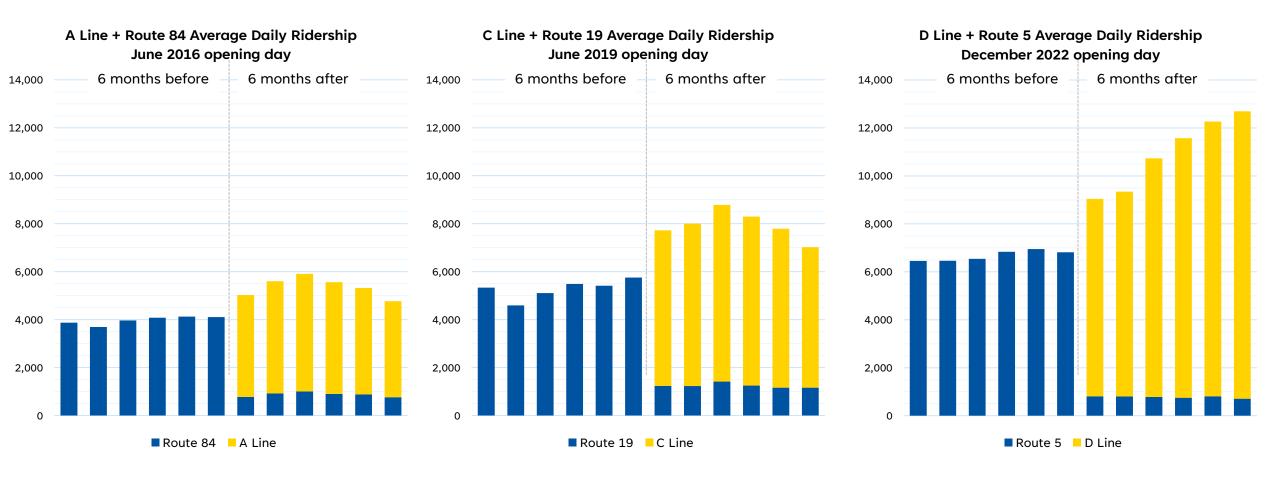


Arterial BRT Ridership

- How has ridership changed in the immediate term after opening day?
- How has ridership changed over the longer term?



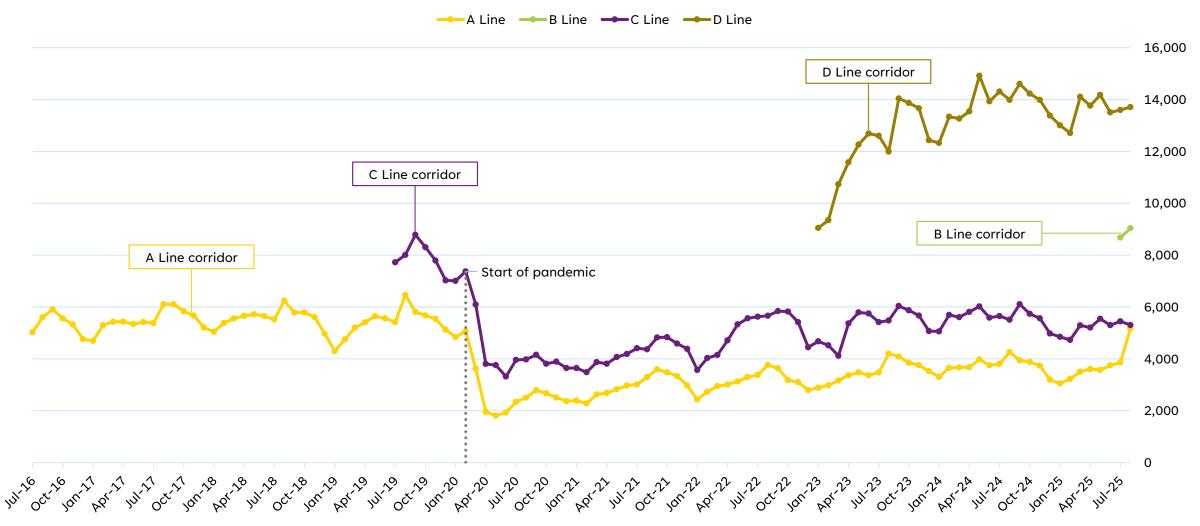
Initial ridership growth following opening day



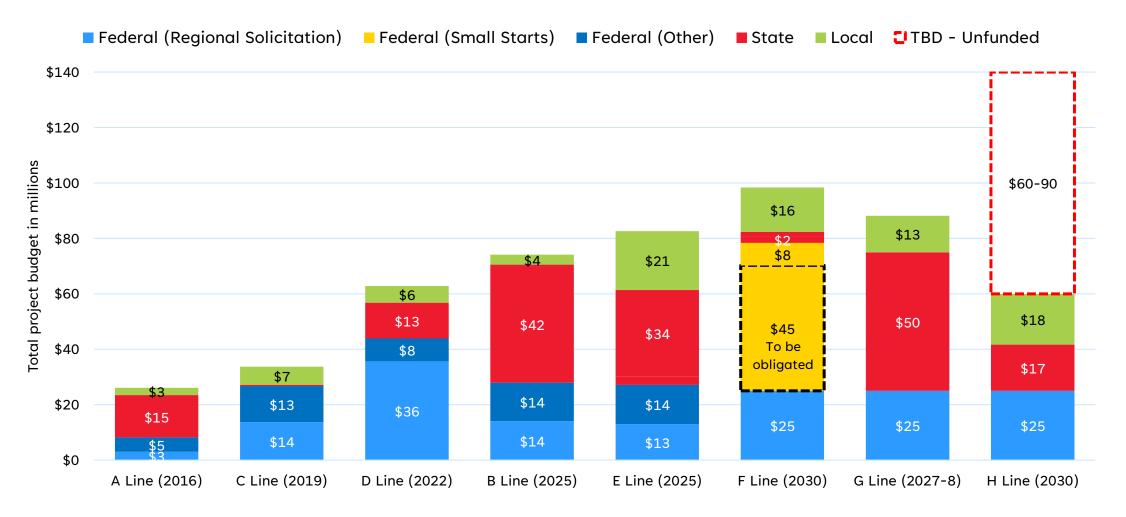


Steady ridership growth over the long term





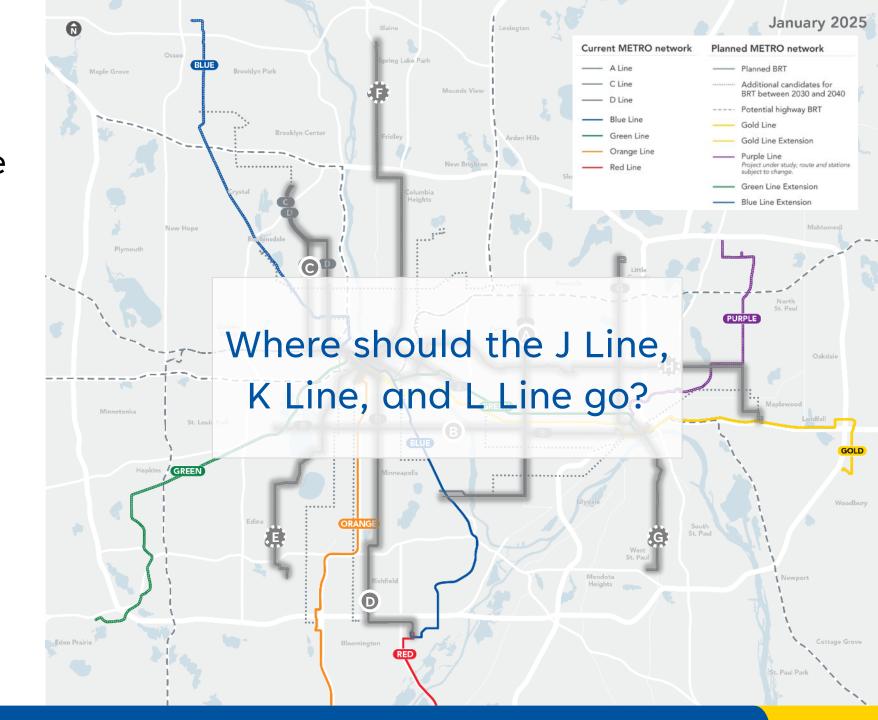
Capital cost and funding source over time





2025 ABRT Plan Update

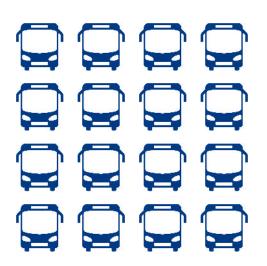
- Identify the next three arterial BRT lines:
 - J Line, K Line, and L Line
 - Planned to open between2030 and 2035
 - J Line to be submitted to
 2026 Regional Solicitation



Four step 2025 plan update process

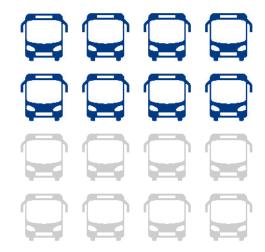
1. IDENTIFY Spring 2025

Identify large set of candidate corridors for consideration for arterial BRT



2. SCREEN Summer 2025

Conduct simple screening to narrow consideration to most promising corridors



3. EVALUATE Fall 2025

Perform detailed technical evaluation of corridors and rank by technical score



High technical score



Medium technical score



Low technical score

We are here

4. PRIORITIZE Winter 2025/26

Apply technical evaluation and readiness criteria to prioritize next three lines



METRO J Line



METRO K Line



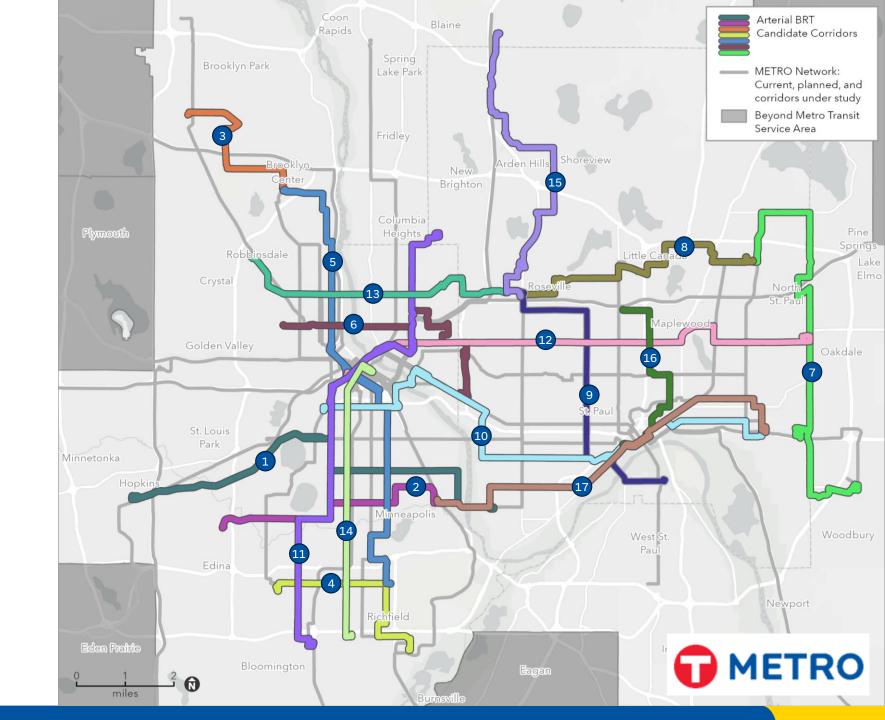
METRO L Line



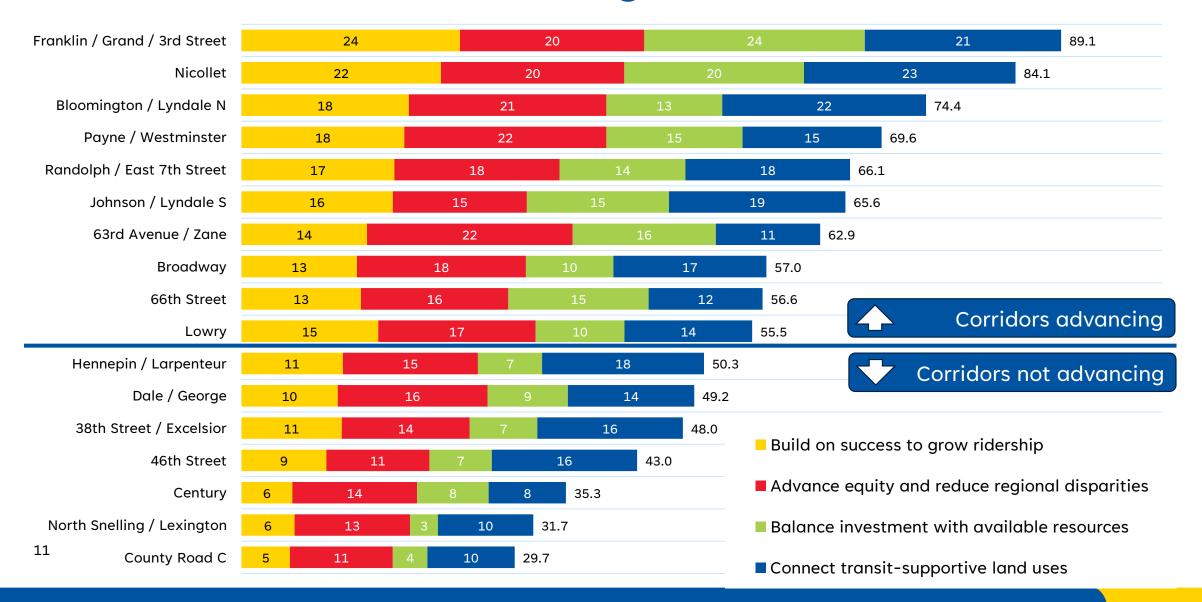
Candidate Corridors

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

Corridors listed in alphabetical order.



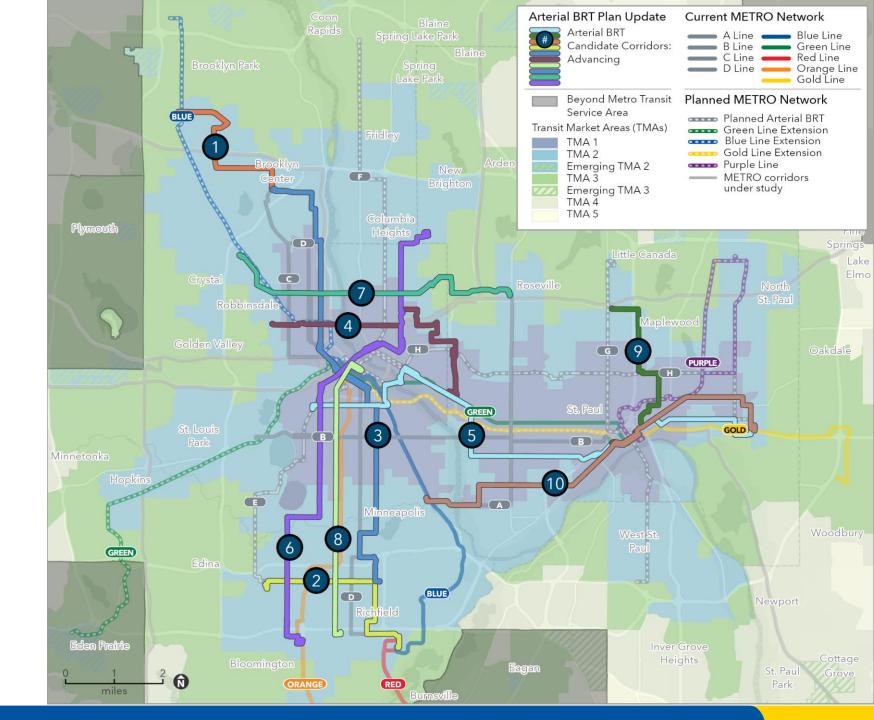
Candidate Corridor Screening Results



Advanced Corridors

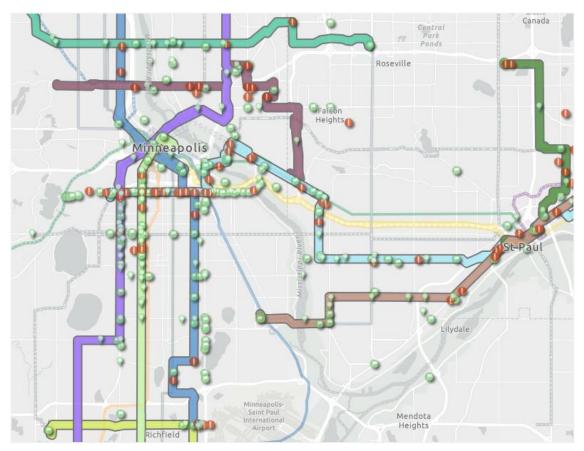
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Outreach and engagement

- July 24 September 1
- Key activities:
 - ~400 conversations with riders at pop ups around the region and on buses
 - ~920 comments online through social media and online interactive map
 - Joined 24 community meetings or events
- Information about plan update shared:
 - by email and newsletter,
 - at bus stops and onboard buses
 - with community organization,
 - online and by social media



Online interactive map



Current activities and what's next

- Corridor Evaluation
 - Apply detailed evaluation criteria to each corridor
 - Rank corridors based on technical evaluation score
- Apply results of recent outreach and engagement activities
 - Identify corridor readiness considerations, future planning issues, corridor preferences
- Corridor prioritization
 - Apply technical evaluation, engagement, and readiness criteria to prioritize next three lines
- Partner coordination is key





Thank you!

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