

# Metro Transit Network Next Progress Update

Metropolitan Council Technical Advisory Committee

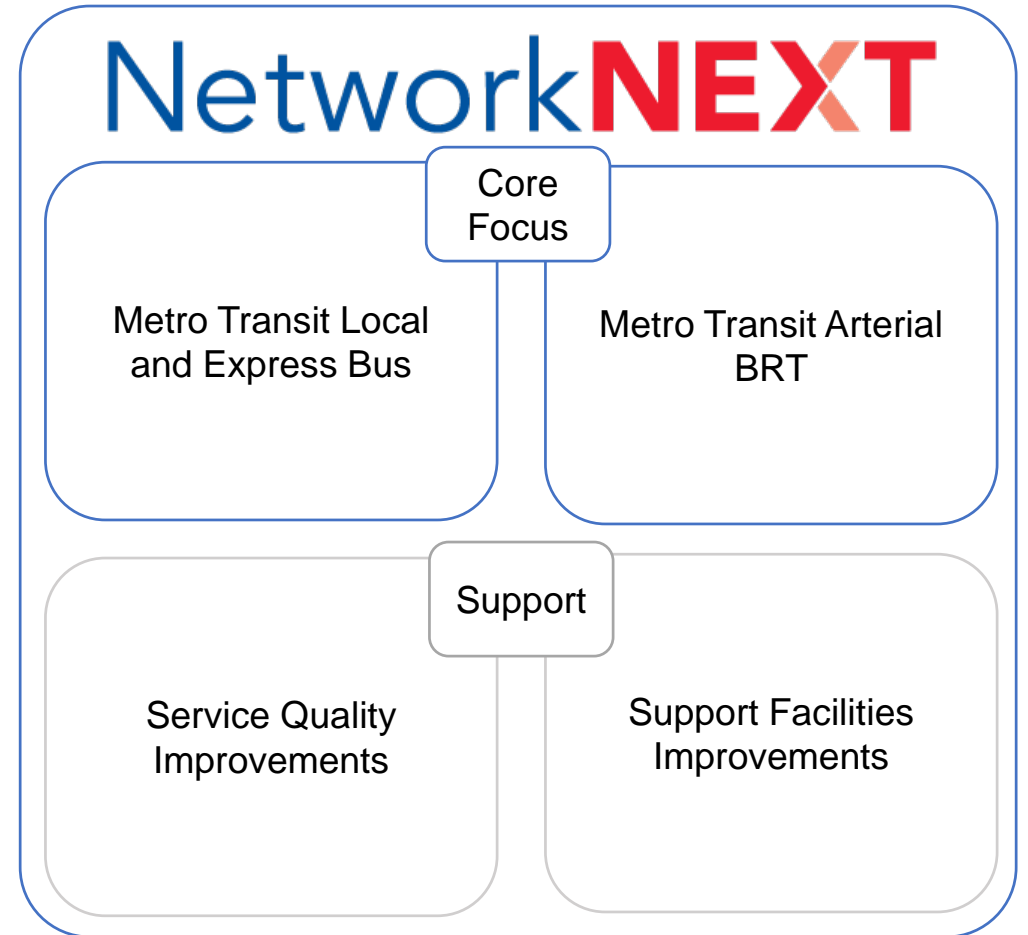
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# Agenda

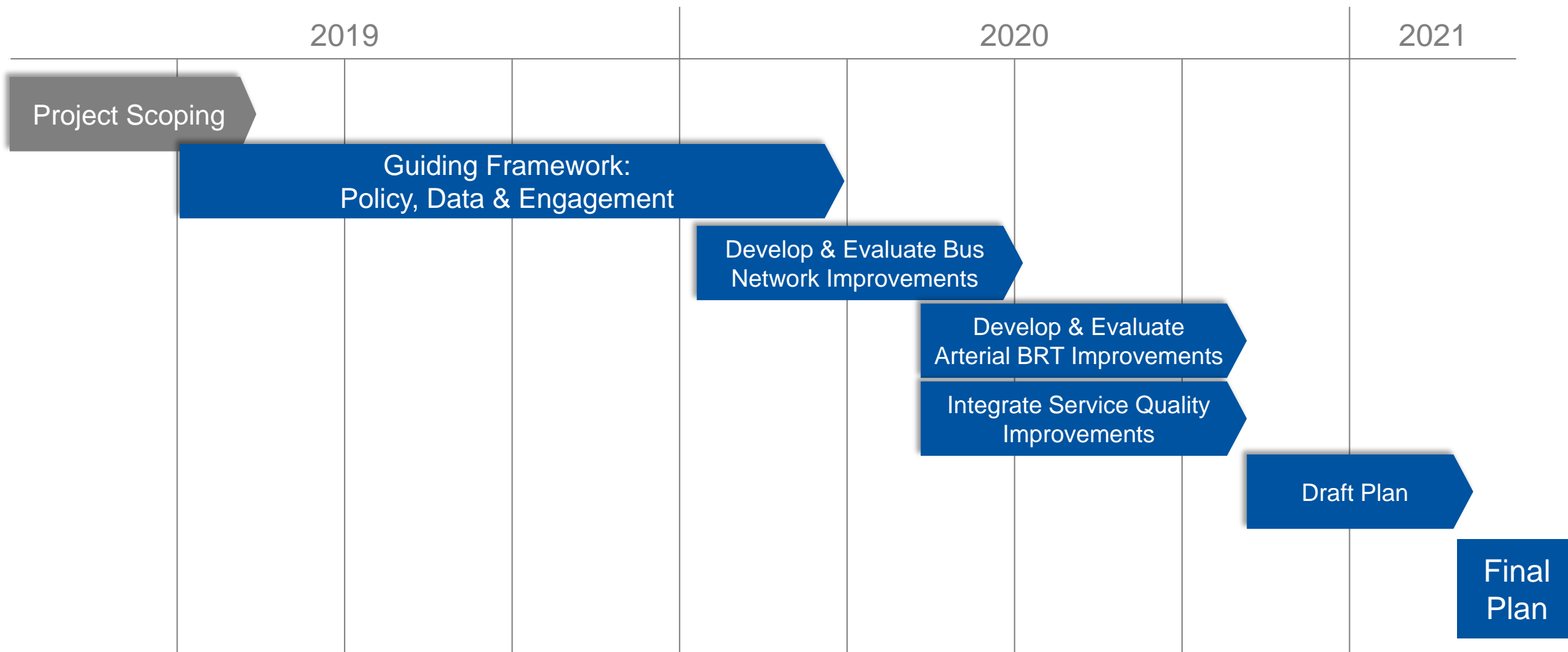
- Network Next Scope and Purpose
- Network Next Guiding Framework
- Network Improvements Development Approach
- Progress Update and Work Highlights
- Next Steps

# Network Next Scope and Purpose

- Vision for Metro Transit's 2040 bus network
- Facilitate stakeholder engagement process
- Identify funding needs
- Resource for planning and prioritization process

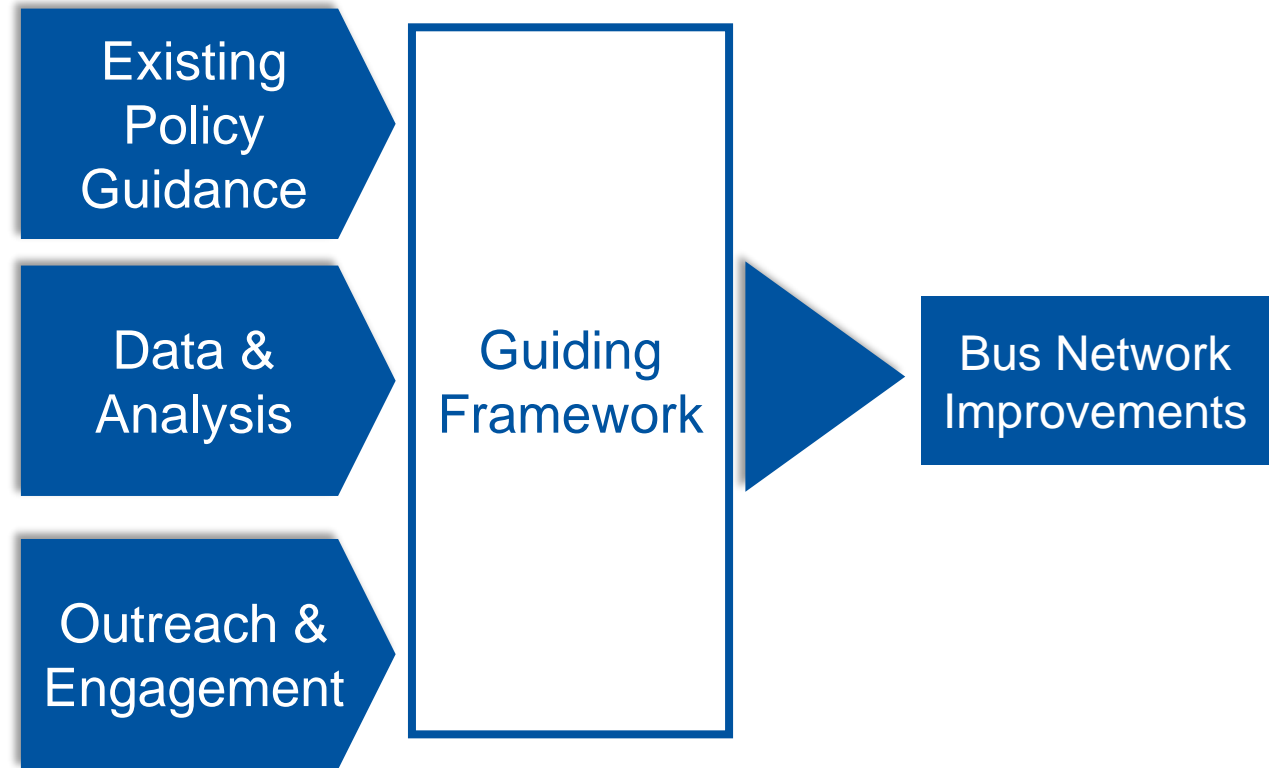


# Project timeline



# Guiding Framework – Purpose and Inputs

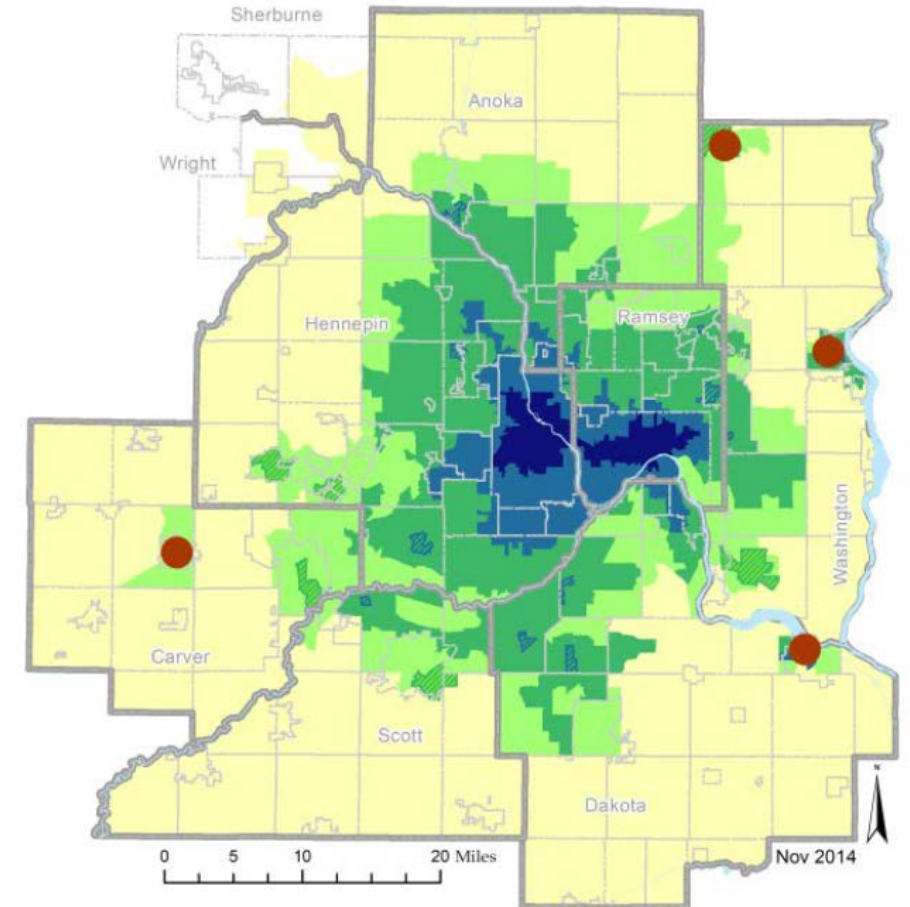
- Identify **Principles** and **Actions**
- Direct the development of:
  - Local and express bus network improvements
  - Candidate and final arterial BRT corridors
  - Methodology and criteria to evaluate and prioritize identified improvements



# Existing Policy Guidance

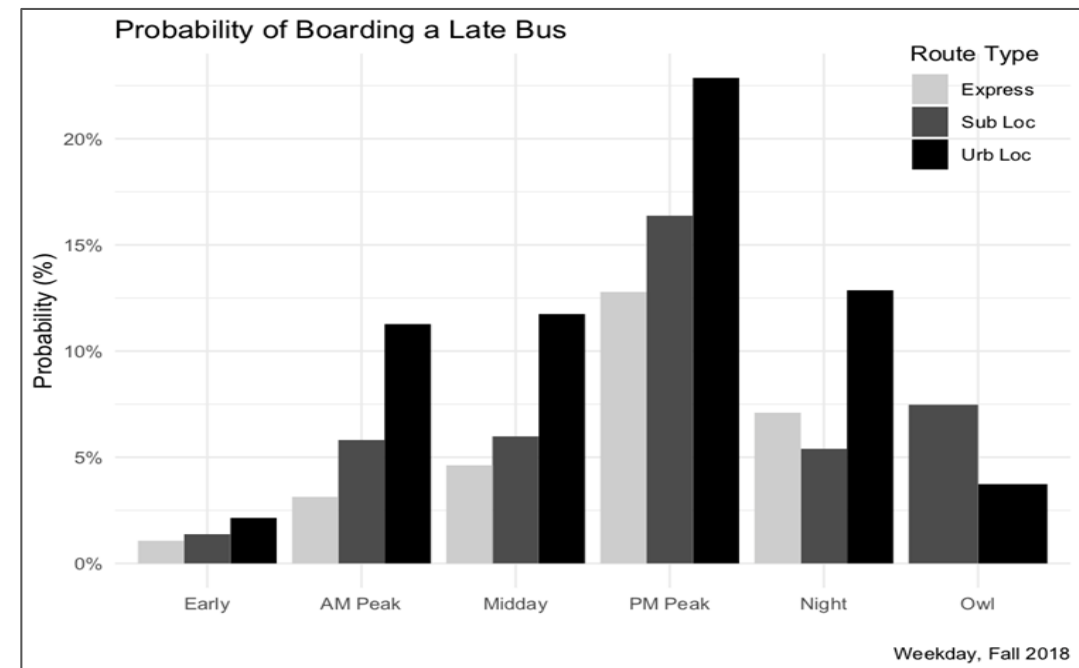
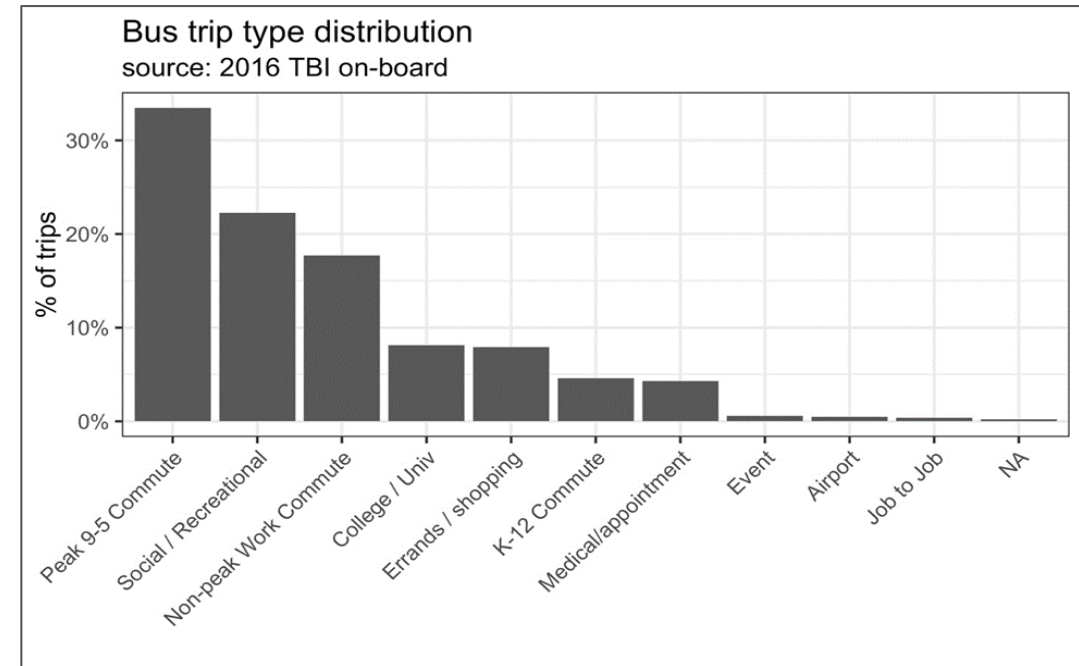
- Thrive MSP 2040
  - Application of Thrive Outcomes to Transit
    - Stewardship
    - Prosperity
    - Equity
    - Livability
    - Sustainability
- 2040 Transportation Policy Plan
  - Transit Investment Direction
  - Transit Market Areas
  - Transit Design Guidelines
  - Performance Standards

Transit Market Areas



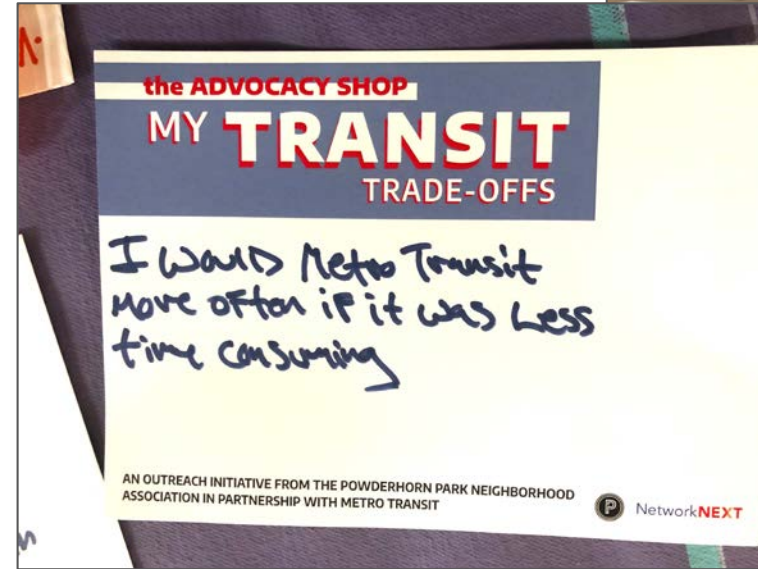
# Data and Analysis

- Reviewing existing bus network performance
  - Ridership
  - Access to Transit and Opportunities
  - Speed and Reliability
- Identify potential market opportunities



# Outreach and Engagement

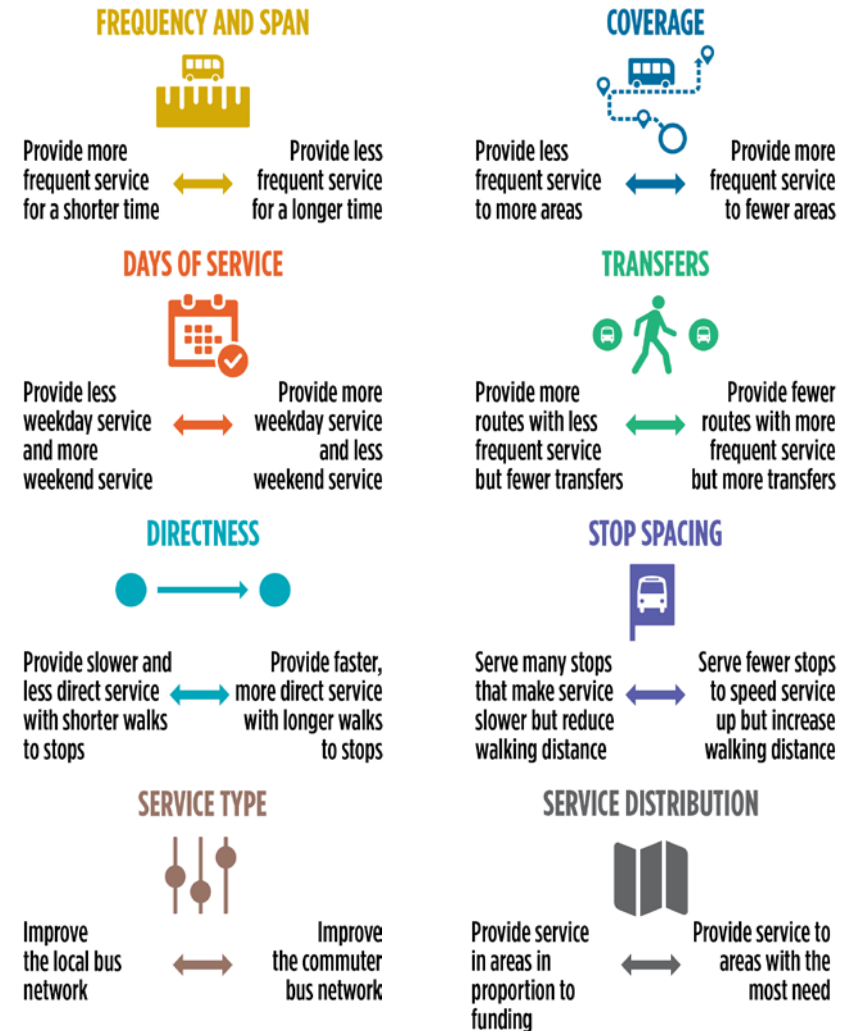
- Paper and electronic transit priorities survey - 2,335 total respondents
- 18 pop-up efforts at transit centers and park-and-rides
- Partnered with 12 community groups to host conversations about priorities
- Completed review of existing feedback from other outreach efforts
- Met with local government partners to discuss their transit priorities





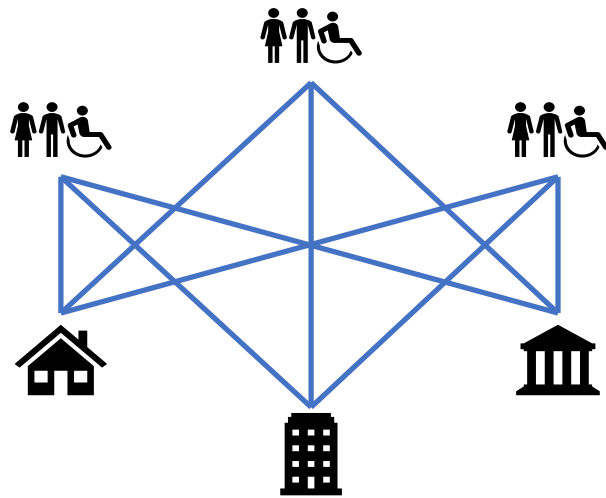
# Key Outreach and Engagement Questions

- Outreach to riders and community centered around network design tradeoffs and priorities
- Survey
  - I would rather...
  - Respondents indicate where they land within the spectrum
- Community hosted conversation prompts
  - What works well?
  - Where are the gaps?
  - What would help you ride more often?

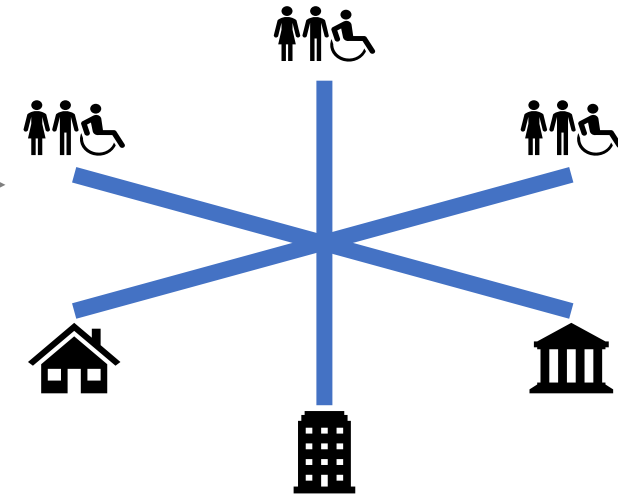


# Example: Transfers vs. One-seat Ride

Where should Metro Transit be on this spectrum?

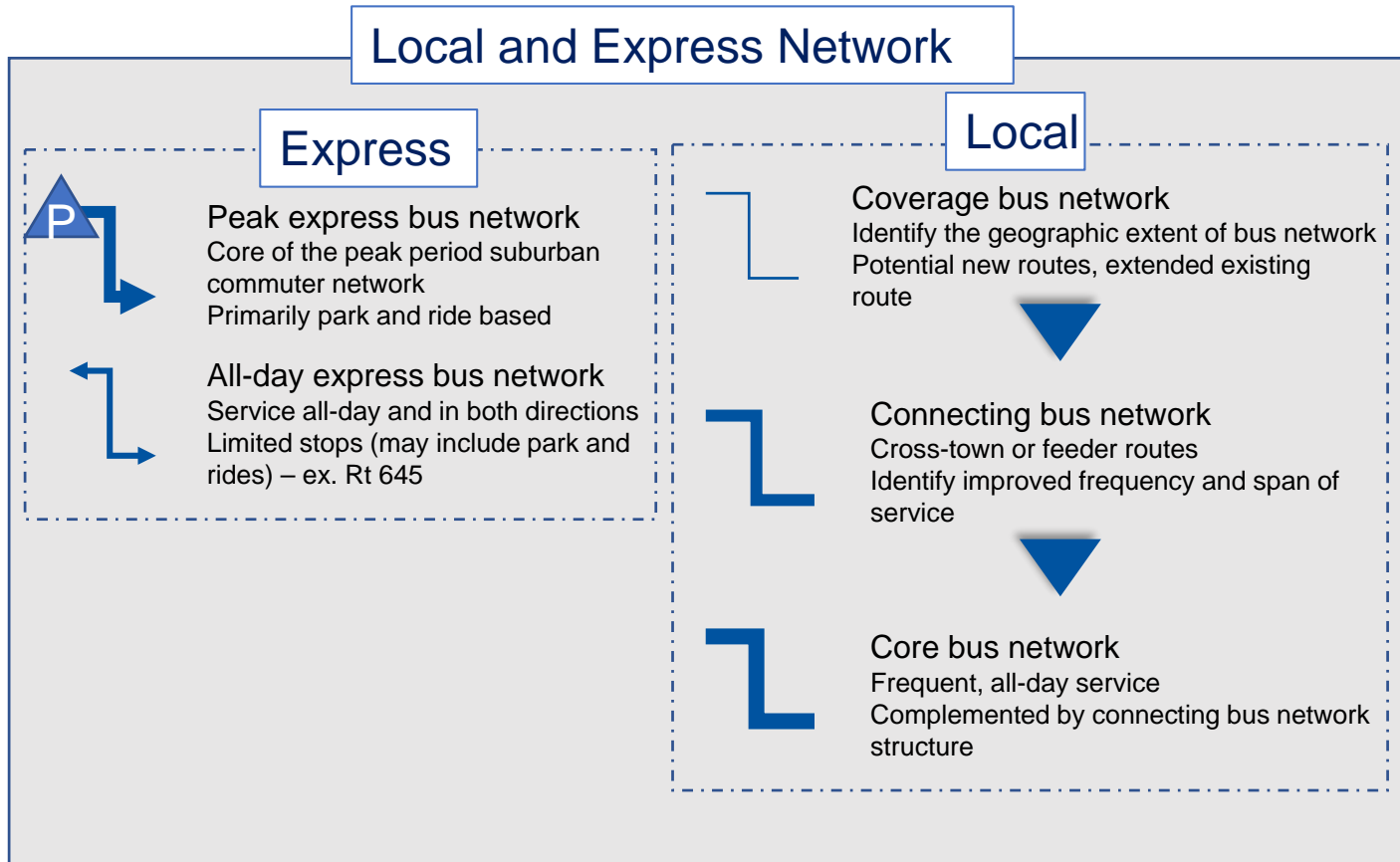


*9 routes with a bus arriving every 60 minutes*

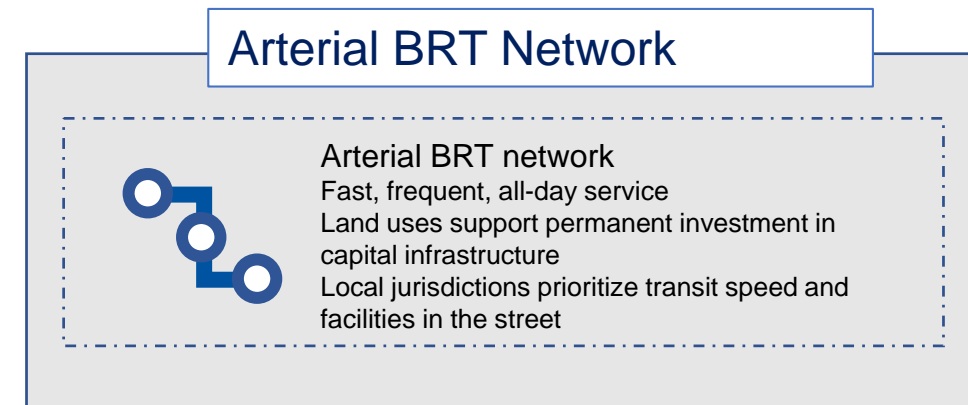


*3 routes with a bus arriving every 20 minutes*

# Network Types

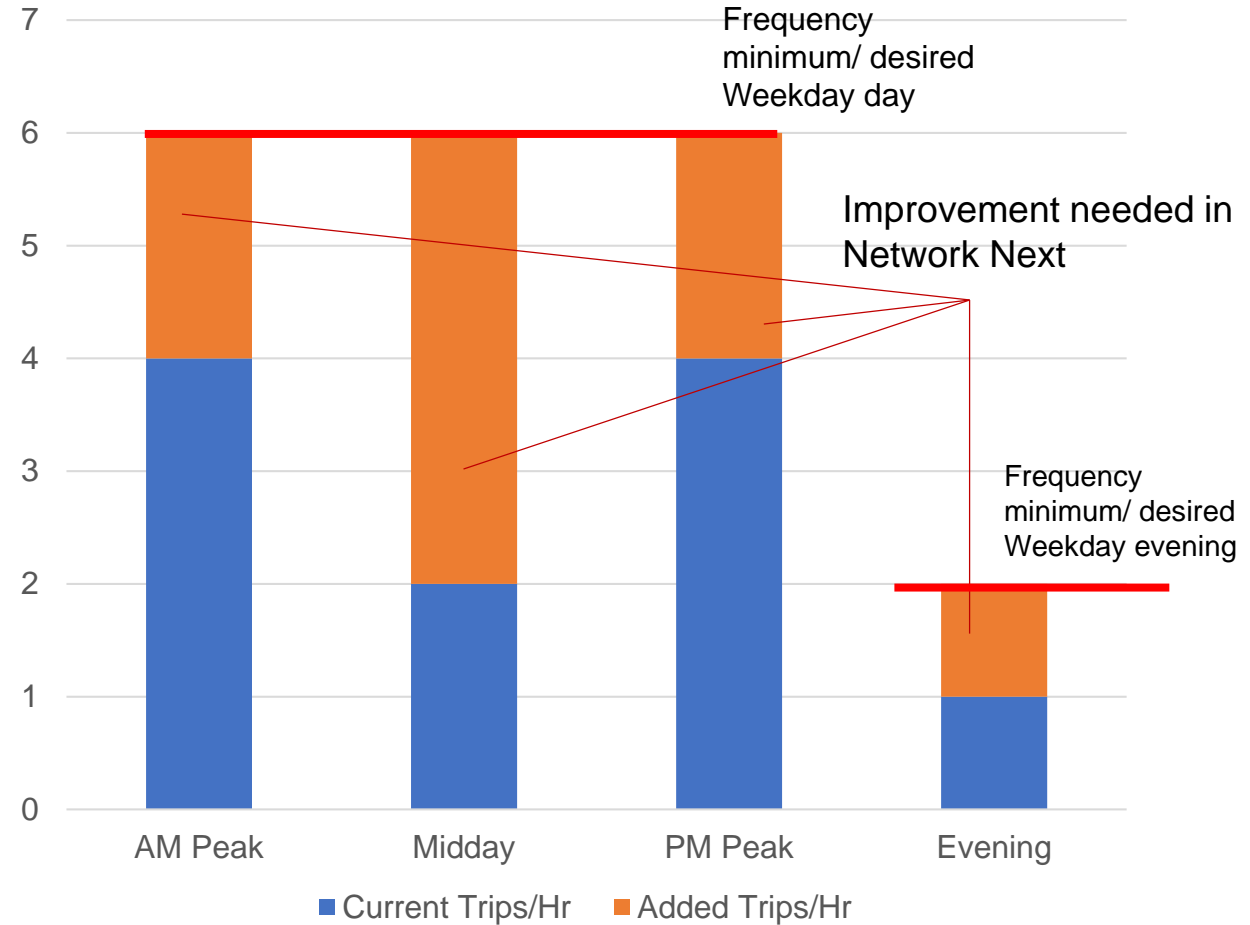


- Establish service standards for each network type
- Gap between existing condition and service standard



# Putting lessons learned into action

- Inform Guiding Framework Principles and Actions, including
  - Establish consistent service standards for defined bus network types
  - Establish an approach to where and how each network type should be applied
- Service standard gap guides service investment



# Upcoming Next Steps

- Spring 2020- Guiding Framework
  - Early spring stakeholder review and public comment period
  - Late spring Metropolitan Council approval
- Summer 2020- Develop and Evaluate Bus Network Improvements
  - Draft network improvements drafted
  - Arterial BRT concepts developed
- Fall 2020
  - Selection of proposed arterial BRT project for TAB funding consideration in Regional Solicitation