

Network**NEXT**

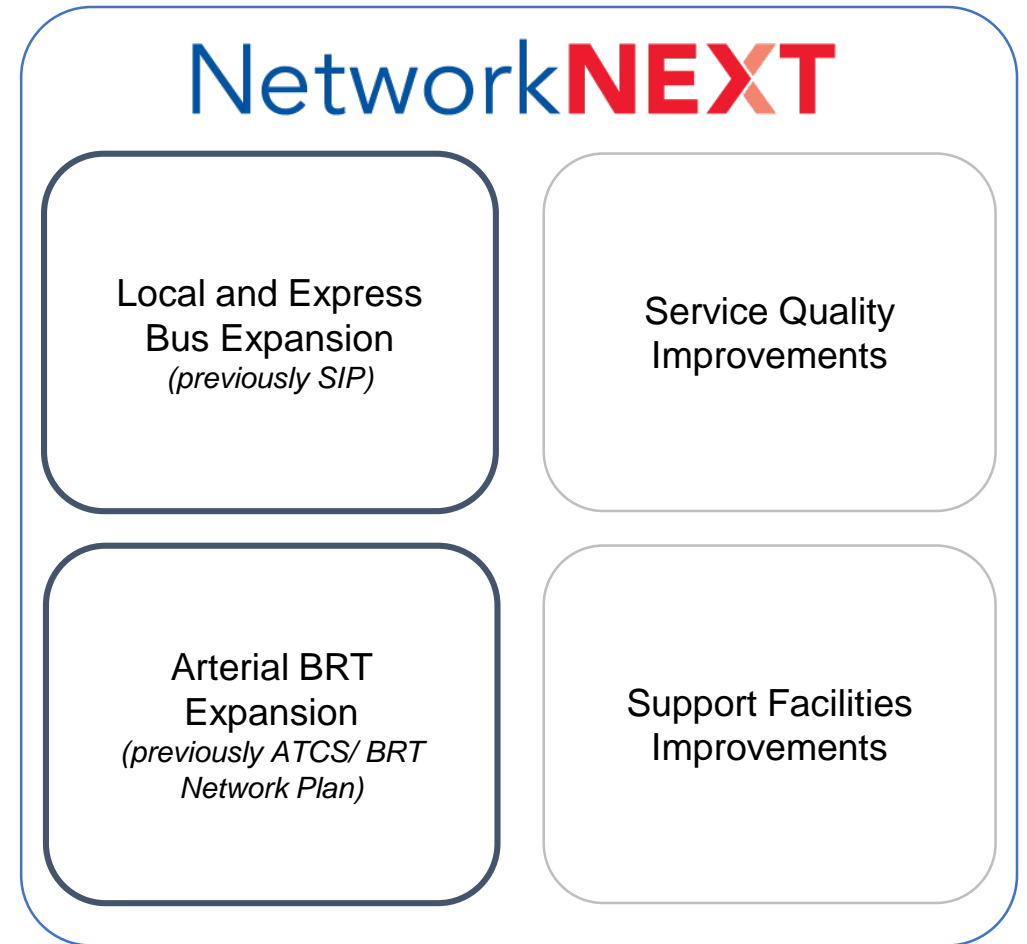
Building tomorrow's bus network, starting today.

TAC Planning

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What is Network Next?

- Metro Transit's vision for the bus network of 2040. What does it look like and how do we get there?
- Network Next will include:
 - Planned improvements to the bus network (including arterial BRT)
 - Planned improvements to service quality (at a high-level)
 - Provide inputs for support facilities planning



Bus Network Improvements

- The core work of Network Next will be identifying service improvements to Metro Transit's bus network.

Expanded Local and Express Bus



New Arterial Bus Rapid Transit Lines

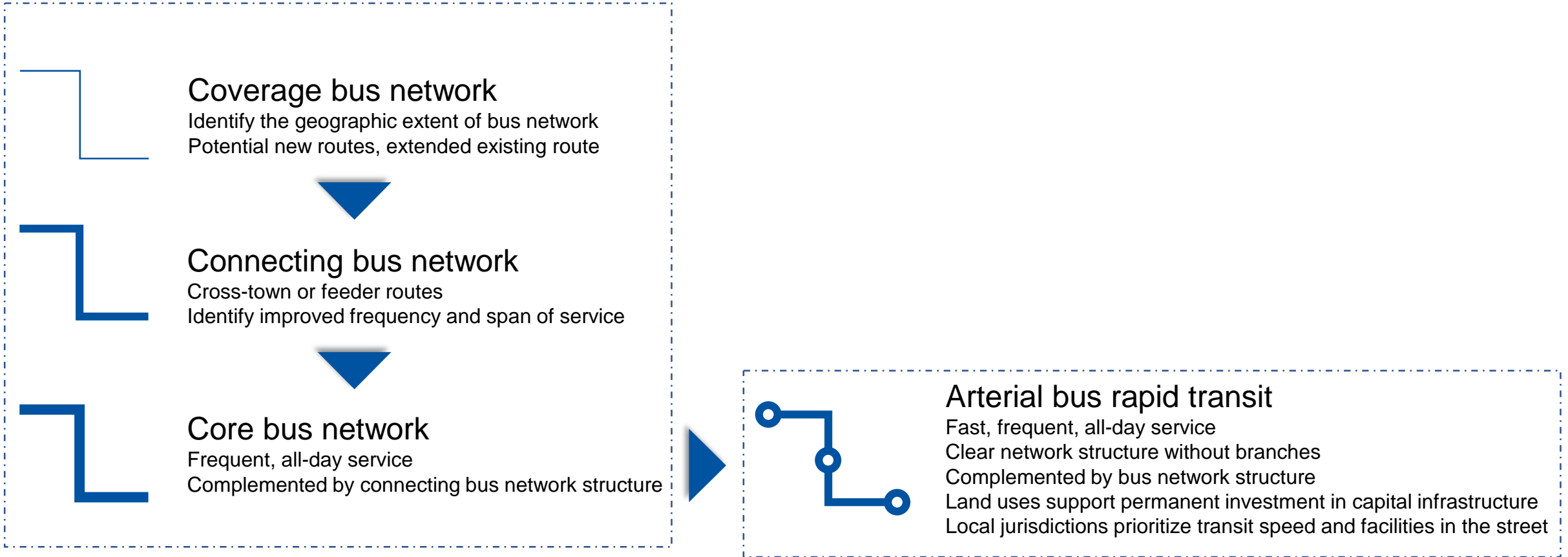


Integrated Shared Mobility Options



Primary Focus

Approach to Developing Bus Network Improvements



Integrate Service Quality Improvements

- Network Next will also integrate improvements to the customer experience at the stop and onboard the bus.

Speed and Reliability Improvements



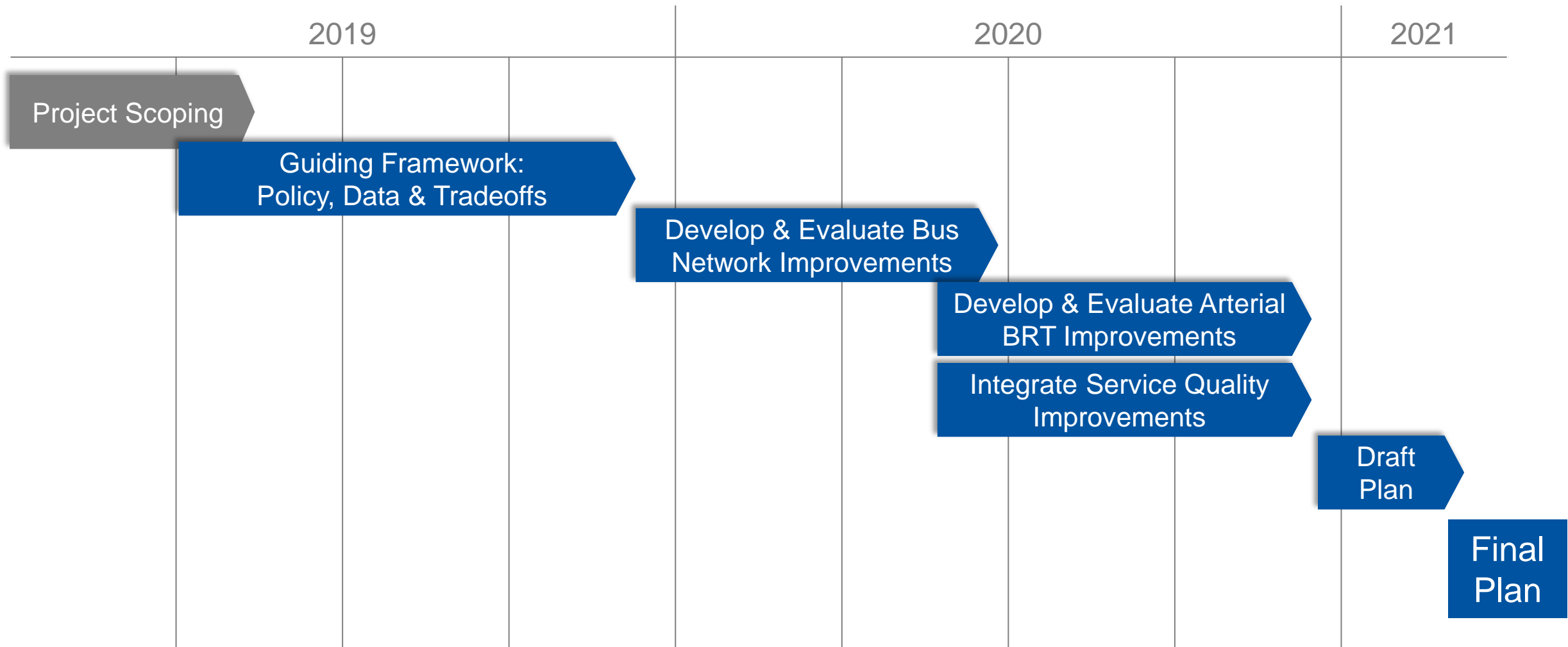
Added Bus Shelters and Transit Centers



Expanded Transit Information Availability

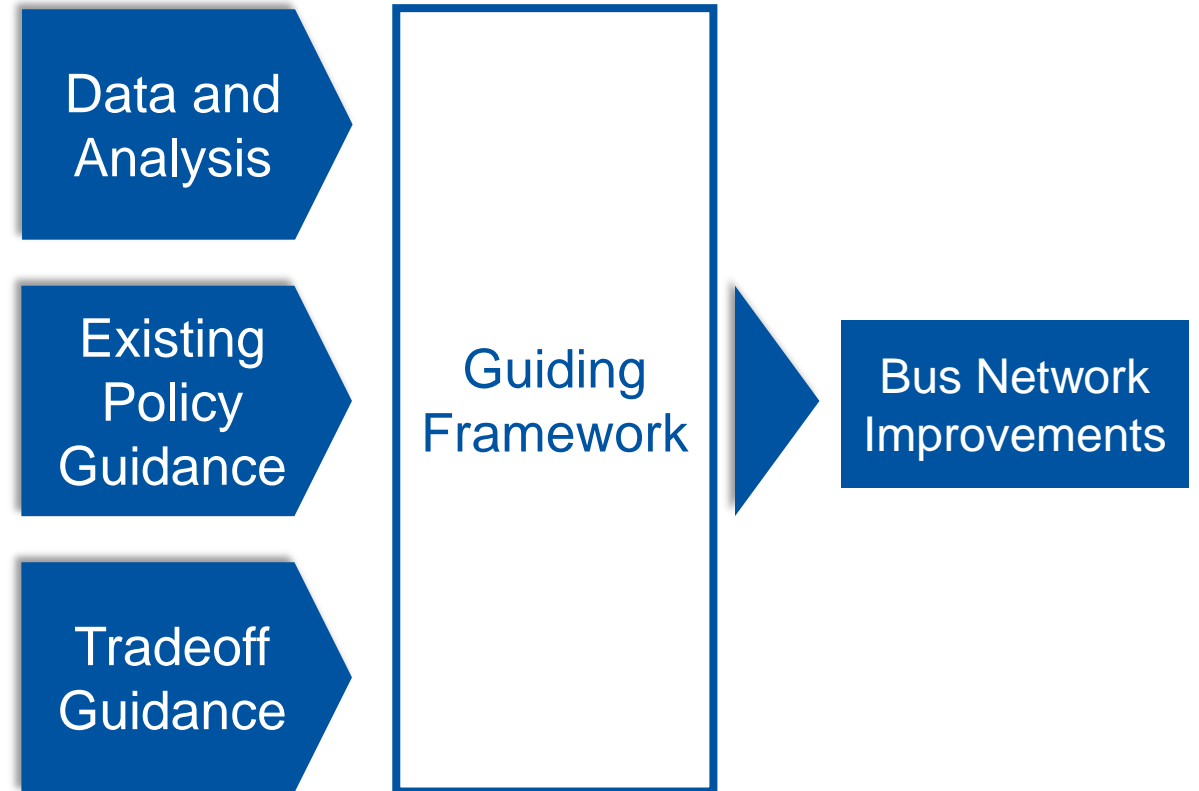


Project timeline



What is the Guiding Framework?

- Articulate the overall direction and goals for bus network improvements that will be included in Network Next
- Direct the work to develop and evaluate bus network improvements
- Communicate to riders and public what Network Next will hope to accomplish and what it will include



Focusing Question for Guiding Framework Engagement: *What types of transit improvements should Metro Transit prioritize?*

FREQUENCY AND SPAN



Provide more frequent service for a shorter time



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COVERAGE



Provide less frequent service to more areas



Provide more frequent service to fewer areas

DAYS OF SERVICE



Provide less weekday service and more weekend service



Provide more weekday service and less weekend service

TRANSFERS



Provide more routes with less frequent service but fewer transfers



Provide fewer routes with more frequent service but more transfers

DIRECTNESS



Provide slower and less direct service with shorter walks to stops



Provide faster, more direct service with longer walks to stops

STOP SPACING



Serve many stops that make service slower but reduce walking distance



Serve fewer stops to speed service up but increase walking distance

SERVICE TYPE



Improve the local bus network



Improve the commuter bus network

SERVICE DISTRIBUTION



Provide service in areas in proportion to funding



Provide service to areas with the most need

Overall Engagement Approach for Guiding Framework

- Draw on best practices from past Metro Transit engagement efforts
- Build capacity among our riders and community stakeholders
- Collaborate with community partners to gather feedback
- Generate enthusiasm about the project to encourage participation
- ***What types of improvements should we emphasize in Network Next?***



Community-hosted Conversations

Solicit proposals from organizations, artists, community leaders to host a conversation around transit priorities in community

- Goals:
 - Reach people that may not participate in traditional engagement efforts
 - Build transit planning capacity in community
 - Events designed by communities to focus

Pop-up Events on Bus Network

Metro Transit staff posted at major transfer points, bus stops, park-and-rides to share information and get quick-hit feedback

- Goals:
 - Raise awareness and interest in Network Next
 - Meet riders where they are on the bus network
 - Get feedback on simple questions, survey

Tradeoffs Survey

Simple online and paper survey (less than 5-10 minutes to complete) that solicits feedback on preferences about transit tradeoffs.

- Goals:
 - Provide simple, sharable tool available in multiple contexts to solicit feedback on transit tradeoffs

Summary of Previous Feedback

Memo summarizing public engagement feedback from past Metro Transit planning and engagement efforts.

- Goals:
 - Ensure that input from past engagement efforts is carried forward and considered in Network Next planning

Thank you!

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