

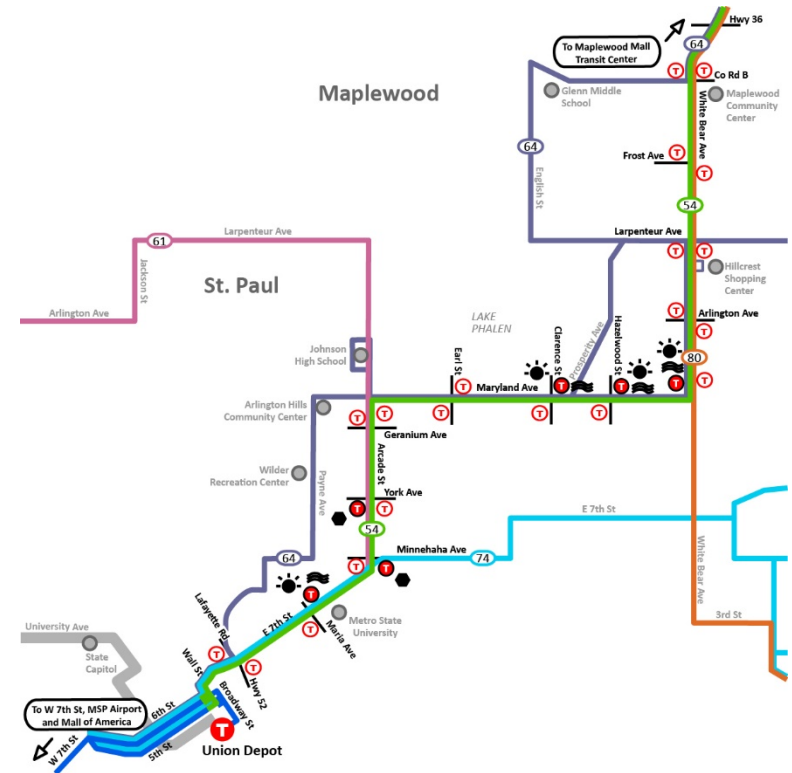


# Metro Transit Route 54 Limited Stop Route Extension

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- New Limited Stop service for the East Side
  - 20 minute peak and 30 minute off peak service
  - Improved 10 minute peak service on West 7<sup>th</sup> Street
- Builds on strong Route 54 and 64 ridership and high transfer activity
- CMAQ grant funding for 3 years
- Service begins June 9<sup>th</sup> 2018

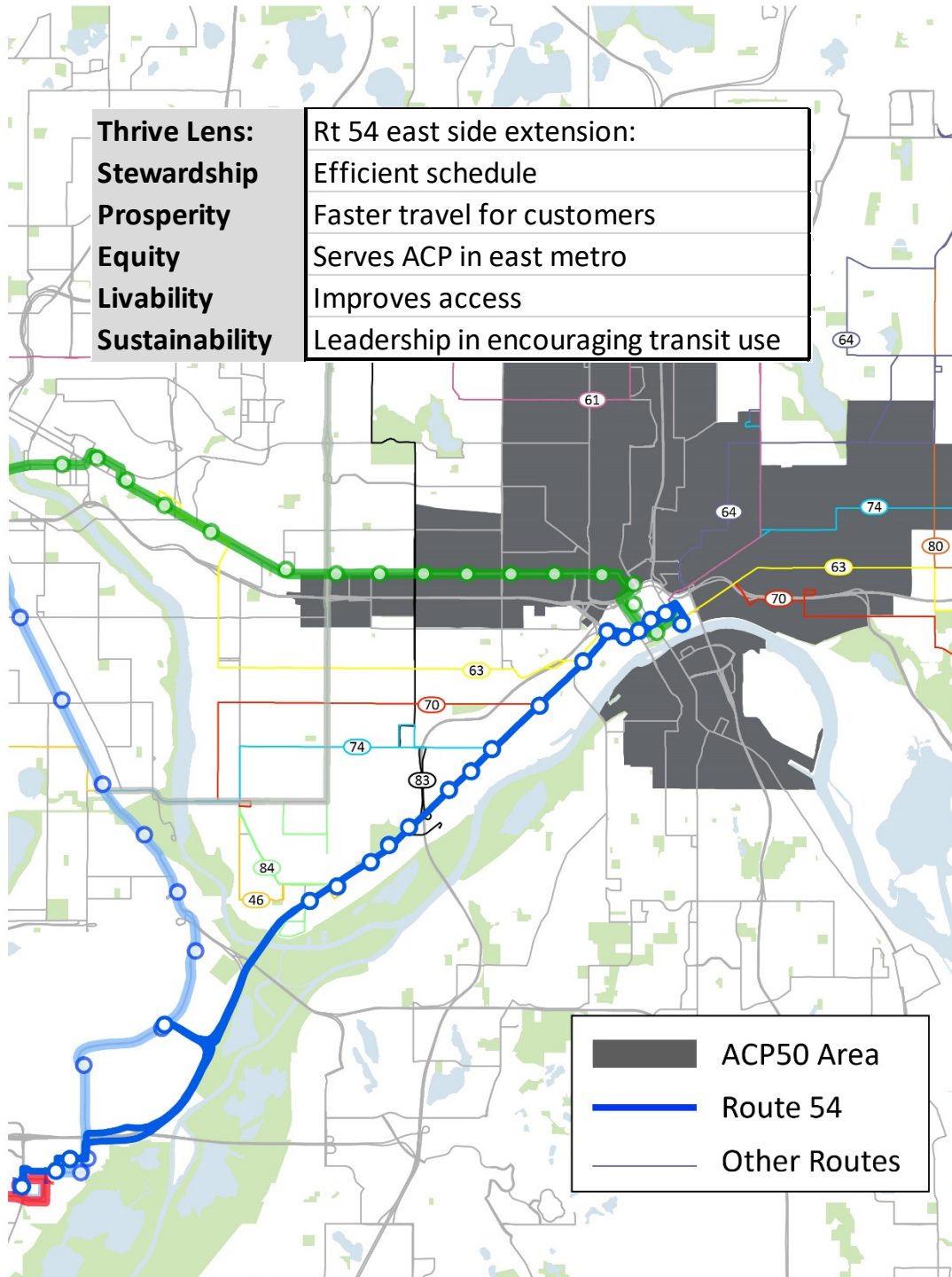


- Faster travel time-bus stop spacing, TSP, direct routing
- Better Bus Stops project
- One-seat ride to Airport, Mall of America
- METRO Green Line, Blue Line, Red Line connections
- Ranked High in Service Improvement Plan



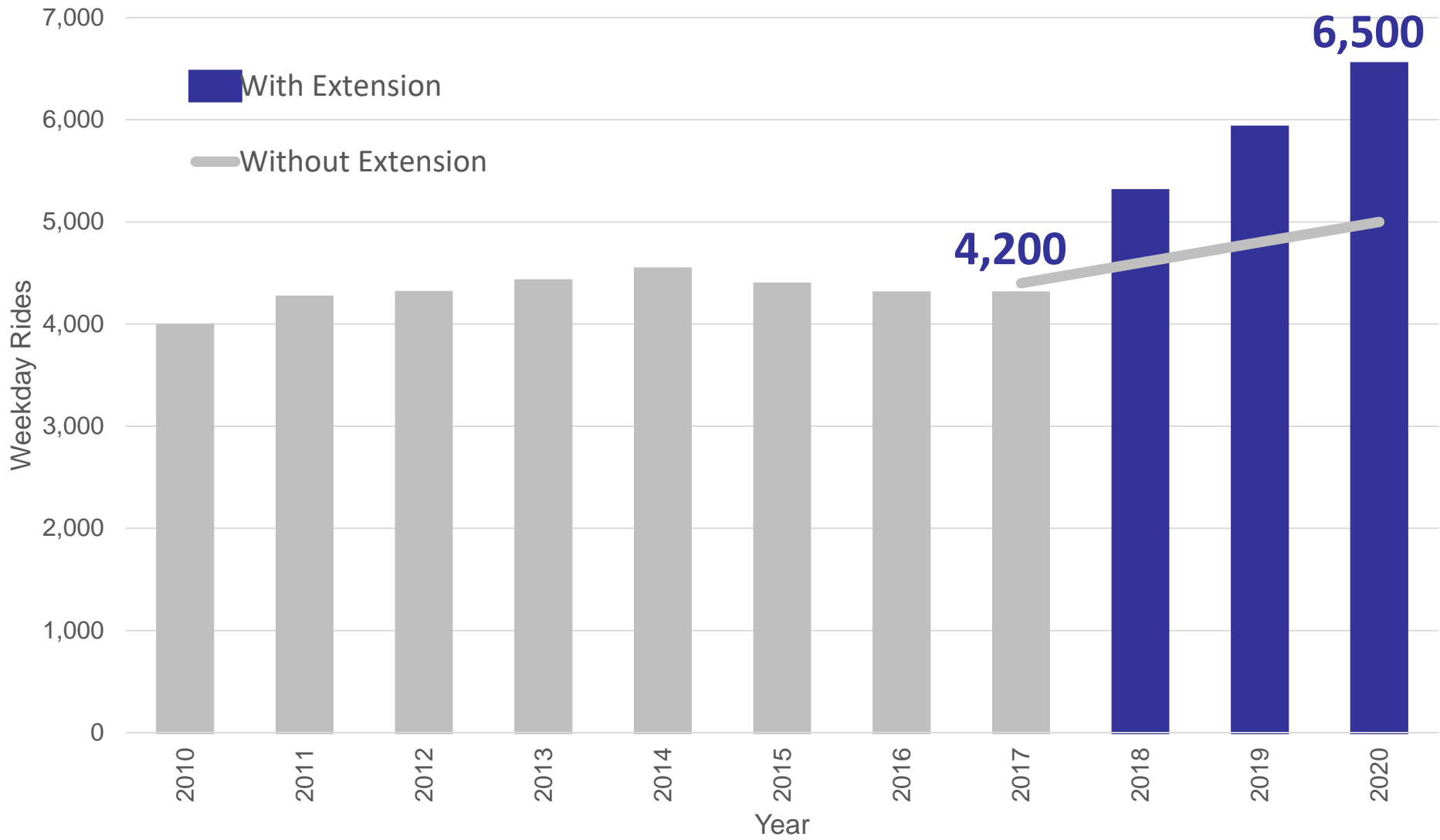
**Thrive Lens:**  
**Stewardship**  
**Prosperity**  
**Equity**  
**Livability**  
**Sustainability**

**Rt 54 east side extension:**  
Efficient schedule  
Faster travel for customers  
Serves ACP in east metro  
Improves access  
Leadership in encouraging transit use



■ ACP50 Area  
— Route 54  
— Other Routes

# Route 54 Projected Weekday Ridership



## **Total Cost of \$7.2 million**

- \$5.2 million for service improvement
- \$2 million for purchase of five buses

## **The project is funded by a mix of federal and local funds**

- \$5.3 million in federal CMAQ grants
- \$1.9 million from Metro Transit's budget



# Project Readiness and Schedule



- **2015:** CMAQ funding secured
- **2016:** Five new buses delivered
- **Winter 2018:** Schedules created
- **Spring 2018:** Arcade & Maryland Curb reconstruction
- **Spring 2018:** Marketing and public outreach
- **Summer 2018:** Service begins

