

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 13, 2020

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 22, 2020

<b>Subject:</b>	METRO E Line Recommended Alignment
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	District 5 (Cummings); District 6 (Atlas-Ingebretson); District 7 (Lilligren); District 8 (Muse)
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Public Accountability Policy 2-1; Public Involvement in the Transportation Planning Process 1-3b
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<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metro Transit BRT Projects

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve staff's recommended alignment for the METRO E Line. The recommended alignment will run from the University of Minnesota area to Southdale Transit Center via 4th Street and University Avenue SE, Hennepin Avenue through downtown and uptown Minneapolis, 36th Street, Richfield Road, Sheridan Avenue, 44th Street, France Avenue, and 65th Street.

### Background

The recommended E Line alignment is the result of the recently completed E Line Corridor Study, which evaluated seven alignment alternatives on the southern end of the corridor and two alignment alternatives on the northern end of the corridor.

### Rationale

Approval of the E Line alignment recommendation will confirm the alignment for future inclusion in the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan and allow more detailed station and corridor planning to begin in 2020.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive outcomes of Stewardship, Prosperity, Equity, Livability, and Sustainability. The recommended E Line alignment represents a transitway investment in an area with transit supportive development patterns, serving concentrated job and activity centers, and connecting lower-income areas to those opportunities. This investment will improve transportation options and promote to alternatives to single-occupant vehicle travel.

### Funding

The E Line Corridor Study and supporting planning has been funded by Metro Transit operating resources.

### Known Support / Opposition

The E Line Corridor Study included a significant community engagement process, which yielded strong support for the alignment recommendation. The City of Edina has also passed a resolution in support of the alignment.

Figure 1: Recommended E Line Alignment

