



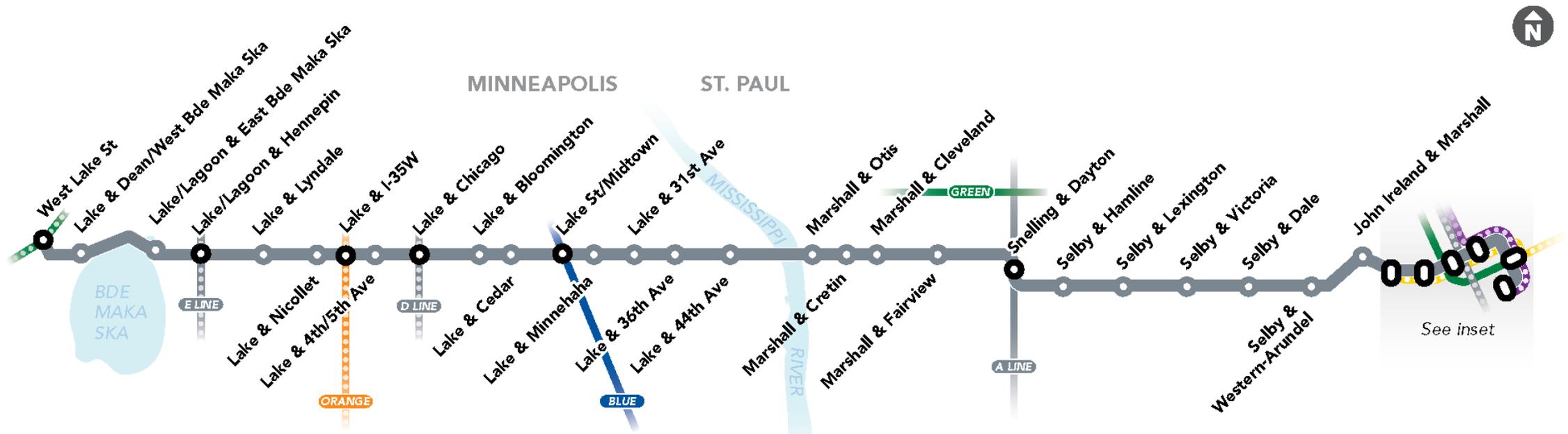
METRO B Line Recommended Corridor Plan

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Proposed Action 2021-153

- Authorize release of the METRO B Line Recommended Corridor Plan for public review and comment
- Direct staff to collect public comments through Friday, August 13, summarize comments, and report the findings to the Metropolitan Council

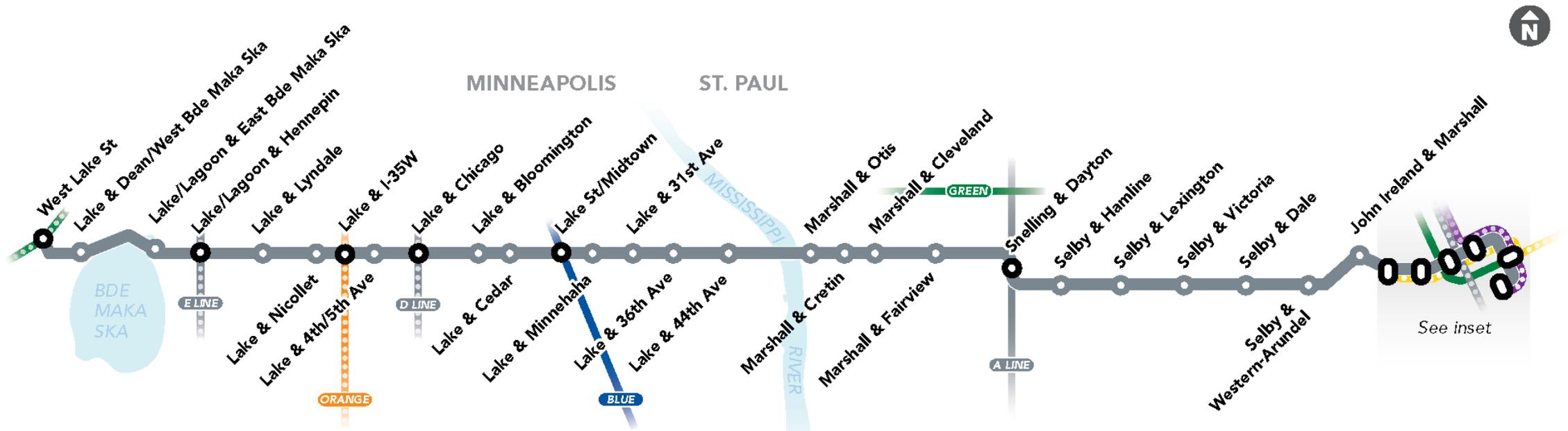


B Line Project Development Schedule

- Initial corridor recommendations and station planning: 2019 – 2020
- Corridor Plan
 - Release Draft Corridor Plan: February 2021
 - **Recommended Corridor Plan: July 2021**
 - Final Corridor Plan (Council action to approve): Fall 2021
- Engineering: Fall 2021 – Late 2022
- Construction: 2023 – 2024

Corridor Plan Contents

- **Locations: station intersections and locations of platforms within each intersection**
- Corridor context:
 - Concept bus service plan: local and limited-stop bus service within and along B Line corridor
 - Potential bus priority treatments to meet project speed and reliability goals



Draft B Line Corridor Plan public engagement

- **Released February 22, 2021**
 - Comments accepted until March 22, 2021
 - Over 650 comments submitted
- Outreach and engagement
 - Project website with video, key information, and station concepts
 - Direct mailing (postcard)
 - Email to subscribers, Rider Alerts
 - In-person feedback at key bus stops
 - Partner with community organizations, neighborhood groups along corridor
 - Flyers at bus stops
 - Social media
- Ongoing agency coordination



**Changes coming to Route 21
in 2024. Comment now.**

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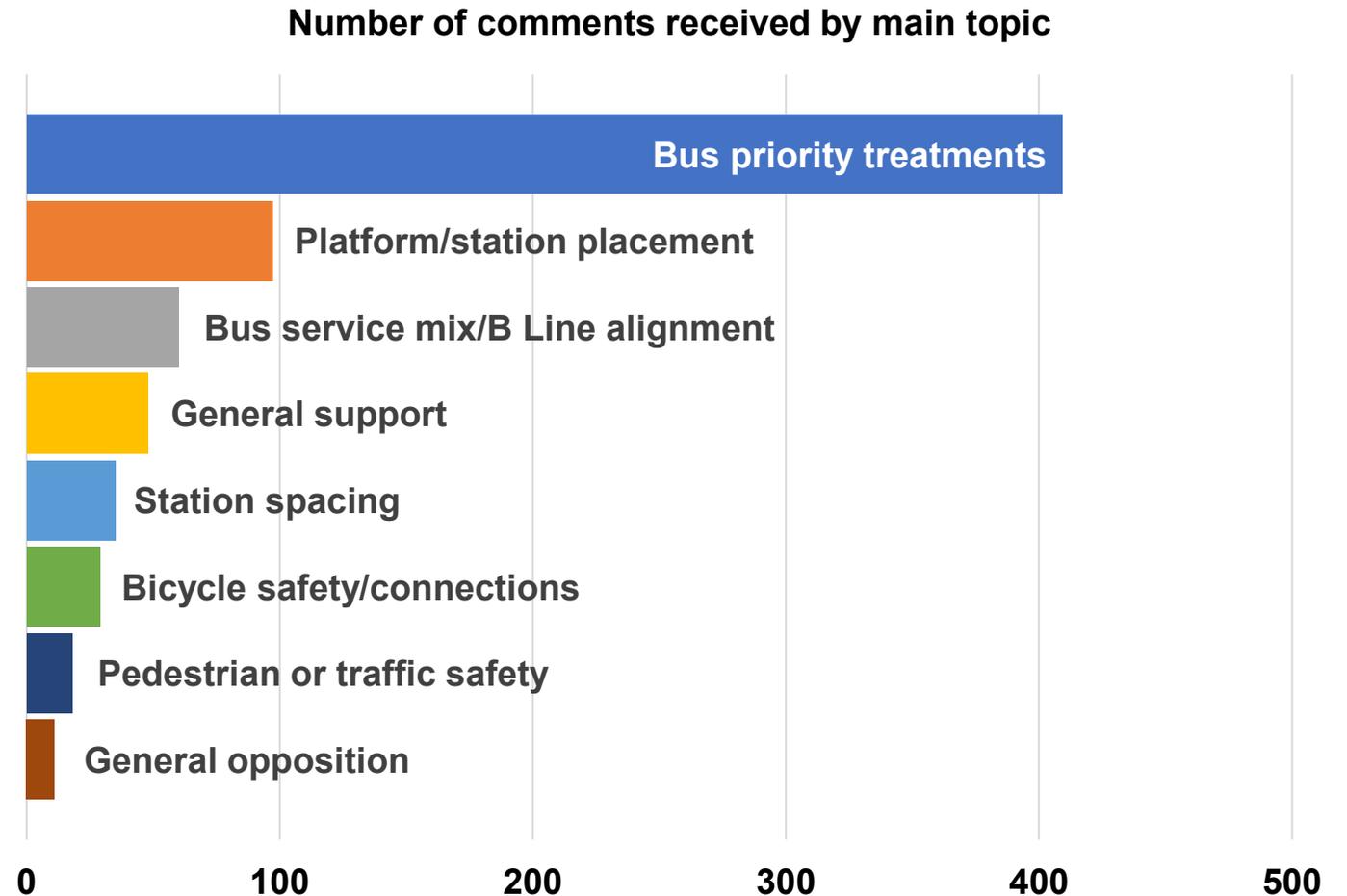
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Draft B Line Corridor Plan comment themes

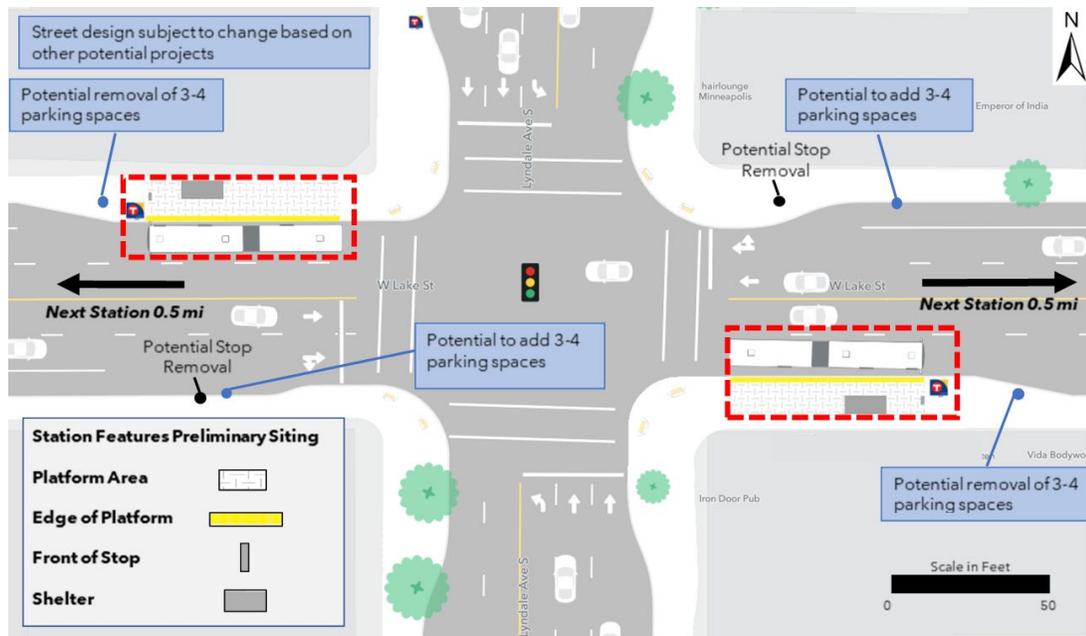
- Bus priority treatments
 - Support for bus-only lanes and other ways to improve speed & reliability
- Station and platform locations
 - Support for eastbound platform at Selby & Arundel
- Service planning questions
 - Local service frequency
 - Routing
- Bicycle connections/safety



Major revisions from draft version

- Additional discussion of potential bus priority treatments in context of agency coordination
- Recommend nearside platforms at Lake & Lyndale, Lake & Bloomington, Lake & Cedar
- Recommend eastbound platform at farside Selby & Arundel

Farside platform location example (draft corridor plan)



Nearside platform location example (recommended corridor plan)



Recommended Corridor Plan outreach

- Focus on reaching future B Line station neighbors
 - Direct mailing (postcard) to residents, businesses, and property owners near stations
 - Station-specific info sheets to support in-person conversations, door-knocking
 - Partner with community organizations, neighborhood groups to reach station neighbors
- Corridor-wide engagement
 - Project website with video, key information, and station concepts
 - Email to subscribers, Rider Alerts
 - In-person feedback at key bus stops
 - Project fact sheets in Spanish, Somali, and Hmong
 - Social media





More information: www.metrotransit.org/b-line-project

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