

METRO E Line Draft Corridor Plan

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E Line Bus Rapid Transit Overview

- Substantial replacement of Route 6, fifth-highest ridership route
- Route 6 ridership remains high, despite nation-wide ridership impact during pandemic
- E Line is fully funded, targeted opening in 2025

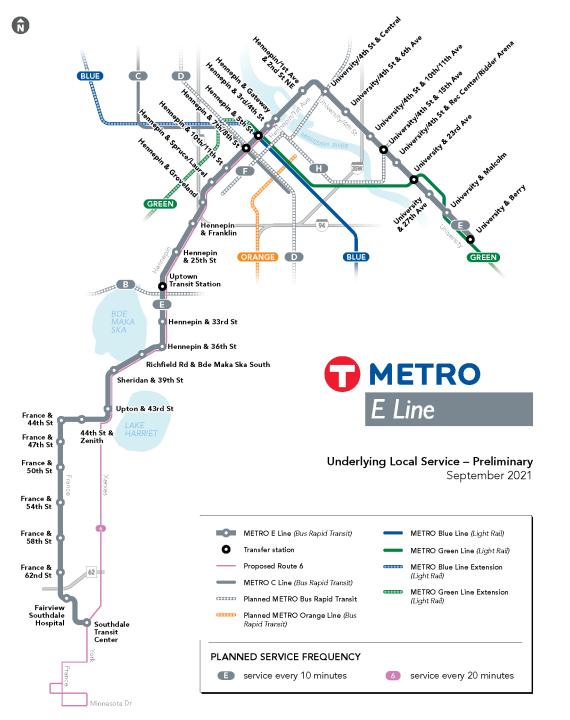
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• \$60 million preliminary budget, to be refined as project advances



Early planning: E Line Corridor Study (2018-2019)

- Evaluated potential terminal and alignment alternatives
- Identified concept station locations and service plan
 - E Line service would run every 10 minutes
 - Local service on Route 6 would run every 20 minutes from Minnesota Drive to downtown via Southdale and Xerxes Avenue
- E Line alignment adopted by Metropolitan Council January 2020



Project schedule

- E Line Corridor Study: 2018 2019
- Corridor Plan
 - September 2021: Release Draft Corridor Plan
 - January 2022: Recommended Corridor Plan (Council action to release for public comment)
 - March 2022: Final Corridor Plan (Council action to approve)
- Engineering: Mid-2022 Late 2023
- Construction: 2024 2025



E Line Draft Corridor Plan

 Planned station locations: Station intersections and location of platforms within each intersection

Proposed Platform Locations at Sheridan & 39th Street



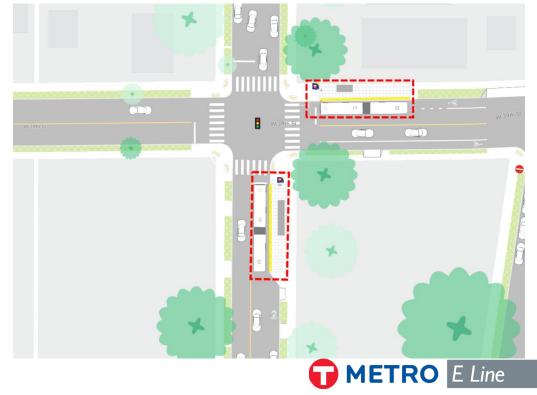


Core element of Corridor Plan: Station and Platform Locations

- Proposed platform locations developed through site-specific review
- Excludes locations that have been or will be developed in coordination with other projects
- Concept designs will evolve through coordination and engineering

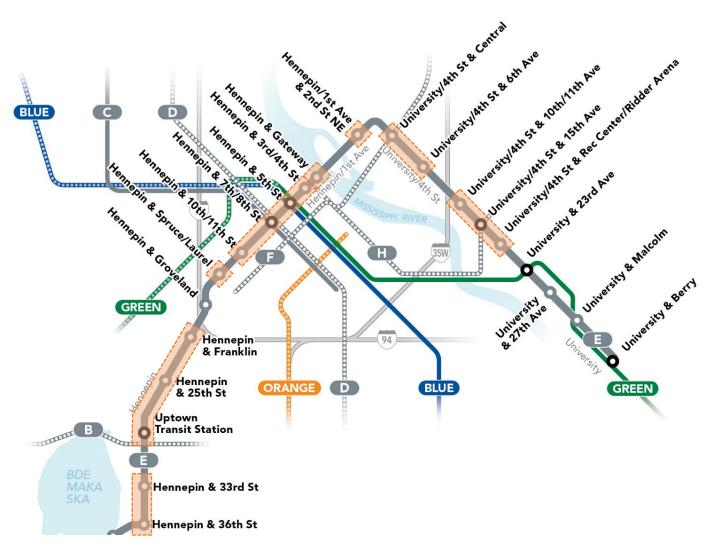


Proposed Sheridan & 39th Street Station Plan



E Line coordination with other projects

- Planning for stations located within other roadway projects has advanced in coordination with those projects
- Station plans not developed for Corridor Plan for these stations
- Metro Transit is coordinating with the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County through other projects on potential busonly lanes





Outreach and engagement strategies

- Public comment period: September 20 October 31
- Project website (<u>metrotransit.org/e-line-project</u>)
 - Key information and station concepts
 - Draft Corridor Plan
 - Corridor overview video
 - Survey form for feedback on specific stations
- Direct mailing (postcard)
- Email to subscribers and Rider Alerts
- In-person feedback at key bus stops
- Partner with community organizations and neighborhood groups along corridor
- Flyers to post along corridor
- Social media



Next steps and project schedule

- Release Draft Corridor Plan and seek feedback through October 31
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