



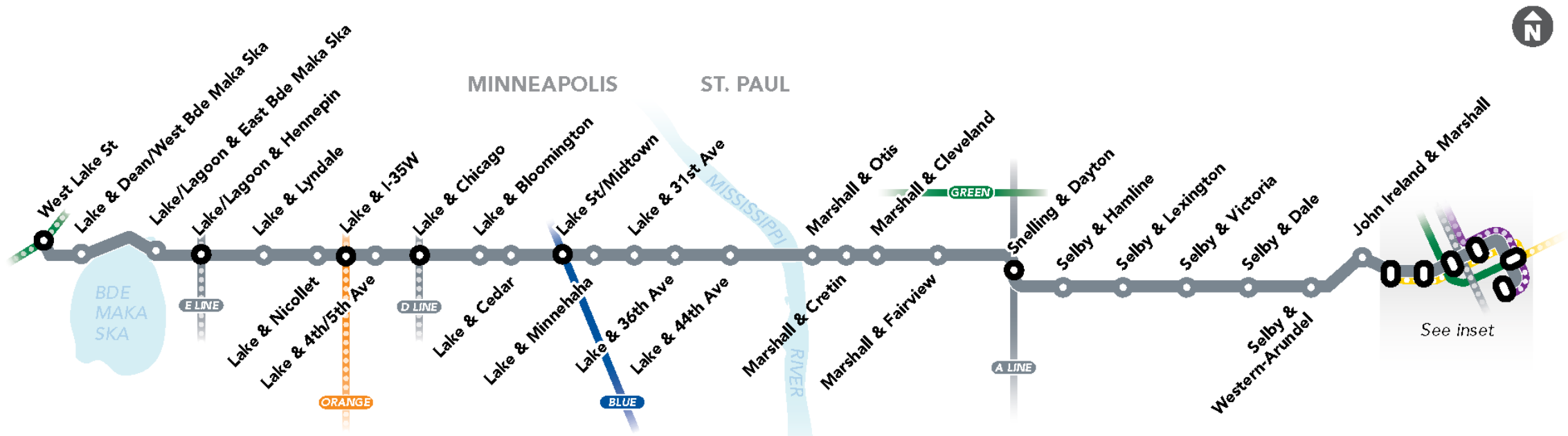
# METRO B Line Final Corridor Plan

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# Proposed Action 2021-244

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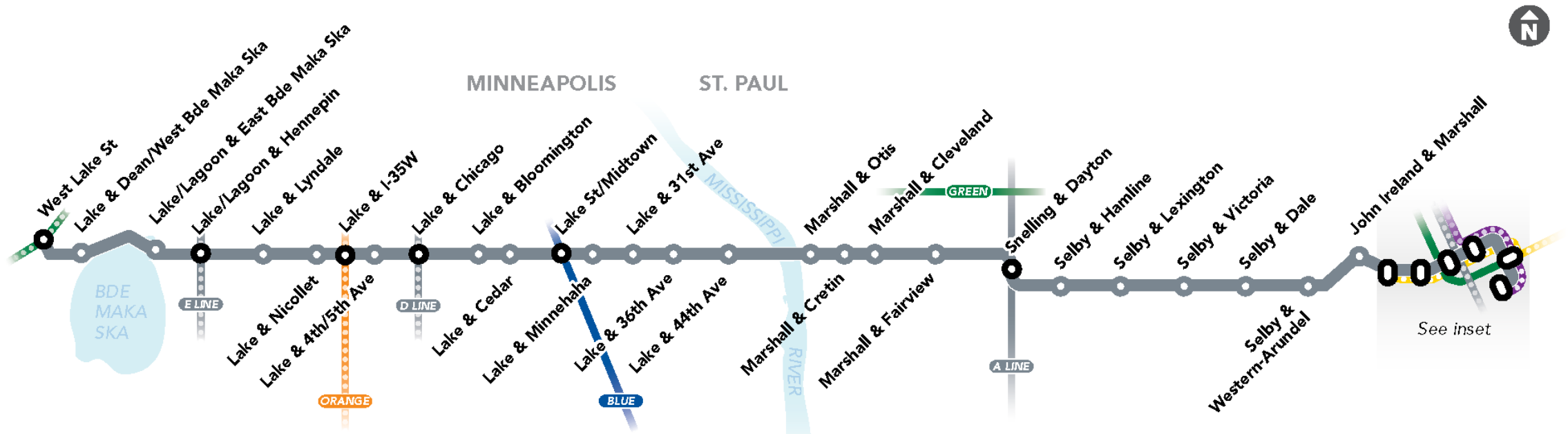


# B Line Project Development Schedule

- 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): October 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



# Recommended B Line Corridor Plan public engagement

- **Released July 14, 2021 (Business Item 2021-153)**
  - Comments accepted until August 13, 2021
  - Over 160 comments submitted
- Outreach and engagement
  - Project website with video, key information, and station concepts
  - Direct postcard mailing to station neighbors
  - Station-specific flyers
  - Door-knocking at station intersections
  - Email to subscribers, Rider Alerts
  - Project fact sheets in Spanish, Somali, and Hmong
  - Partnering with community organizations, neighborhood groups along corridor
  - Social media
- Ongoing agency coordination

**METRO B LINE BUS RAPID TRANSIT  
MARSHALL & FAIRVIEW STATION**

Metro Transit is planning a new bus rapid transit (BRT) station at the intersection of Marshall Avenue and Fairview Avenue. Here is what you need to know about this station:

- Bus shelters and other features will be located at the northwest and southeast corners of the intersection.
- Metro Transit has chosen these locations because they provide space for station amenities, enable safe and convenient access to destinations.
- It is estimated that the station would remove 2-3 parking spaces at the northwest corner.
- The B Line is currently under construction and is scheduled to open in 2022.
- The plan for this station change will be finalized as the project progresses.
- Station design will continue at this station.

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**Proposed Marshall & Fairview Station Plan:**

Station Features Preliminary Siting

- Platform Area
- Edge of Platform
- Front of Stop
- Shelter

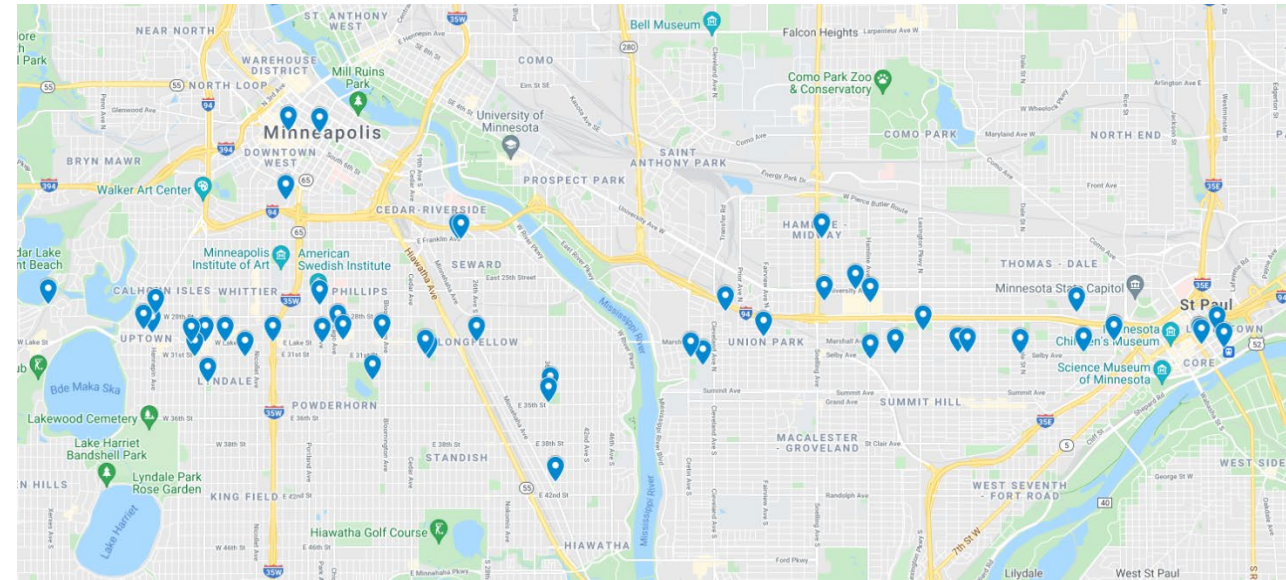
**SCAN TO LEARN MORE AND COMMENT BEFORE AUGUST 13**  
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MARSHALL & FAIRVIEW **METRO B Line**

# Recommended B Line Corridor Plan – comment demographics

- Comments received from 164 individuals on recommended plan
- 44 individuals provided demographic information
  - Majority of respondents with home zip codes containing corridor
  - Majority white respondents at this step
  - Relatively wide distribution of age and household income
- Planning phase engagement across the B Line corridor
  - Project introduction
  - Corridor recommendations
  - Draft corridor plan

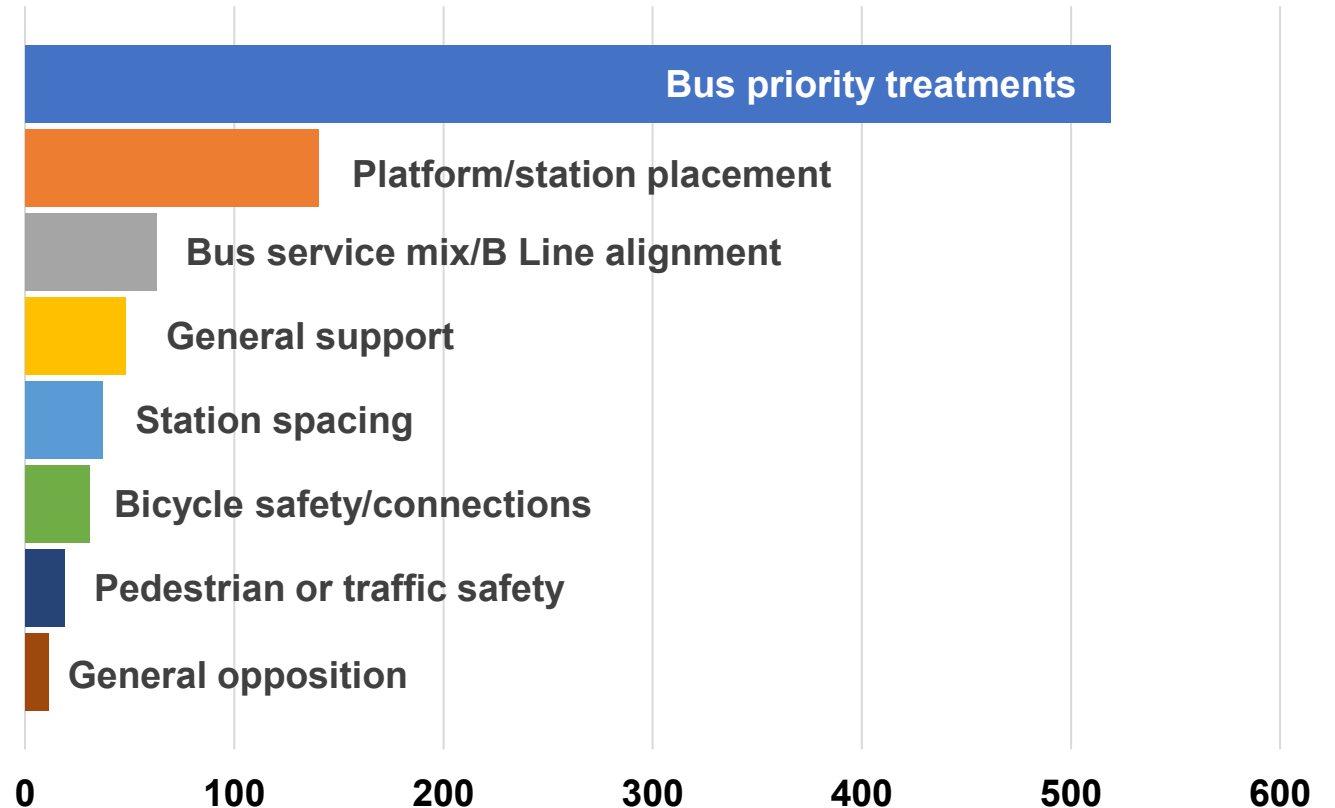


Map showing past B Line public engagement events

# B Line Corridor Plan comment themes

- Transit speed and reliability
  - Support for bus lanes on Lake Street
- Station and platform locations
  - On-street parking
  - Traffic delays
  - Access to municipal services (garbage, recycling, snow clearance)
  - Turning movements and sightlines
  - Tree impacts
  - Bus/bike interactions
  - Size of shelters and stations
- Station spacing

Number of draft/recommended plan comments received by main topic



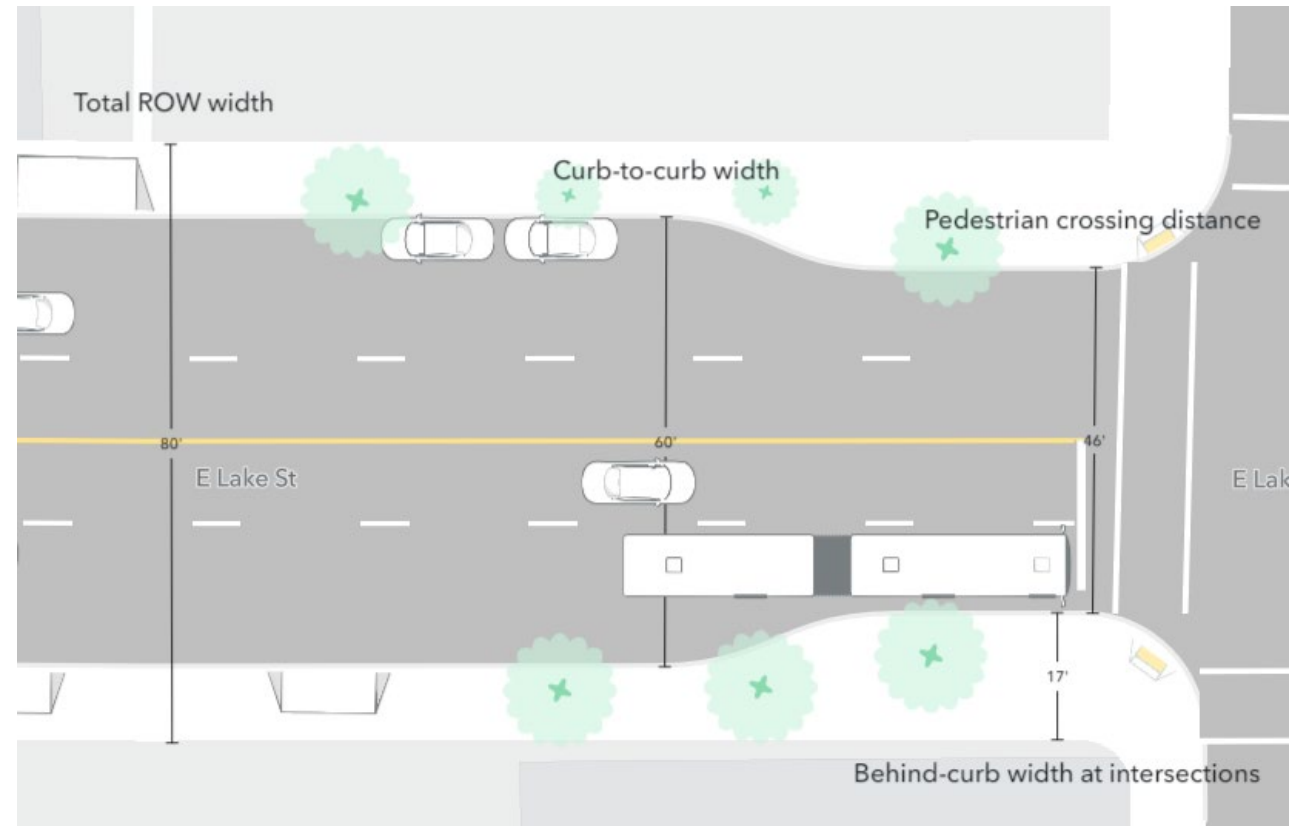
## Revisions from recommended to final plan

- No changes to station or platform locations
- Responses to comments received regarding platform placement, including issues to address throughout engineering
- Text updates related to evaluation of bus lanes on Lake Street, including:
  - Additional background information around development and evaluation of alternative bus lane scenarios
  - Ongoing Lake Street study in partnership with Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis could potentially warrant future amendment to station locations at three intersections (Lyndale, Bloomington, and Cedar)



# Ongoing exploration of bus-only lanes on Lake Street

- Bus-only lanes are a tool needed to achieve B Line speed and reliability goals
- Partnering with Hennepin County and City of Minneapolis to explore implementing bus-only lanes wherever possible on Lake Street
  - Limited by narrow curb-to-curb distance
  - Lake is a high injury street with traffic and pedestrian safety improvement needs
- County-led advanced technical analysis to be completed by end of 2021 with public communication to follow





## More information: [www.metrotransit.org/b-line-project](http://www.metrotransit.org/b-line-project)

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