

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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METRO B Line – Corridor Plan Amendment #1

District(s), Member(s):	District 6 (Pacheco), District 7 (Lilligren), District 8 (Muse), District 14 (Fredson), District 13 (Lee)
Policy/Legal Reference:	PIC 2-2 - Accountability to the Public Policy
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit / Arterial BRT

Proposed Action

That the Council approve Amendment #1 to the B Line Corridor Plan, to update platform locations at three planned B Line stations: Lake & Lyndale, Lake & Bloomington, and Lake & Cedar.

Background

Through its approval of the B Line Corridor Plan, the Council established the number and location of stations on the B Line project. On October 13, 2021, the Metropolitan Council approved the final B Line Corridor Plan (Business Item 2021-244). The approved corridor plan noted the potential for platform locations at three stations (Lake & Lyndale, Lake & Bloomington, and Lake & Cedar) to change in the future as Metro Transit, Hennepin County, and the City of Minneapolis continued to work together to study broader changes to Lake Street, aimed at reducing crashes on a high-injury street, addressing pedestrian safety needs, and improving transit speed and reliability in the corridor.

Based on the recommended improvements for Lake Street, this amendment updates platform locations at each of these locations, placing B Line platforms in the northwest and southeast corners of these three intersections.

Rationale

Approval of this amendment will establish updated B Line platform locations, providing critical direction to the continued design of these stations in advance of construction.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The B Line Corridor Plan amendment will further advance the B Line project's contributions to the Thrive outcome of Prosperity by making the region more economically competitive through increased workers' access to employment and support to employers by increasing available workforce with affordable, convenient transportation.

By enabling a broader set of improvements on Lake Street, the Corridor Plan amendment also

advances the Thrive outcome of Equity by further improving transit access for communities of color and for workers at low wage jobs. Investment in the B Line will provide riders with faster service and a more comfortable waiting and riding experience.

The proposed action also advances the Thrive outcome of Stewardship by planning for B Line corridor improvements on Lake Street efficiently with regional partnership from Hennepin County and Minneapolis.

Funding

While there is no direct funding attached to this action, approval of the Corridor Plan amendment will allow design to advance for these stations in coordination with agency partners within the project budget.

Small Business Inclusion

There is no contracting, and therefore no small business inclusion, associated with this action.

