



METRO E Line Recommended Corridor Plan

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Proposed Action 2022-46

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E Line Project Development Schedule

- Corridor Study to define E Line alignment: 2018 – 2019
 - Council approved alignment in January 2020 (Business Item 2020-14)
- Corridor Plan
 - Release Draft Corridor Plan: September 2021
 - Public comment period: September 20–October 31
 - **Release Recommended Corridor Plan: March 2022**
 - Public comment period: March 9–April 8
 - Final Corridor Plan (Council action to approve): May 2022
- Engineering: Fall 2022 – Late 2023
- Construction: 2024 - 2025

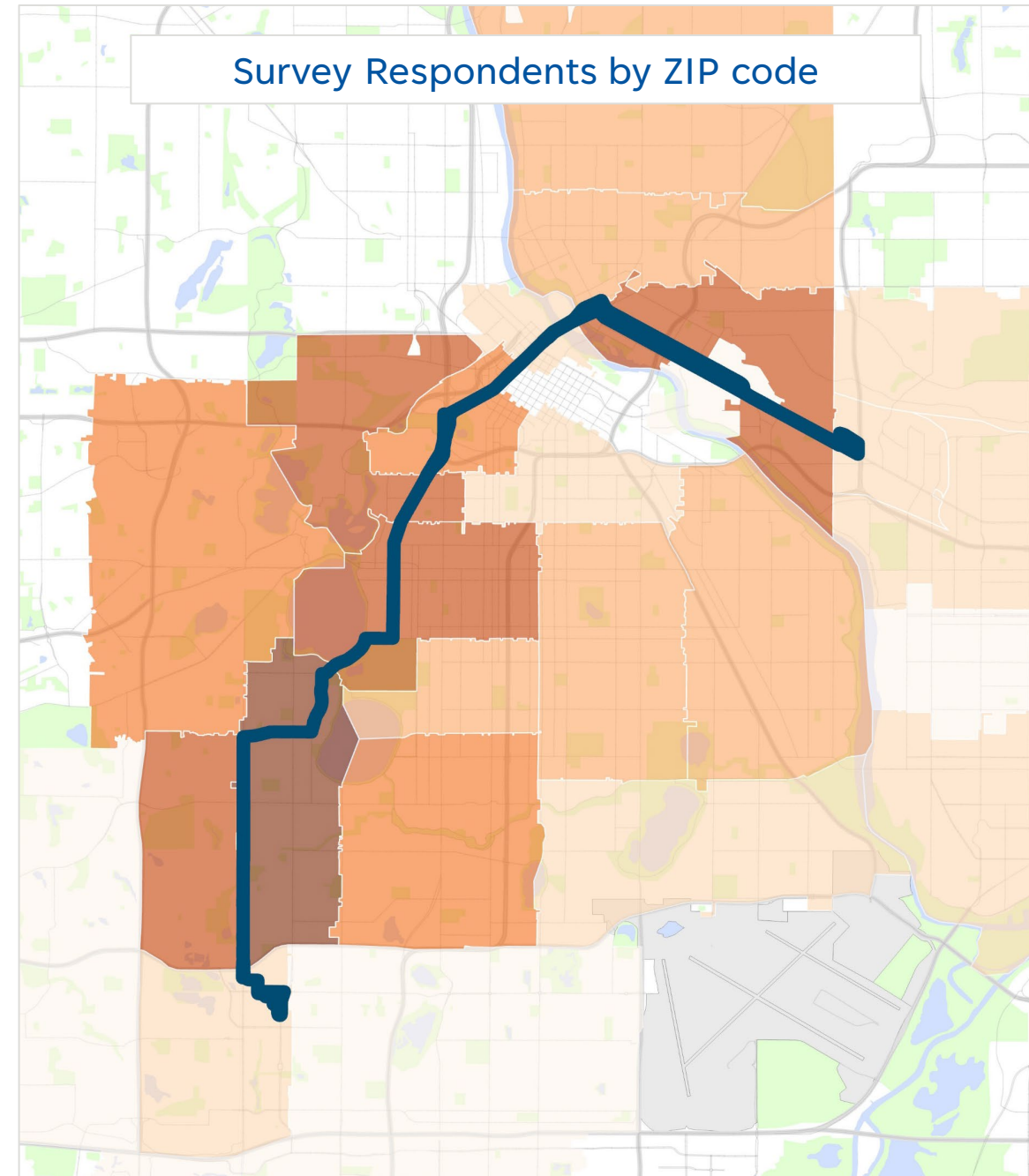
Corridor Plan Contents

- **Locations:** station intersections and locations of platforms within each intersection
- **Corridor context:**
 - Concept bus service plan
 - Priorities for bus priority treatments and bus only lanes to meet speed and reliability goals



Draft Corridor Plan Feedback Demographics

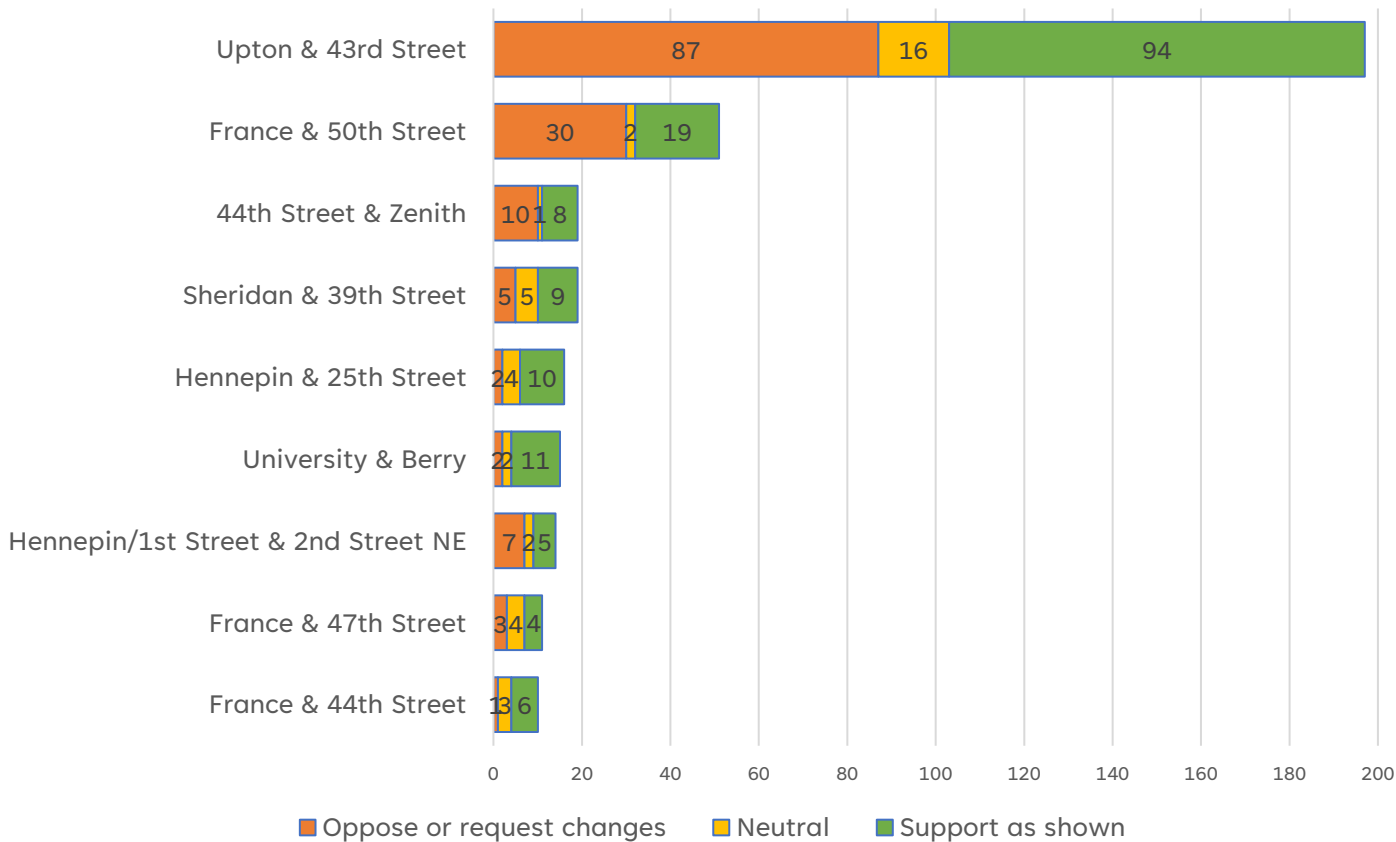
- 561 survey and email responses on Draft Corridor Plan
- Majority of survey respondents have home ZIP code within corridor
- Majority of survey respondents identify as white (86 percent)
- Majority of survey respondents have higher than average household incomes (55 percent over \$100k)
- Relatively wide distribution across age groups



Draft Corridor Plan Feedback

Individual station feedback

Stations receiving 10 or more comments

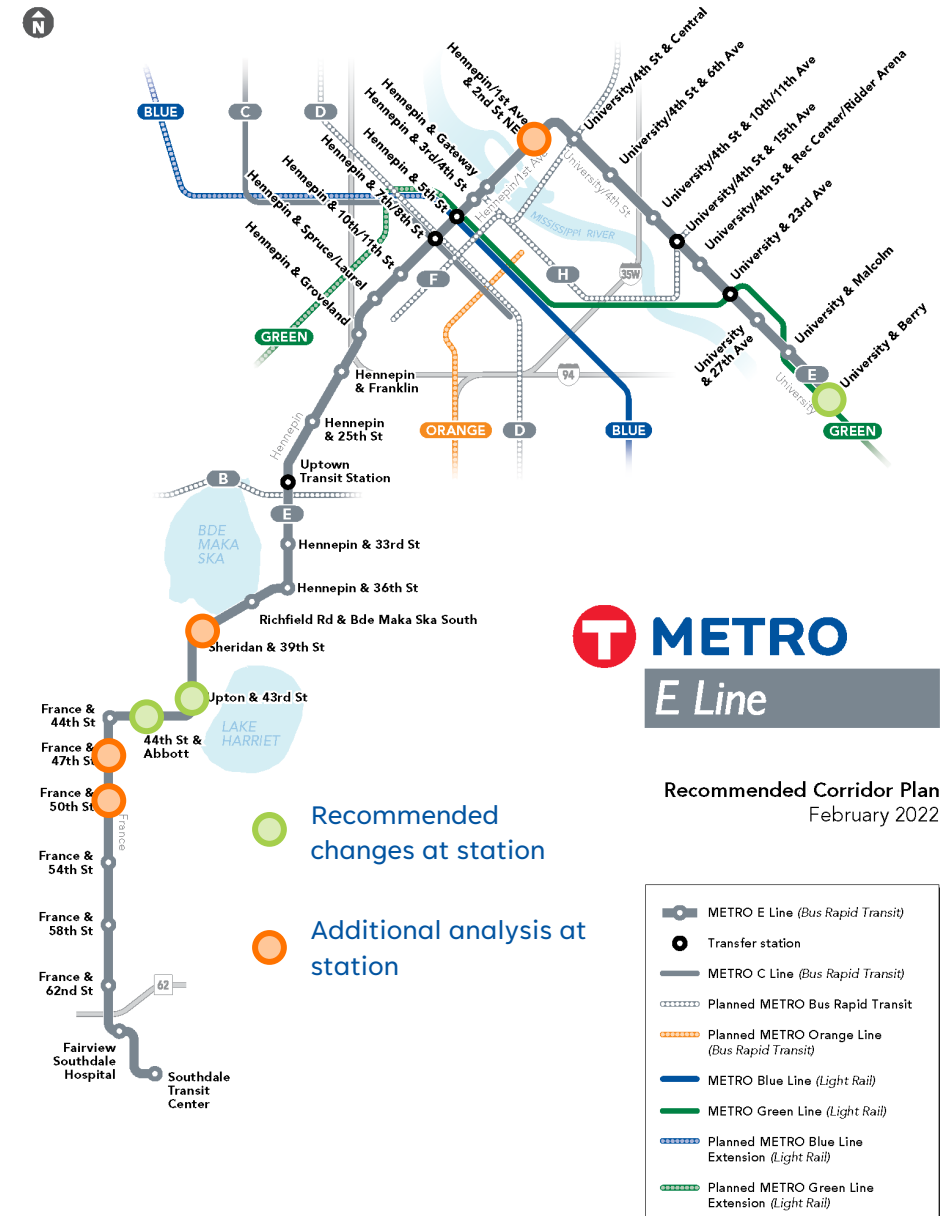


Overall key themes

- Support for improved transit access to key destinations
- Support for bus-only lanes and bus priority treatments
- Concerns about the scale of BRT stations and impact on character of surrounding area
- Concerns about the removal of on-street parking
- Concerns about the potential removal of trees
- Support for station designs that integrate protected bicycle facilities

Major Revisions From Draft Plan

- Recommended changes to three stations:
 - University & Berry: Shift northbound platform to Berry Street
 - Upton & 43rd Street: Shift southbound platform to northwest corner of intersection
 - 44th Street & Zenith: Shift station to Abbott Avenue
- Additional analysis of platform alternatives at several stations:
 - 1st Avenue NE & 2nd Street NE
 - Sheridan & 39th Street
 - France & 47th Street
 - France & 50th Street
- Responses to comments received regarding platform placement, including issues to address throughout engineering
- Expanded discussion of priorities for bus-only lanes and other bus priority treatments



Recommended Corridor Plan
February 2022

Recommended Corridor Plan Engagement

- Public comment period open **March 9 – April 8**
- Focus on reaching future E Line station neighbors
 - Door knocking, outreach at key bus stops and station locations
 - Partner with community organizations and neighborhood groups
- Corridor-wide engagement
 - Project website with key information and station concepts
 - Direct mailing (postcard)
 - Email to subscribers and Rider Alerts
 - Social media
 - Project fact sheets in Spanish, Somali, and Hmong



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