

### **METRO F Line - Draft Corridor Plan**

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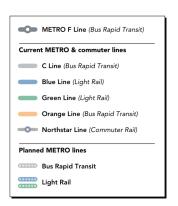


## METRO F Line Bus Rapid Transit from Blaine to Minneapolis

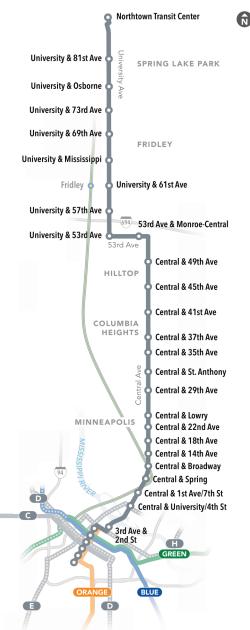
- Fast, frequent, all-day service
- 13-mile corridor from Northtown Transit
   Center to downtown Minneapolis
- Substantial upgrade to Route 10, one of the region's highest-ridership bus routes
- Approved for entry into the Project
   Development phase of FTA's CIG program
   under Small Starts
- Targeted opening in 2026



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### **Project schedule**

- F Line identified: March 2021
- Early project coordination: 2021 2022
- Corridor Plan
  - Release Draft Corridor Plan: October 2022
  - Recommended Corridor Plan (Council action to release for public comment): Spring 2023
  - Final Corridor Plan (Council action to approve): Summer 2023
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### **Draft Corridor Plan**

- Identifies station locations
- Early, important opportunity for community input
- Addresses key station location questions:
  - What intersections will have BRT stations?
  - In which quadrants (corners) of the intersections will the platforms be located?
  - How was the location determined?

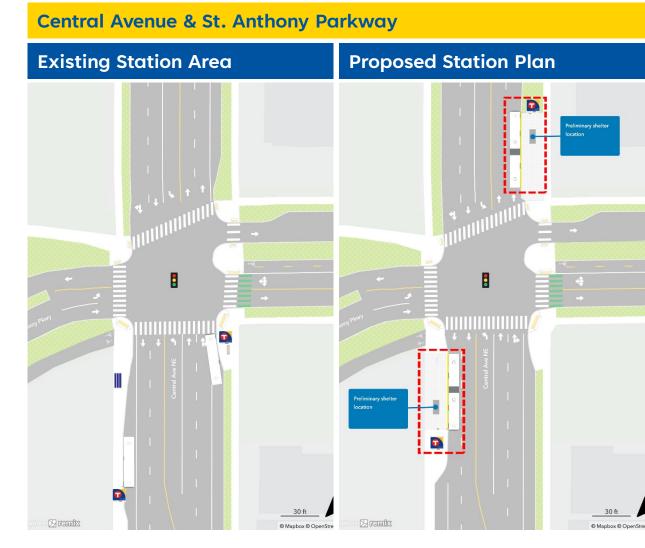
#### **Central Avenue & St. Anthony Parkway**





### **Draft Corridor Plan (cont.)**

- Proposed platform locations developed through site-specific review
- Concept designs will evolve and be refined through engineering and coordination
- Other planning issues (ongoing)
  - Project coordination with agency partners
  - Bus priority treatments
  - Supporting local service





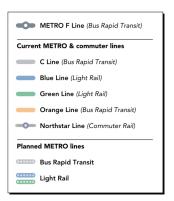
# F Line coordination with other projects

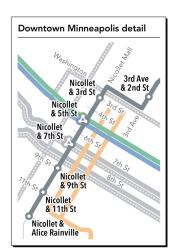
- MnDOT: Hwy 47 and Hwy 65 Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study
  - Evaluating broader alternatives for changes along the Hwy 47 (University Ave) and Hwy 65 (Central Ave) corridors
  - Close collaboration to support F Line and plan station locations that do not preclude future changes to the roadways from a future MnDOT project
  - Public engagement coordination
- Coordinating design with several other projects
  - From MnDOT, Hennepin and Anoka counties, and cities of Minneapolis, Columbia Heights, and Fridley

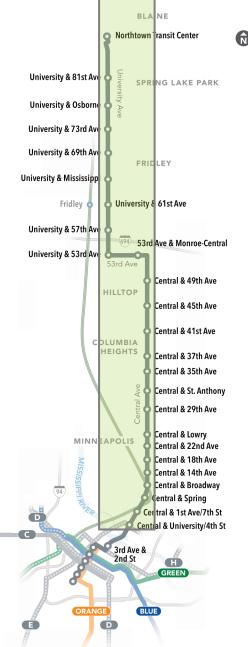


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PEL Study Area







### Public engagement

- Spring-fall 2022: Raised awareness about the project
- Public comment period: October 24 December 5
- Project website: metrotransit.org/f-line-project
  - Key project information
  - Draft Corridor Plan (full document)
  - Station concepts with surveys for feedback on specific stations
  - F Line Update newsletter sign-up
- Virtual open house: November 15, 6:30 p.m.



## Public engagement – additional strategies

- Direct mailing to all homes, businesses, and property owners along the corridor
- Door knock and distribute flyers to all homes and businesses near proposed station locations
- Meet Route 10 riders at stops and aboard buses
- Post signs with project information at Route 10 bus stops
- Email: Project newsletter, Route 10 Rider Alerts, Route 10 Go-To card users, Riders Club, etc.
- Distribute messages through local elected officials, cities, and partner agencies
- Partner with neighborhood, community, business, and advocacy groups
- Tabling at community events
- Social media
- Translation of documents in Spanish, Somali, Hmong, Oromo, and Arabic



Changes coming to Route 10 in 2026.

Metro Transit is planning F Line station locations.

#### **COMMENT NOW!**

metrotransit.org/F-Line-Project



Se avecinan cambios en la Ruta 10 en 2026. Metro Transit planea la ubicación de las estaciones de la línea F. ¡Comparta sus opiniones!

Isbeddelo ayaa ku imanaya Jidka 10 sannadka 2026. Metro Transit waxa ay qorshaynaysaa goobaha Saldhigga leen F. La wadaag ra'yi-celintaada!

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### Next steps and project schedule

- Release Draft Corridor Plan and seek feedback through December 5
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- Start of service: 2026



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