



# METRO G Line – Authorization to Release Recommended Corridor Plan for Public Comment

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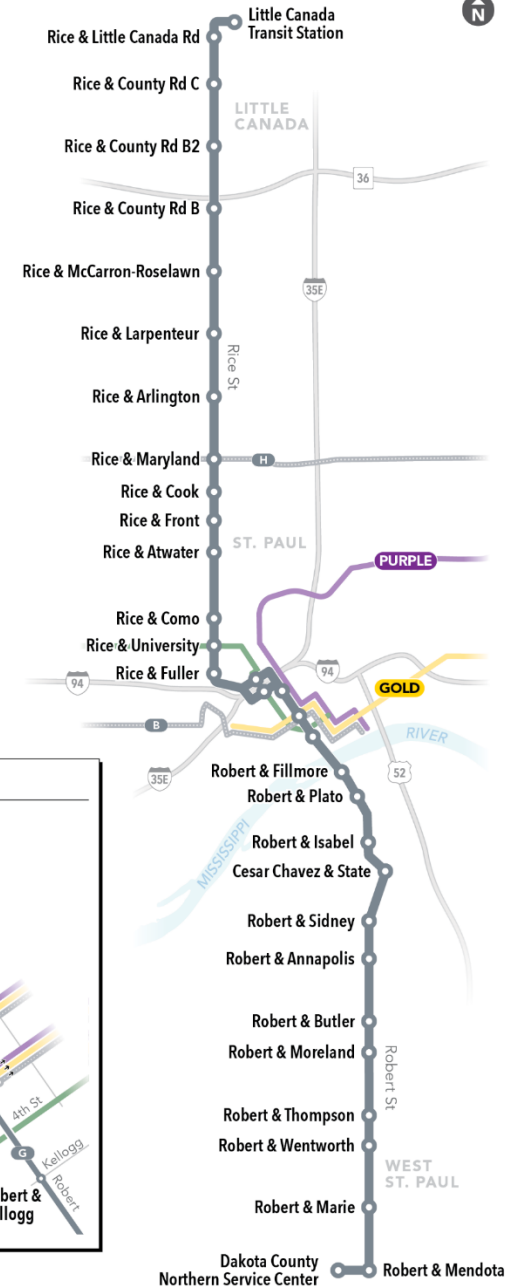
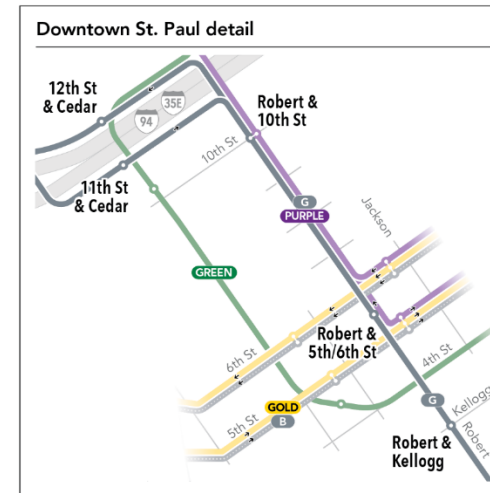
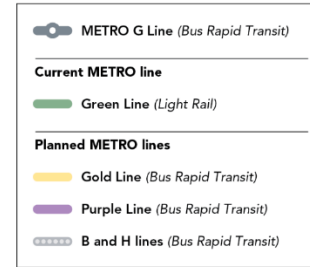
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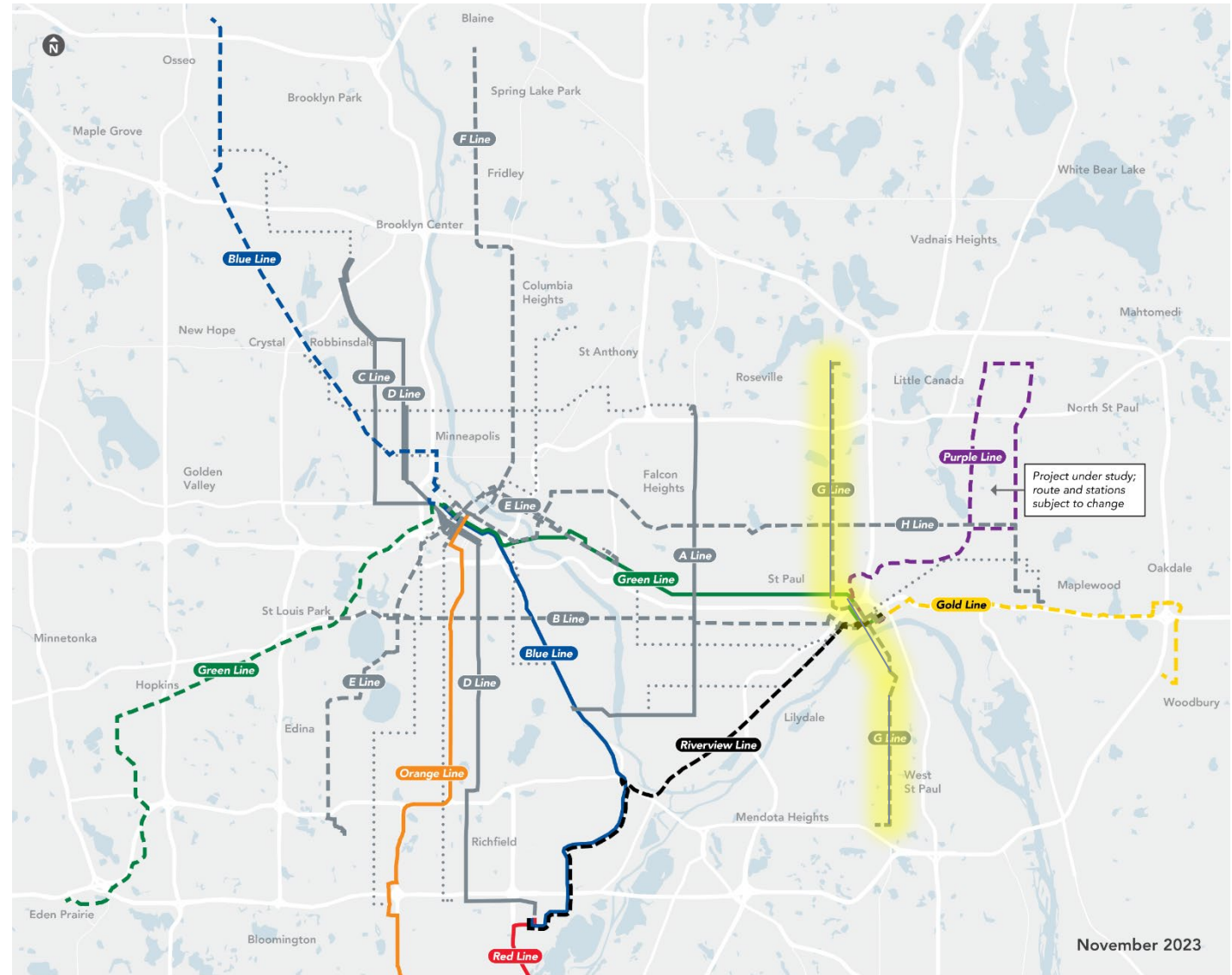
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# METRO G Line

- The METRO G Line will be an important link in the growing METRO network
- Fast, frequent, all-day service in an 11.5-mile corridor from Little Canada to West St. Paul
- The G Line will upgrade Routes 62 and 68 to become the main transit service in the Rice Street/Robert Street corridor



## Current METRO network

- A Line
- C Line
- D Line
- Blue Line
- Green Line
- Orange Line
- Red Line

## Planned METRO network

- - - Planned BRT
- ..... Additional candidates for BRT between 2030 and 2040
- Gold Line
- Purple Line  
*Project under study; route and stations subject to change.*
- Green Line Extension
- Blue Line Extension  
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- Riverview Line

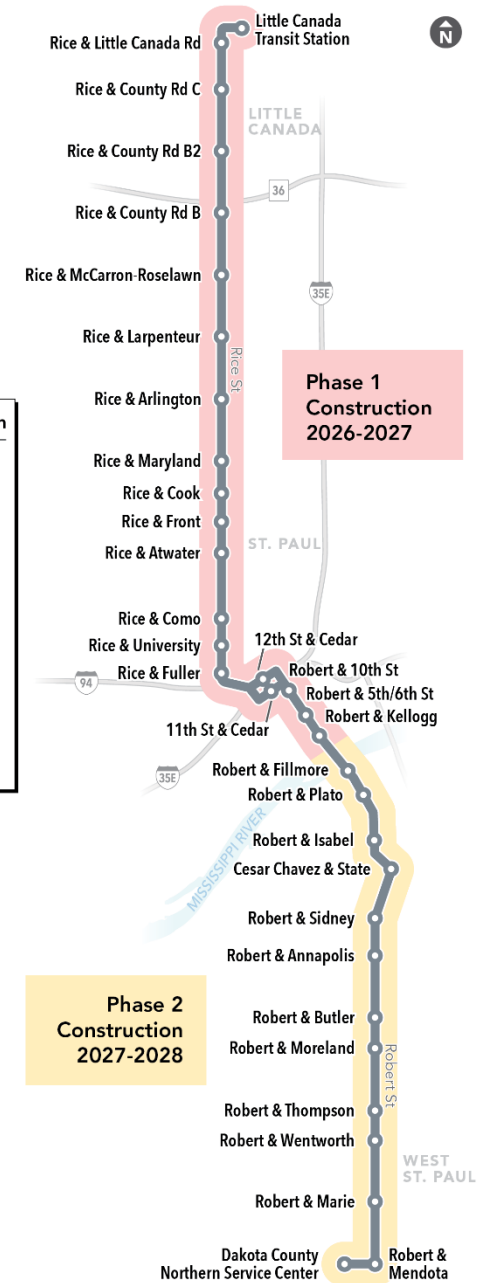
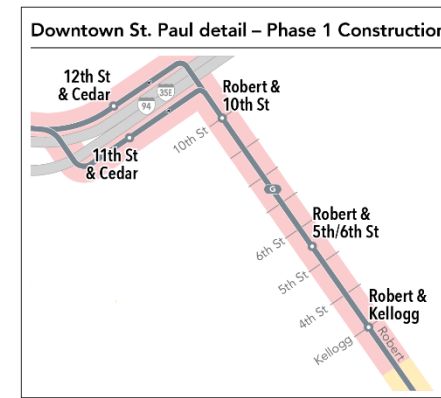
# G Line project phasing

- G Line construction will be coordinated with planned street projects, including MnDOT's Robert Street South reconstruction project in 2027-2028
- Plan to construct and open the G Line project in two phases
  - Phase 1 will include the north half of the corridor, including downtown St. Paul
  - Phase 2 will extend from downtown St. Paul to the Dakota County Northern Service Center
- The G Line Recommended Corridor Plan identifies station locations for both phases



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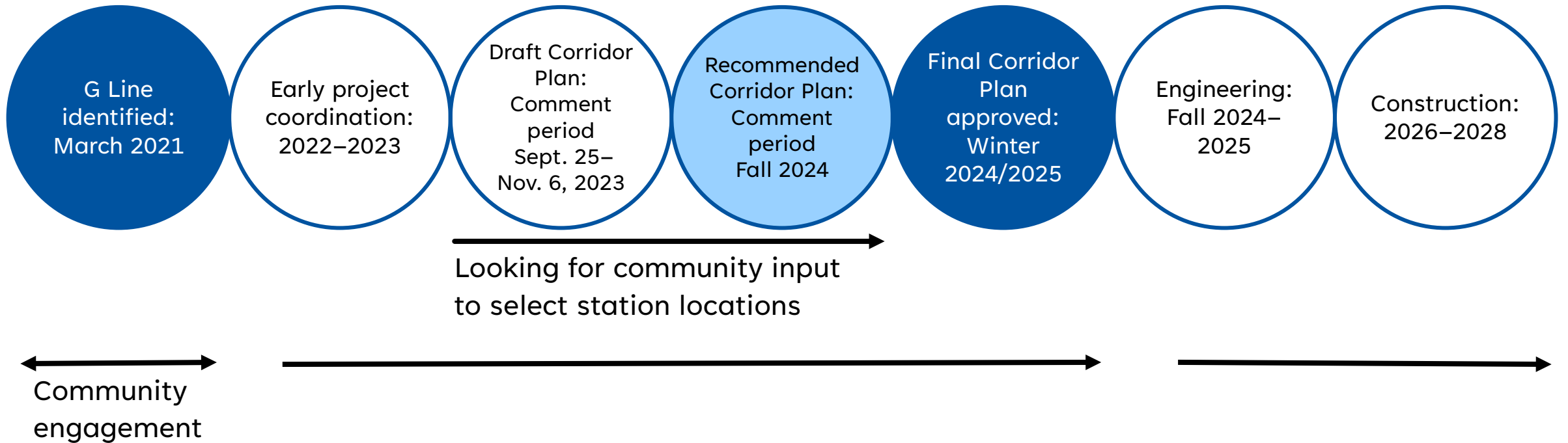
Subject to change



# Planned project schedule

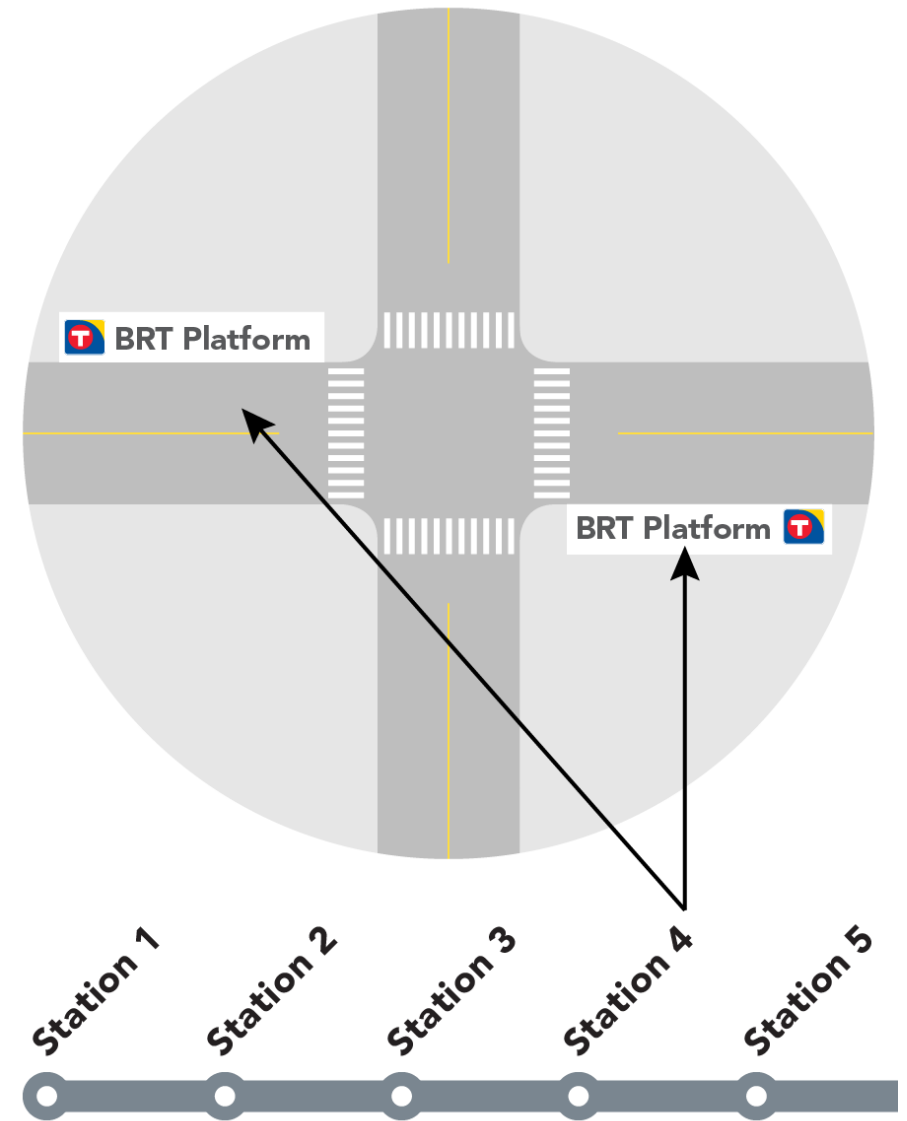
Planning phase

We are here



# What is included in the Corridor Plan?

- Proposed **station** locations
- Proposed **platform** locations within the station intersection
- Information about how proposed locations were determined
- Other planning considerations
  - Project coordination with agency partners
  - Bus priority treatments
  - Supporting local bus service



# Draft Corridor Plan engagement strategies

- Engagement along the corridor
  - Door knocked over 170 station neighbors
  - Over 400 interactions at 15 community events
  - 87 signs posted at Route 62 and Route 68 bus stops
  - 32,804 postcards sent to residents, businesses, and property owners
- Virtual engagement and communications
  - 919 G Line project subscribers received updates
  - 58,969 Go To card users received email communications
  - 1 virtual open house



**Bus rapid transit service coming to Rice St. and Robert St.**

**COMMENT BY NOV. 6**  
[metrotransit.org/g-line-project](https://metrotransit.org/g-line-project)



**ESPAÑOL**  
Los autobuses de tránsito rápido llegarán a Rice Street y Robert Street. Envíe sus comentarios antes del 6 de noviembre.

**HÀNGQB**  
Txojkev Rice Street thiab Robert Street yuav muaj cov npav khiav ceev. Thob qhia seb nej xav li cas ua ntej 11Hli tim 6.

**SOMALI**  
Bus rapid transit ayaa imaanaya Rice Street iyo Robert Street. Fadlan ka bixi faaladaada kahor Nofeembar 6.

**AFGAANI OROMOO**  
Tajaajili geejjiba atoobisii saffisaa ta'ee gara Rice Street fi Robert Street dhufaa jira. Yaada keessan hanga Onkoloolessa 6tti nuuf kennaa.

**TIENG VIET**  
Dịch vụ chuyên chở xe buýt nhanh sắp có tại Rice Street & Robert Street. Vui lòng cung cấp nhận xét của quý vị chậm nhất vào ngày 6 tháng 11.

**ကရင်**  
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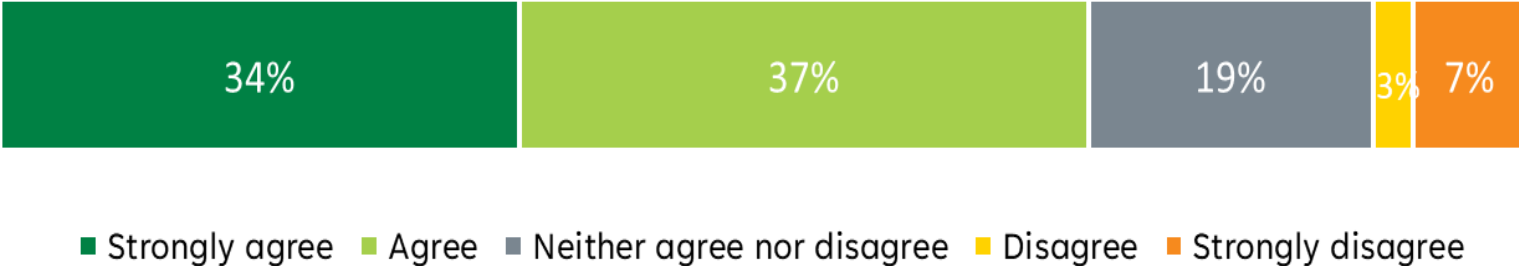
# Strong support for the G Line

- 320 survey responses
- **78%** of respondents like the G Line project
- **71%** of respondents will use the G Line when it opens

I like the G Line project



I will use the G Line when it opens

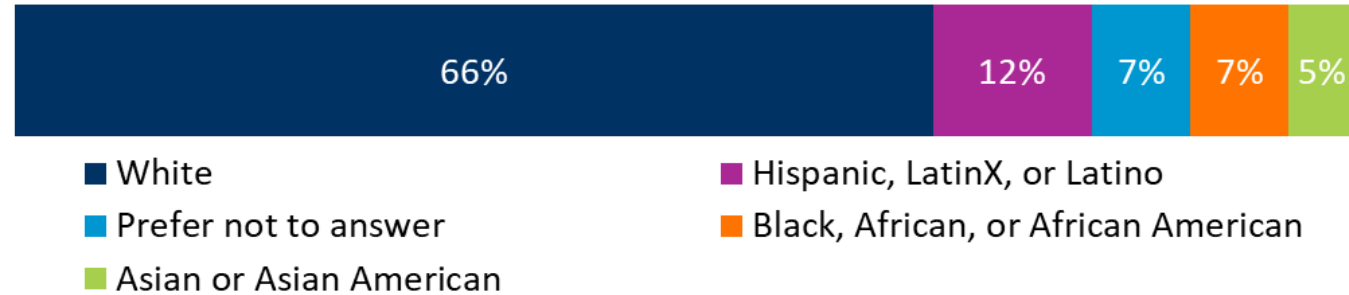




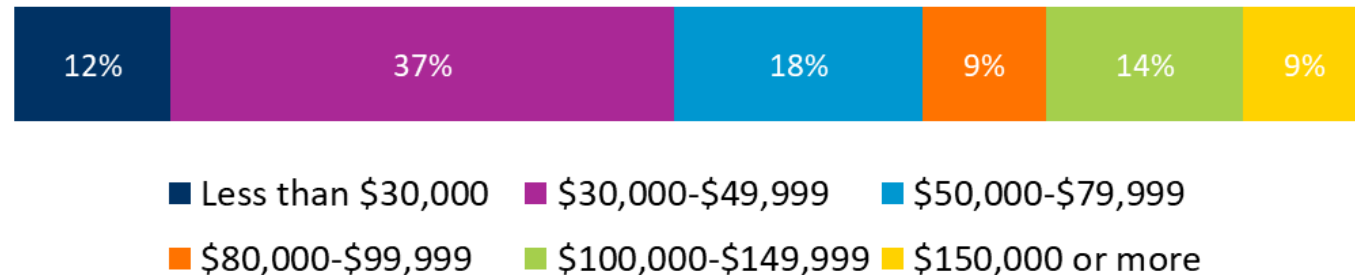
# Draft Corridor Plan feedback

- Majority of survey respondents:
  - Use Metro Transit at least a few times a week or every day (60 percent)
  - Have home ZIP code within corridor (65 percent)
  - Identify as white alone (66 percent)
  - Have lower than average household incomes (77 percent under \$100k)
- 36 percent identify as having a disability

Race, ethnicity and/or origin



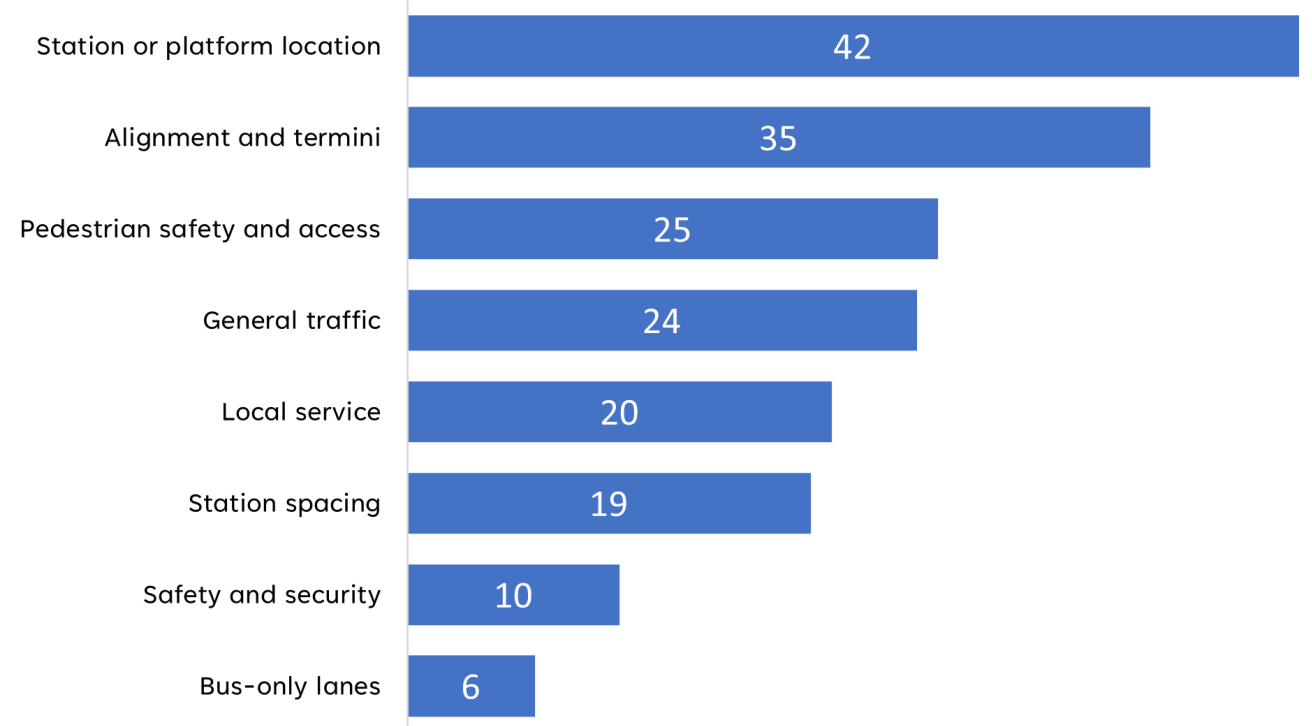
Household income in 2022



# Engagement themes

- Feedback about all station and platform locations along the G Line corridor
- High interest in several specific station and platform locations
- Requests to change or extend the planned G Line alignment
- Interest in pedestrian and traffic safety in the corridor

Top Themes from Written Survey Responses



# Revisions from Draft Corridor Plan

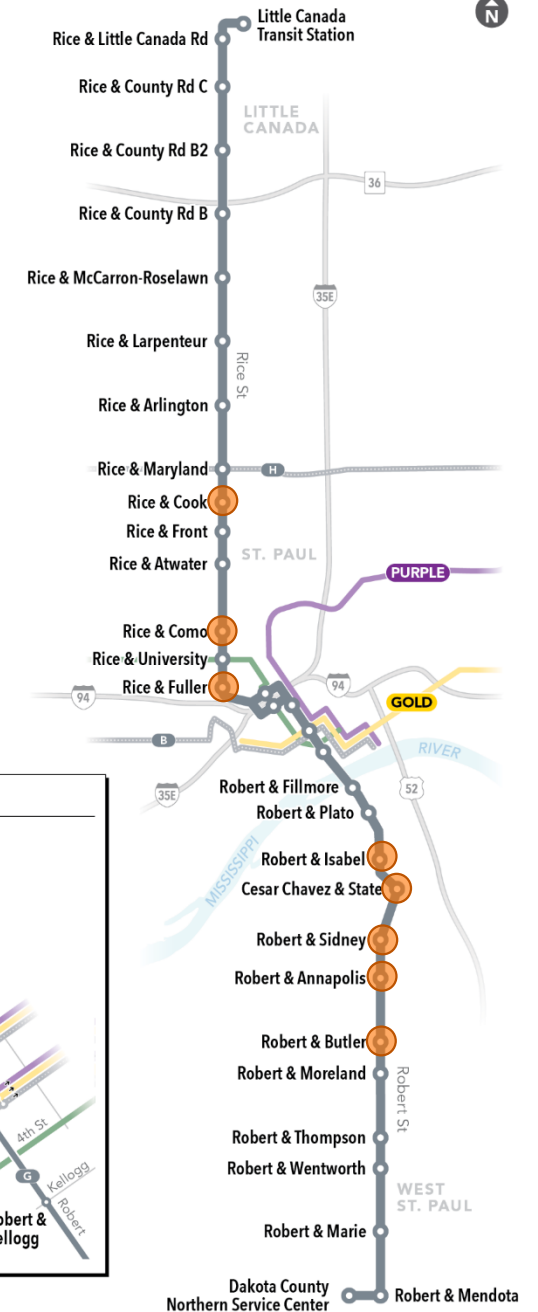
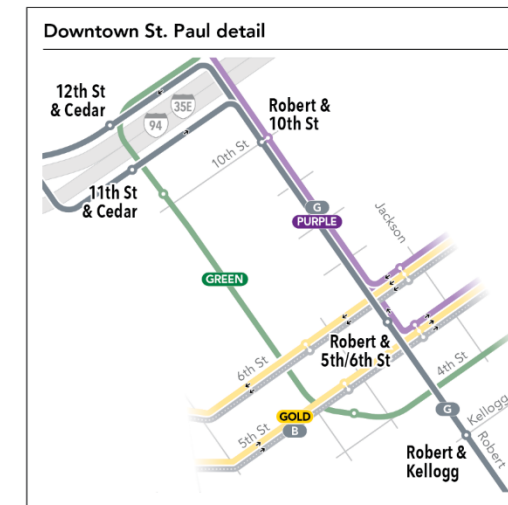
- Stations with additional analysis but no recommended changes:
  - Rice & Como (within Rice Street Capitol Area Redesign project)
  - **Cesar Chavez & State**
  - **Robert & Butler**
- Stations with recommended changes:
  - Rice & Cook (within Rice Street Visioning project)
  - Rice & Fuller (within Rice Street Capitol Area Redesign project)
  - Robert & Isabel (within Robert Street South project)
  - **Robert & Sidney** (within Robert Street South project)
  - Robert & Annapolis (within Robert Street South project)



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Additional analysis and response to feedback



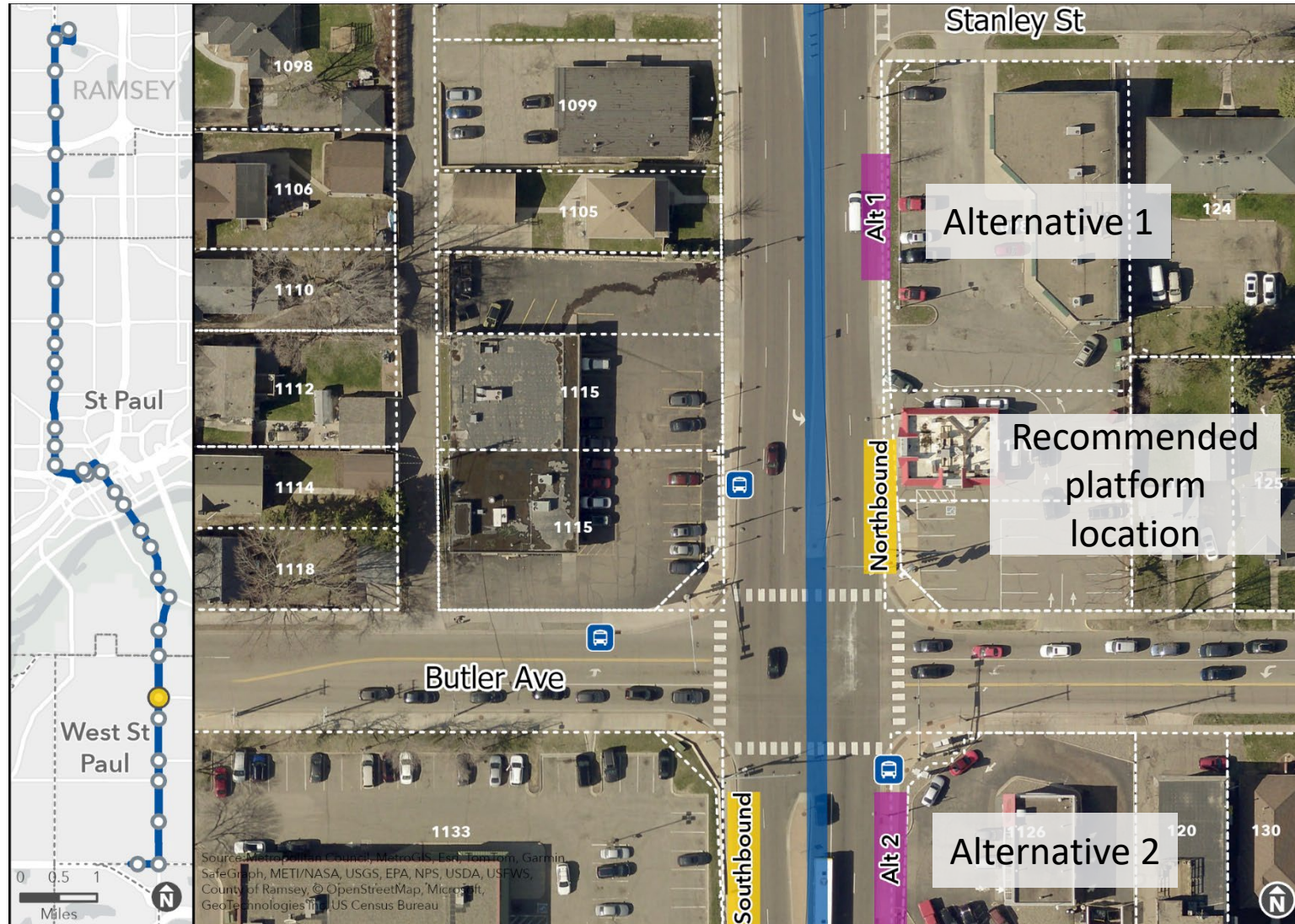
# Cesar Chavez & State

- During engagement, heard business owner feedback about southbound platform
  - Cited public safety and the loss of 3-4 parking spaces
- Evaluated alternative southbound platform locations with City of St. Paul
  - Pedestrian crossing
  - Design feasibility
  - Potential replacement of parking spaces
- Staff recommends retaining nearside platform location



# Robert & Butler

- During engagement, heard business owner feedback about northbound platform
  - Cited platform maintenance and reducing traffic crashes
- Evaluated alternative northbound platform locations with agency partners
  - Pedestrian crossing
  - Design feasibility
  - Design options to limit impact to business
- Staff recommends retaining farside platform location



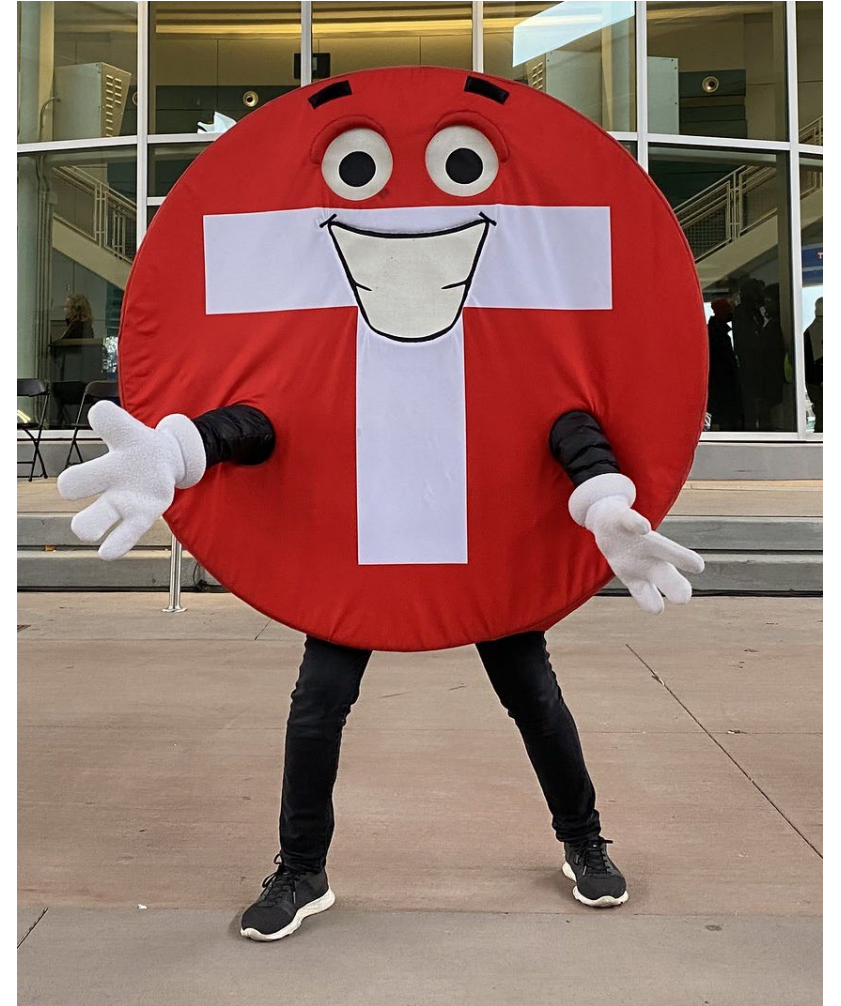
# Robert & Sidney

- The proposed station location in Draft Corridor Plan was at Robert & Curtice
- The Recommended Corridor Plan proposes station at Robert & Sidney
- This station is within MnDOT's Robert St South reconstruction project
- MnDOT is exploring changes to Robert St:
  - Removal of the traffic signal on Curtice St
  - Improved pedestrian crossing at Sidney St
  - Closure of the driveway in SW corner of intersection



# Recommended Corridor Plan public engagement

- Council action to release plan starts 30-day public engagement period
- Public comment period: **September 25 – October 25**



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