The project goal is to identify a single community-supported route by the end of 2021.

These routes provide opportunities to deliver a light rail project that maximizes community benefits and connects people to jobs, education, healthcare and other key destinations.

Three unique areas in the corridor for the Blue Line Extension have been identified (shown on map). The routes shown represent the best apparent options to extend the METRO Blue Line Extension based on previous community input, technical considerations and past project work.
A potential station study area is a location where the project is considering a station for the light rail.

**How were these potential station study areas determined?**
- Previously planned stations
- Stakeholder and community input
- Key destinations
- Transit connections
- 1/2 to 1 mile spacing
- Overall number of stations

**NOTE:** The total number of stations has not been determined, meaning some potential station locations may be consolidated or eliminated.

**How will these potential station study areas be studied?**
These stations will be studied with regards to the project principles and goals, public engagement, and engineering requirements. Some additional considerations may include population and jobs, available right of way, and existing and future land use.
The Blue Line Extension project would reduce the number of vehicle travel lanes on Bottineau Blvd (County Road 81) in Crystal from six lanes to four lanes in order to accommodate the tracks.

How would this impact traffic operations on Bottineau Blvd (County Road 81)?

Based on traffic modeling completed for this project, reducing Bottineau Blvd (County Road 81) to four travel lanes, two in each direction, and adding LRT would not result in substantial additional traffic congestion or delays.

Why are we proposing reducing travel lanes on Bottineau Blvd (County Road 81)?

- To make room for the light rail guideway without widening the overall width of the public right-of-way
- To balance the many transportation needs and modes along the corridor
- To support city, county, and state sustainability goals to lower greenhouse gas emissions and reduce vehicle miles traveled
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1. 63rd Ave on Bottineau Blvd in Crystal
2. Bass Lake Rd and Bottineau Blvd in Crystal
3. 41st Ave on Bottineau Blvd in Robbinsdale
4. Near North Memorial on Bottineau Blvd in Robbinsdale

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Existing Land Use
- Single Family Detached
- Multifamily and Single Family Attached (Town Homes, Duplex’s etc.)
- Retail and Other Commercial
- Office
- Mixed Use Residential
- Mixed Use Industrial
- Mixed Use Commercial and Other
- Industrial and Utility
- Institutional
- Park, Recreational or Preserve
- Major Highway
- Railway
- Airport
- Undeveloped
- Water

These maps represent previously identified destinations. For more information about station area destinations and other data visit the Hennepin County Blue Line Extension Route Options Community Contact map.
EXISTING

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CONCEPT

This visualization represents how light rail could fit in Crystal along Bottineau Blvd (County Road 81). This picture uses the typical width of the roadway at this location.

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These visualizations show a vehicle overpass at Bass Lake Road with an at-grade station.

- Bottineau bridges over Bass Lake Road
- At-grade light rail station

Safe pedestrian access to the station is a priority and will be designed with further input from the public.