



METRO H Line Draft Corridor Plan

Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee | April 1, 2026



H Line identification history

- 2019-2021: Network Next established the next three BRT lines (F, G, and H lines)
 - Four step process evaluated 19 candidate corridors, narrowed down to identify three
 - Multiple technical evaluation and engagement periods between Fall 2019 and Spring 2021
- March 2021: Como/Maryland corridor identified as the METRO H Line and adopted by the Metropolitan Council
- H Line subsequently adopted into the regional Transportation Policy Plan

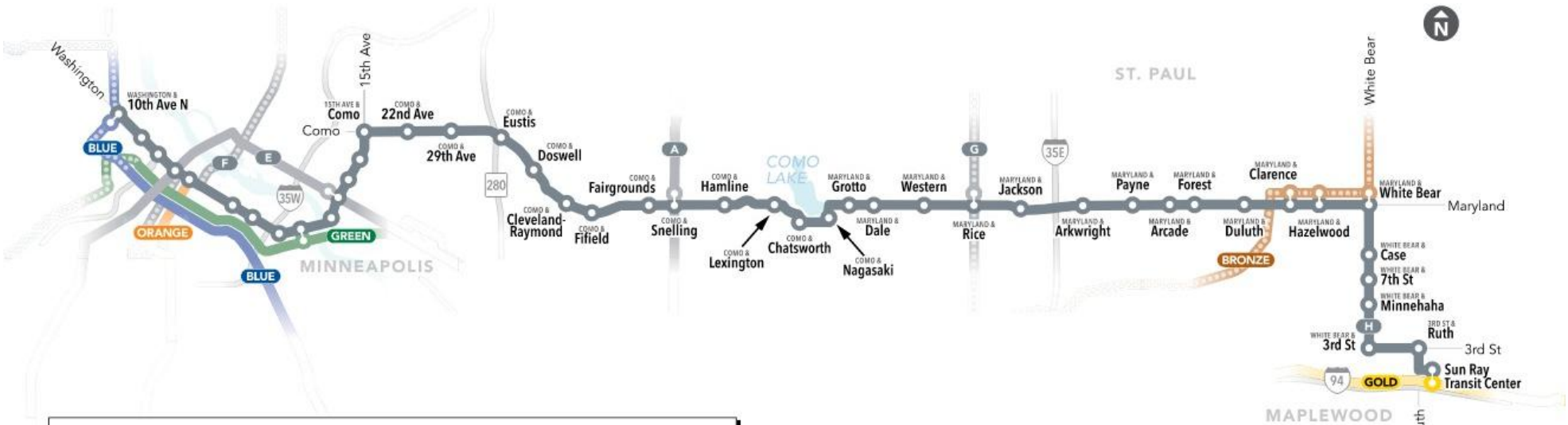
METRO H Line

- 8th arterial BRT line in the METRO network
- Downtown Minneapolis to Sun Ray Transit Center on Saint Paul's East Side
- New crosstown service filling a gap along Maryland Ave
- Connects to existing and Planned METRO lines
 - A Line, E Line, Green Line, and Gold Line
 - Future F Line, G Line, Bronze Line, and Blue Line Extension

H Line route overview

- Fast, frequent, all-day service
- 17-mile BRT line
 - Primarily on Washington, Como, Maryland, and White Bear avenues
- 45 proposed BRT stations
 - 3 shared with Bronze Line on Maryland Avenue
- Planned to upgrade and replace existing Route 3, with modifications to other routes

H Line corridor map



METRO H Line (Bus Rapid Transit)

Current METRO lines	Planned METRO lines
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A and E lines (Bus Rapid Transit) Blue Line (Light Rail) Green Line (Light Rail) Gold Line (Bus Rapid Transit) Orange Line (Bus Rapid Transit) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> F and G lines (Bus Rapid Transit) Blue Line Extension (Light Rail) Green Line Extension (Light Rail) Bronze Line (Bus Rapid Transit)

A faster, more reliable ride

- 2-3 stations per mile for less stopping and faster trips
- Near-level curb for faster and more accessible boarding
- Fares paid before getting on the bus
- All door boarding for quicker stops
- Transit signal priority to keep buses moving
- Faster, frequent, all-day service

An improved experience at the station and on the bus



A: Pylon Markers

B: Real-time NexTrip signs w/ on-demand audible announcements

C: Shelters

D: Ticket machines & fare card readers

E: Emergency telephone

F: Trash and recycling containers

G: Textured warning strip

H: Platform is dark gray concrete pattern

I: Benches

J: Bike parking

H Line project schedule (subject to change)

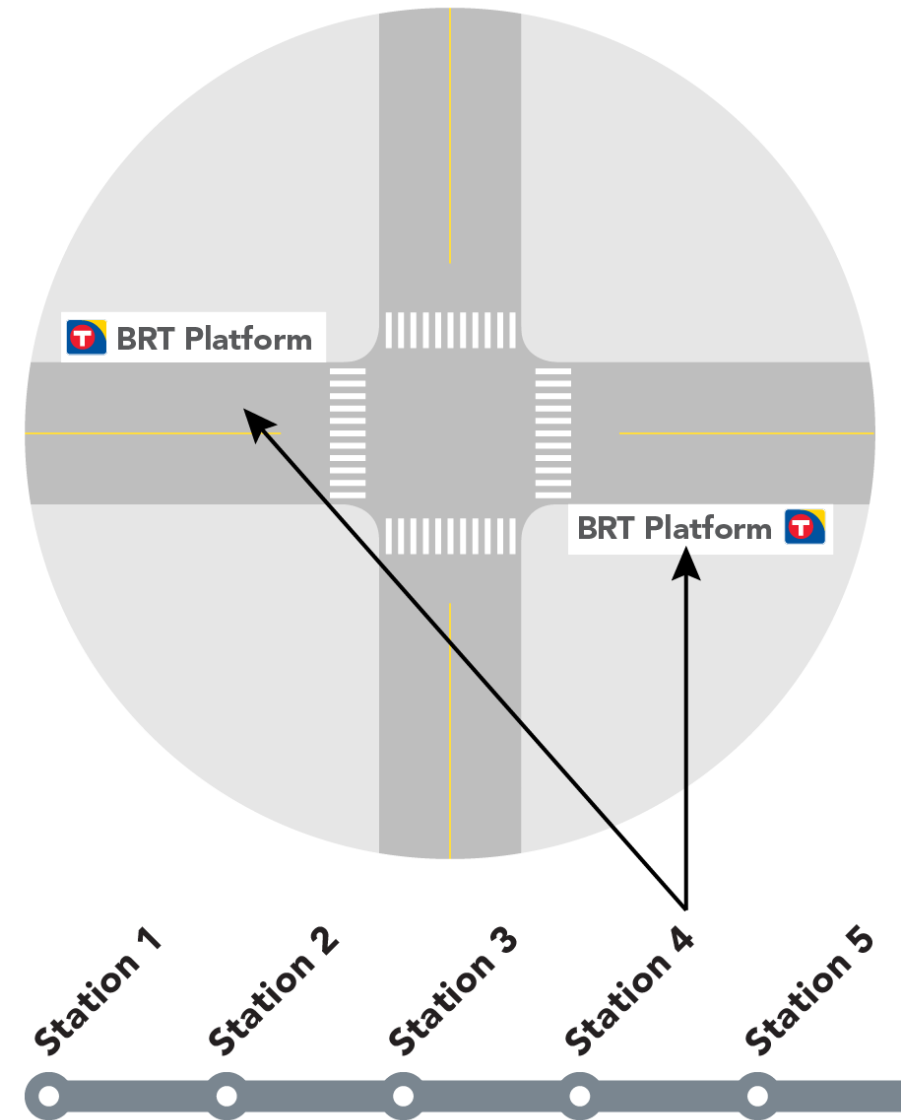
- H Line identified: March 2021
- Early project coordination: 2024-2026
- Draft Corridor Plan: Comment period Mar. 23 – May 4, 2026
- Recommended Corridor Plan: Comment period August 2026
- Final Corridor Plan approved: Fall 2026
- Engineering: 2026-2027
- Construction: Starting 2028

Planning phase – focus is on station locations

- Identify, evaluate, and finalize **station and platform locations**
- **Corridor Plan** establishes policy basis for H Line station locations
- **Engage riders and the public**
 - Share information about the project and how to participate
 - Collect input and feedback to shape the contents of the Corridor Plan
- Gather input and coordinate with agency and public partners
 - Saint Paul, Ramsey County, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, MnDOT, U of M, MPRB

What is included in the Corridor Plan?

- Proposed **station** locations
- Proposed **platform** locations within the station intersection
- Information about how and why proposed locations were determined



Draft Corridor Plan proposed station and platform locations

- Station **concepts** illustrating platform locations in context
- Coordinated project information
- Station and platform **designs** will be finalized during the engineering phase (2026-2027)

Draft Corridor Plan public comment period

- **6-week public comment period:**
March 23 – May 4
- Preceded by several months building awareness about the project
 - Community spaces, events, and neighborhood organizations
 - In-reach with Metro Transit operators
- Survey used as primary tool for collecting input – online and paper versions

Public engagement strategies

Our goal is to collect feedback via online and in-person surveys

- Engage riders on buses and at bus stops
- Postcard mailed to all homes, businesses, and property owners along the corridor
 - Followed by supplemental letter with more detailed information to neighbors nearest stations
- Targeted door knocking
- Lawn signs and flyering
 - In several languages

Project partners

Collaboration with: Hennepin County, Ramsey County, City of Minneapolis, City of St. Paul, University of Minnesota, and Minneapolis Park and Rec Board

- Blue Line Extension
- Washington Ave Bikeway Project
- Como Ave SE Corridor Improvements
- Maryland Ave Corridor Study
- Bronze Line
- White Bear Ave Corridor Study
- Reconstructing all non-compliant curb ramps at every quadrant of every station location

Corridor Plan next steps

- This is the first of two public comment periods
- Public comment period #2: August – September 2026
- Final corridor plan approved: Fall 2026

Help us plan H Line station locations

- metrotransit.org/h-line-project
- Review the **Draft Corridor Plan** and share your feedback
 - Complete our survey
 - HLine@metrotransit.org
- Comment by **May 4**
- Sign up for the H Line Update newsletter

