



Arterial BRT Plan Update – Recommendations

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Agenda

- Arterial BRT Plan Update Process Recap
- Recommendations following Step 4: Prioritization
- Next Steps

1. IDENTIFY
Spring 2025

2. SCREEN
Summer 2025

3. EVALUATE
Fall 2025

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4. PRIORITIZE
Winter 2025/26

Arterial BRT within the bus network

Coverage

Ridership

Demand-responsive

Suburban local

Urban local

Arterial BRT



2 or more
passengers per service hour

10 or more
passengers per service hour

15-20 or more
passengers per service hour

25 or more
passengers per service hour

2050 Transportation Policy Plan Productivity Guidance

Varies

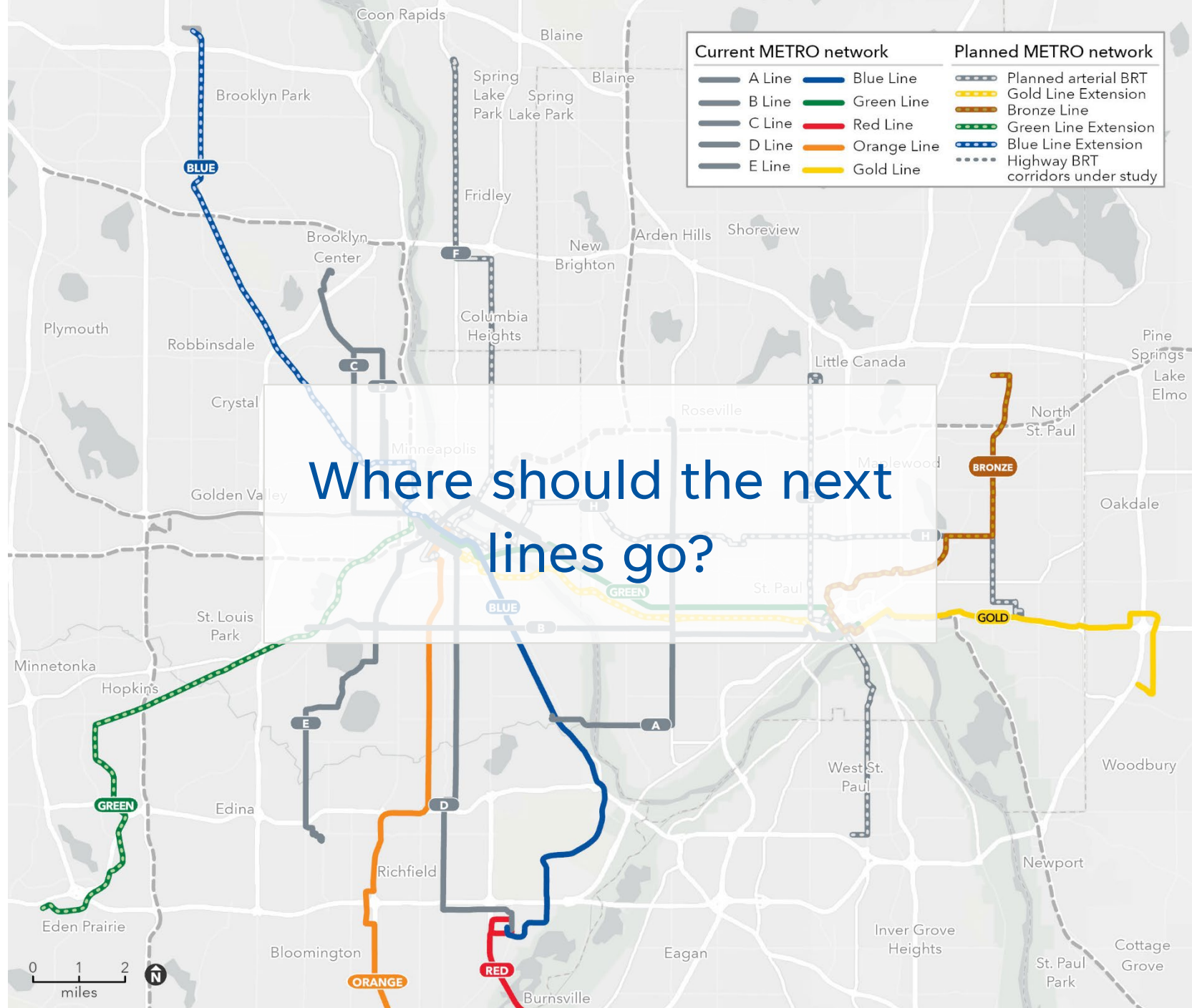
Market Areas 2, 3, 4

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2025 ABRT Plan Update

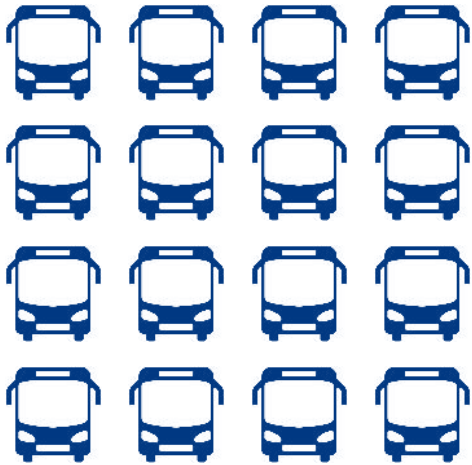
- Identify the next three arterial BRT lines:
 - J Line, K Line, and L Line
 - Planned to open between 2030 and 2035
 - J Line to be submitted to 2026 Regional Solicitation



Four-step 2025 plan update process

1. IDENTIFY Spring 2025

Identify large set of candidate corridors for consideration for arterial BRT



2. SCREEN Summer 2025

Conduct simple screening to narrow consideration to most promising corridors



3. EVALUATE Fall 2025

Perform detailed technical evaluation of corridors and rank by technical score



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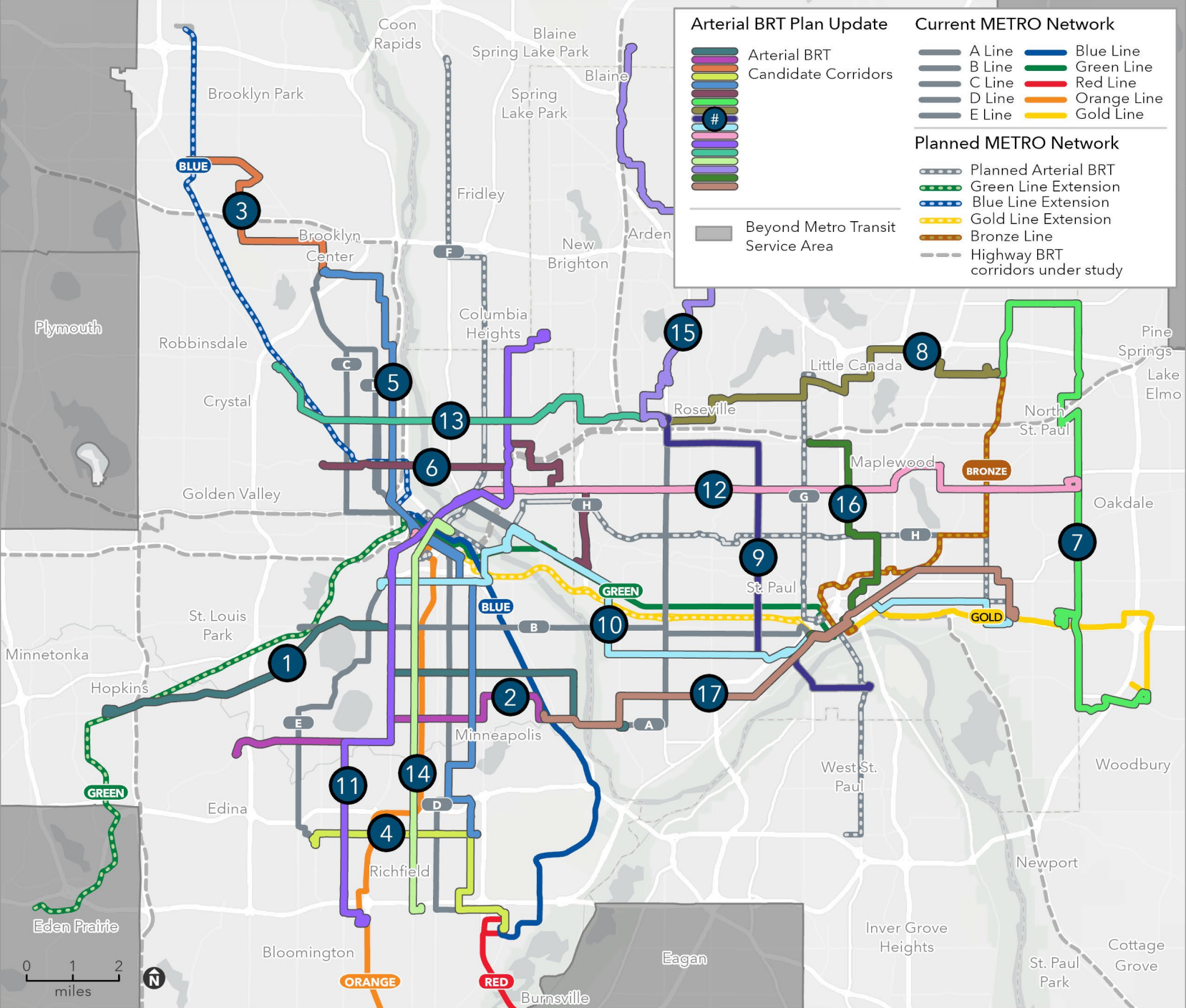
4. PRIORITIZE Winter 2025/26

Apply technical evaluation and readiness criteria to prioritize next three lines



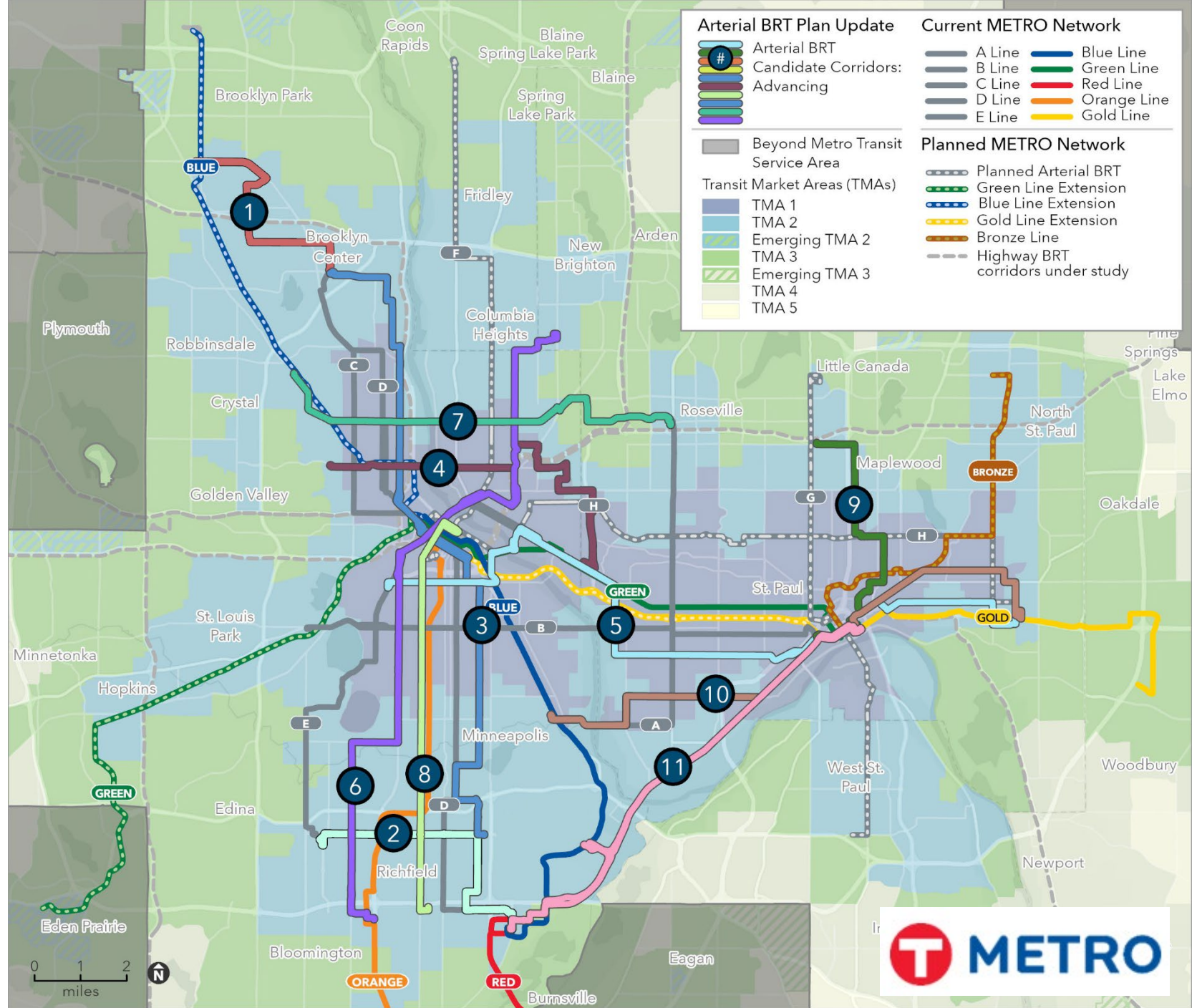
Step 1: Identify Candidate Corridors (March 2025)

- 17 candidate corridors for consideration
- Screening criteria applied to narrow to corridors to advance for evaluation

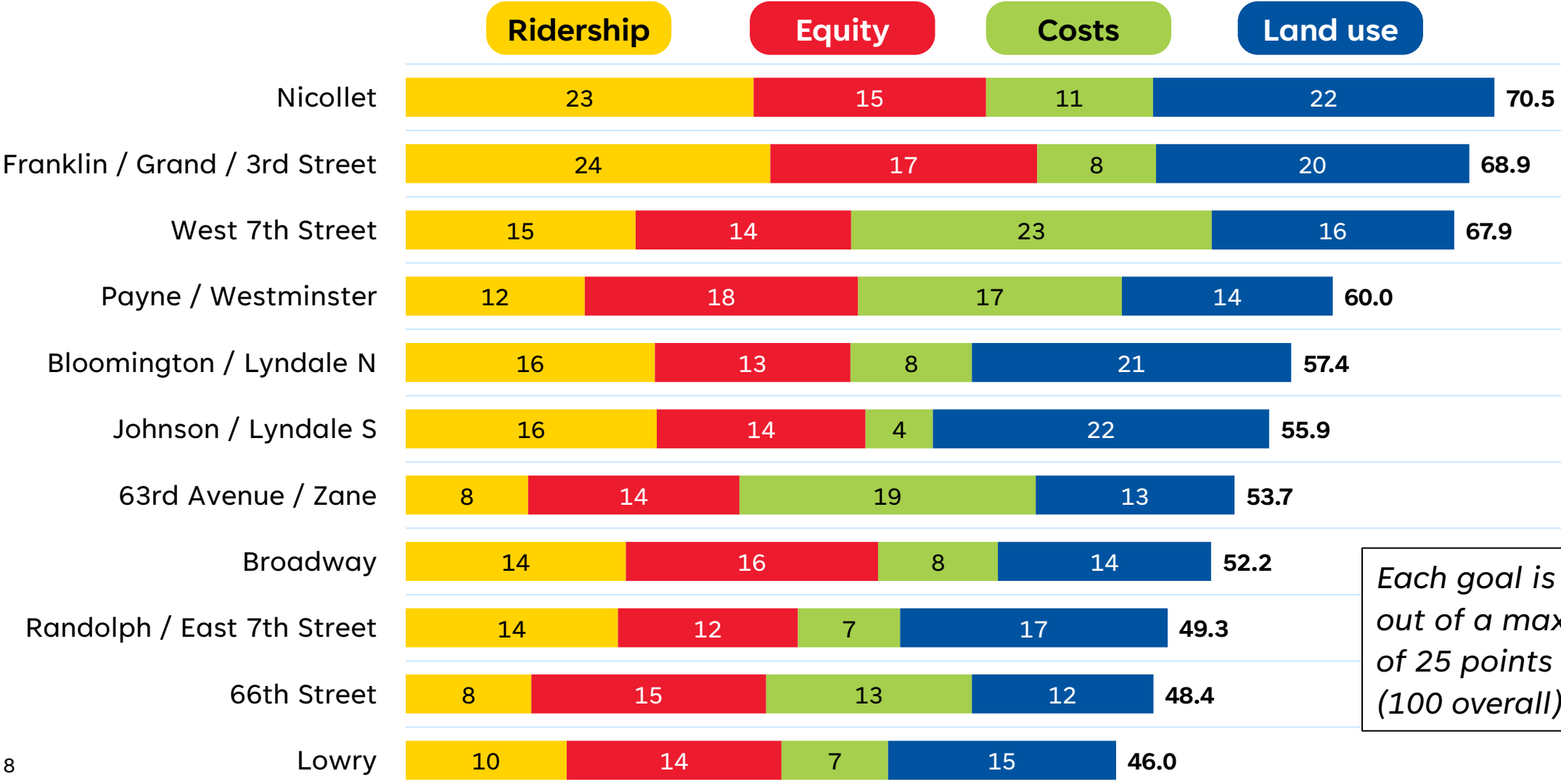


Step 2: 11 Advanced Corridors for Evaluation (July 2025)

1. 63rd Avenue / Zane
2. 66th Street
3. Bloomington / Lyndale N
4. Broadway
5. Franklin / Grand / 3rd Street
6. Johnson / Lyndale S
7. Lowry
8. Nicollet
9. Payne / Westminster
10. Randolph / East 7th Street
11. West 7th Street (added)



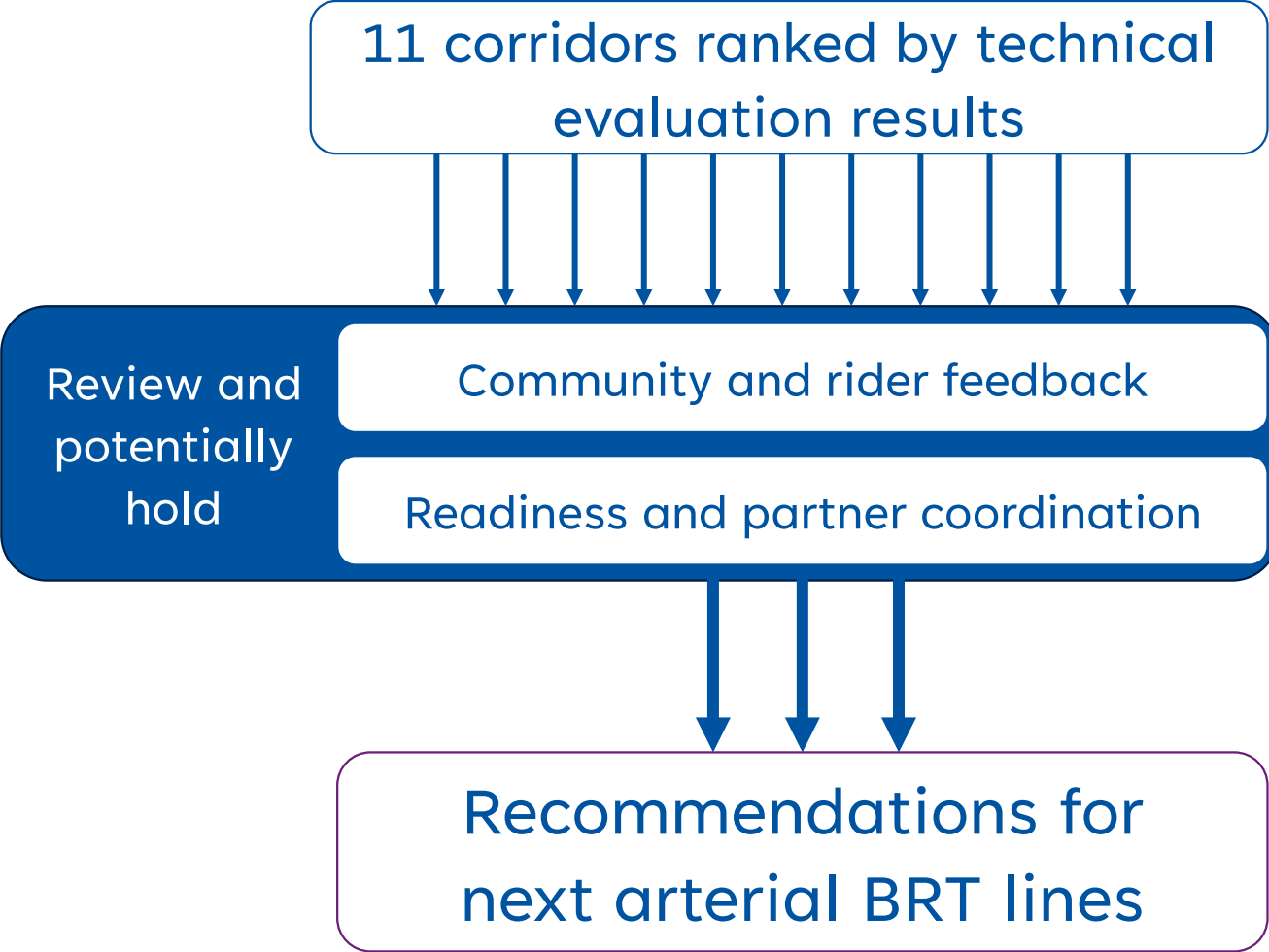
Step 3: Technical Evaluation Results (November 2025)



Each goal is scored out of a maximum of 25 points (100 overall)

Step 4: Prioritization

- Prioritize the next arterial BRT lines from the 11 advanced corridors
- Prioritization based on:
 1. **Technical evaluation** results (Step 3)
 2. Community and rider **feedback**
 3. **Readiness** considerations and agency **partner coordination**

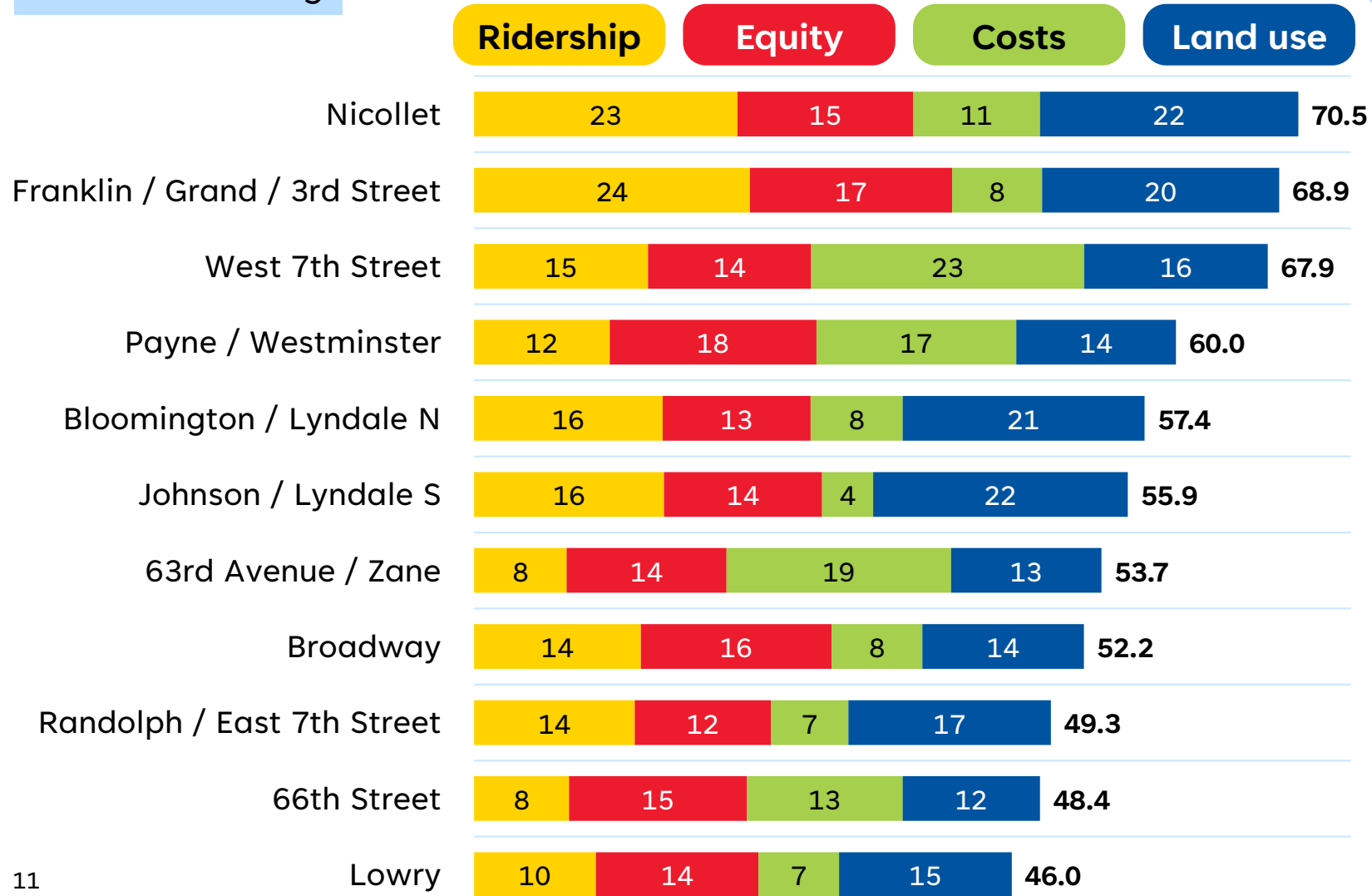


Readiness considerations and partner coordination

- Assess each **corridor for readiness** for implementation:
 - How **compatible** are **current and future roadway** conditions with arterial BRT infrastructure and service?
 - How well does each corridor fit within the **existing and planned transit network**?
 - Are there major unanswered questions about the **arterial BRT corridor alignment**?
- Coordinate with agency partners (cities, counties, MnDOT) on **timing of future roadway projects**
 - Align planned arterial BRT projects and planned or programmed roadway projects
 - Efficiently deliver major infrastructure investments
 - Avoid future delays in BRT implementation

Recommendations at a glance

Technical scoring



Recommendation

Advance as K Line

L Line candidate; study needed

Advance as J Line

Do not advance

Study south half: C Line ext

L Line candidate

Study: C Line ext

Do not advance

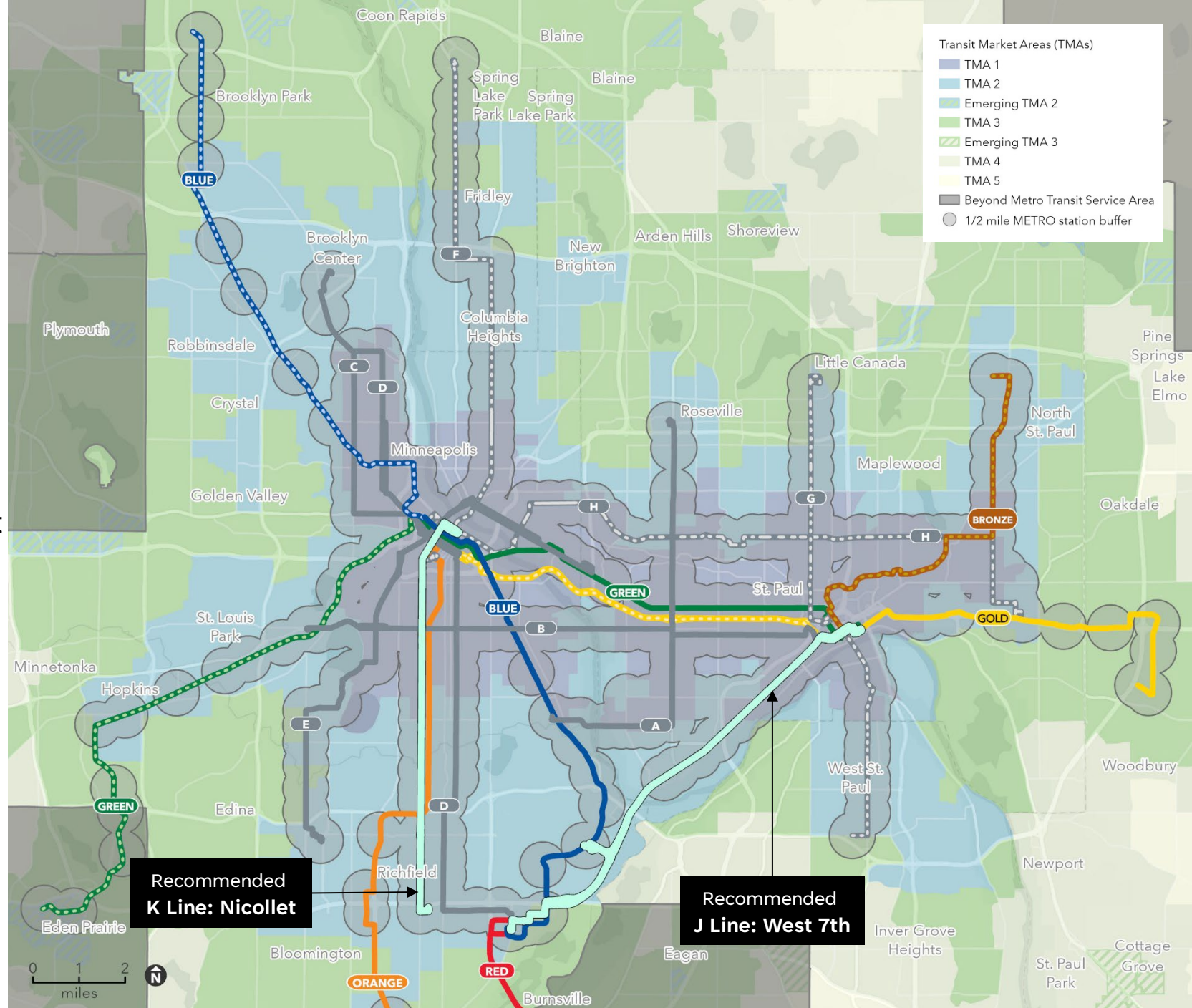
L Line candidate

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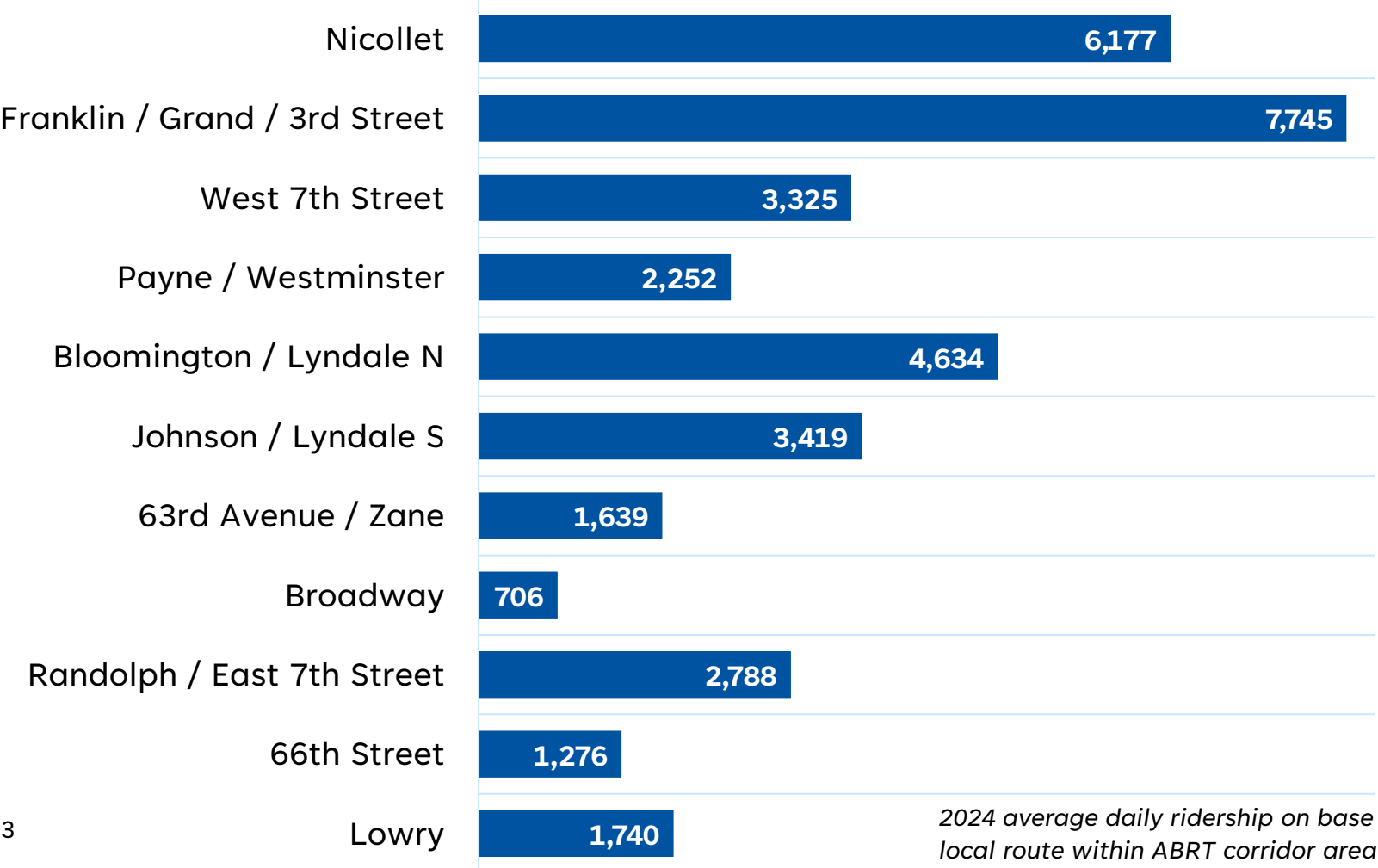
Recommendations

- **J Line: West 7th Street**
- **K Line: Nicollet Avenue**
- Complete additional study in 2026 **before identifying the L Line:**
 - Answer key questions about feasibility of Franklin / Grand / 3rd Street corridor
 - Following corridor study, recommend L Line from three candidate corridors
- Complete feasibility study of C Line extensions (north and/or south) on separate path



Current local ridership by corridor

Current local average daily ridership



2024 average daily ridership on base local route within ABRT corridor area

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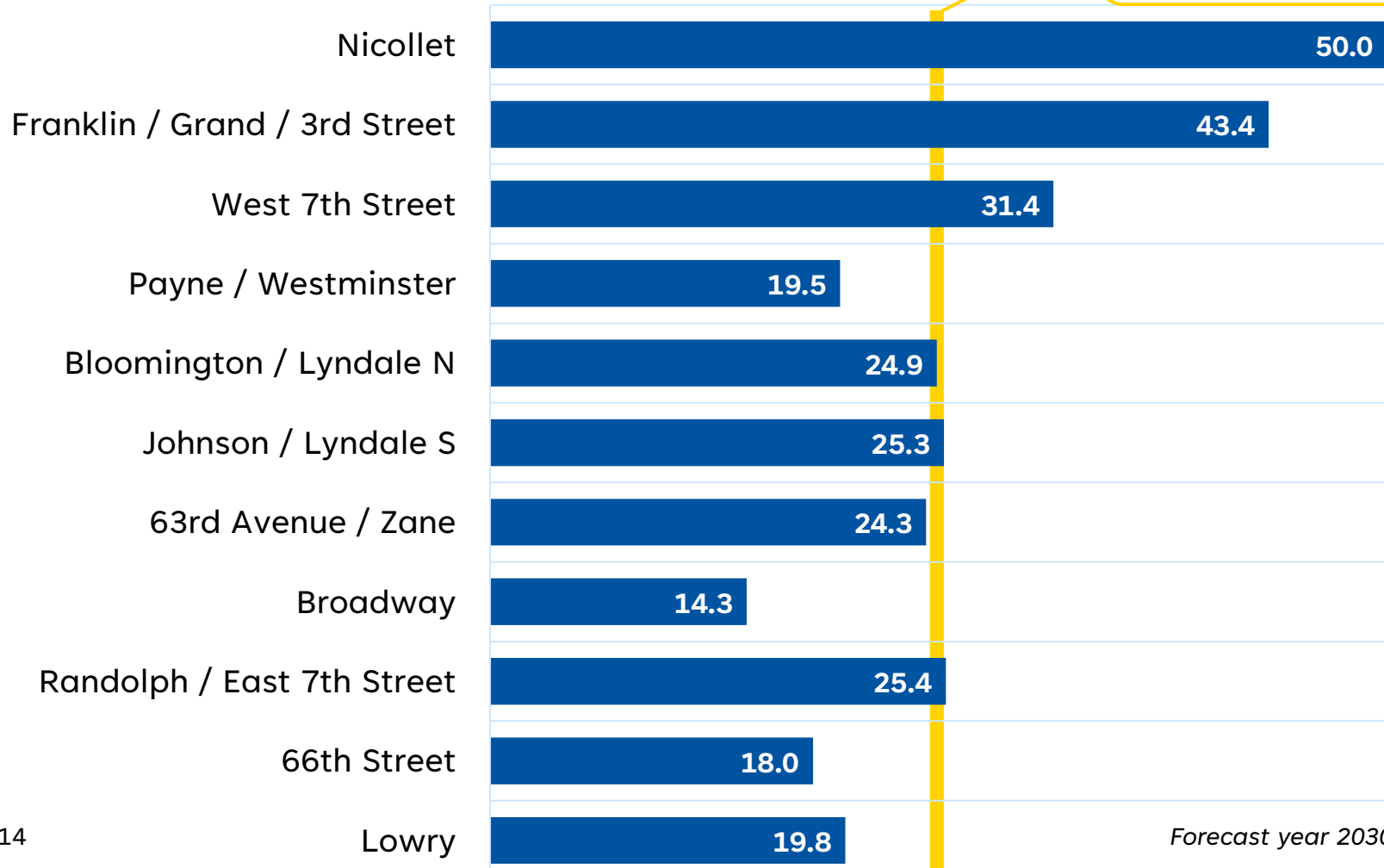
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Forecasted productivity by corridor

Forecasted Passengers / Service Hour (Productivity)

2050 TPP Guidance:
25 or more
passengers / service hour

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Forecast year 2030

Timeline for Arterial BRT Plan Update next steps

- February/March 2026: Business item recommending J Line and K Line for Council adoption
- Spring 2026: Submit J Line (West 7th Street) for 2026 Regional Solicitation
- Spring 2026: TPP amendment to include J Line and K Line
- Spring 2026: Initiate Franklin / Grand / 3rd corridor study
- Late 2026: Recommend L Line following completion of additional corridor study