

The METRO D Line

Faster transit is coming to the Route 5 corridor.

Construction of the METRO D Line bus rapid transit (BRT) project is scheduled to begin in spring 2021. The D Line will substantially replace Route 5 with faster, frequent, and all-day service. This 18-mile line will connect neighborhoods and destinations in Brooklyn Center, Minneapolis, Richfield, and Bloomington. Bus rapid transit is a package of transit enhancements that adds up to a faster trip and an improved experience.

The D Line will help deliver more equitable service in a corridor that has the region's highest ridership, even during the pandemic. One in four households on the corridor doesn't own a car and relies on transit to get to work, play, and run errands.

A faster trip

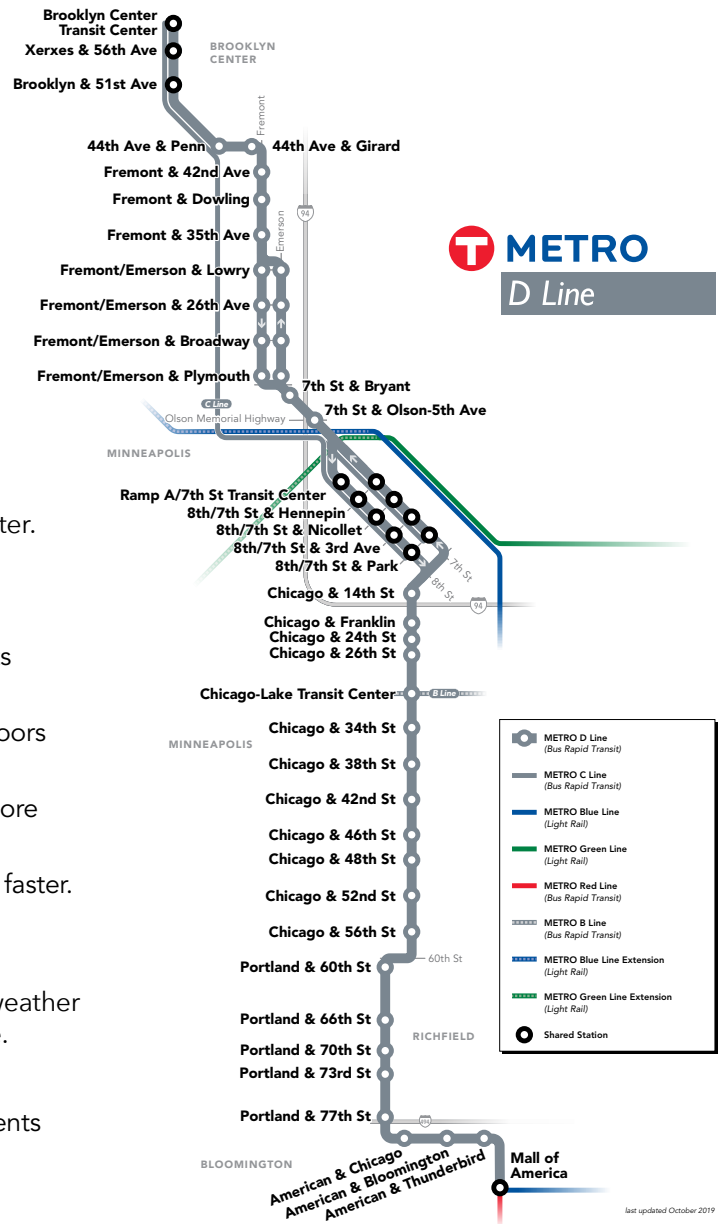
The goal of the D Line is to make service approximately 20% faster. Here's how:

- Buses make fewer stops, significantly speeding up travel time.
- Ticket machines at stations allow customers to purchase tickets before boarding with cash or credit.
- Low-floor buses and raised curbs at stations, plus wider bus doors and boarding from the front and back, speed up boarding.
- Extending the curb at stations saves time; buses can merge more easily into traffic after serving a station.
- Signal priority allows buses to move through traffic lights a bit faster.

Improved transit experience

Enhanced shelters at BRT stations provide protection from the weather and a safe, comfortable and convenient customer waiting space. Features include:

- Real-time NexTrip signs with on-demand audible announcements
- Shelter lighting and push-button heating
- Containers for garbage and recycling
- Security cameras and emergency telephones
- Benches and bike parking





Metro Transit thanks residents, businesses and customers for their patience as crews work to get the D Line ready for an anticipated launch in late 2022. Construction may have periods of street closures and detours, sidewalk closures, and intermittent noise. People should anticipate the following impacts:

- Route 5 and other bus routes will be detoured at different points during the project.
- Construction at each intersection will generally include new road and sidewalk sections, changes to traffic signals and installation of new BRT shelters and other station features. Some locations will also include utility work.
- Intersections may be fully closed for up to one month with additional lane restrictions for longer time periods. Outreach staff will communicate with residents, business and property owners within one block prior to construction starting at each station location.
- Sidewalk access will be maintained on at least one side of construction zones at all times.
- Pedestrian access to homes and businesses will be provided.
- Crews will install underground conduit for a fiber optic network along the length of the whole corridor to link technology at stations.

Construction along 44th Avenue in north Minneapolis and at 60th & Portland in south Minneapolis will be coordinated with street construction projects led by Hennepin County:

- Webber 44: hennepin.us/webber-44
- Portland Bike Gap: hennepin.us/portlandave-crosstown

Stay informed

- For general project information: metrotransit.org/d-line-project
- For the latest information on bus route detours, sign up for Rider Alerts at metrotransit.org/alerts.
- For the latest information on construction, sign up for D Line update emails at bit.ly/3vqh6ev.



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