

METRO G Line- Recommended Corridor Plan

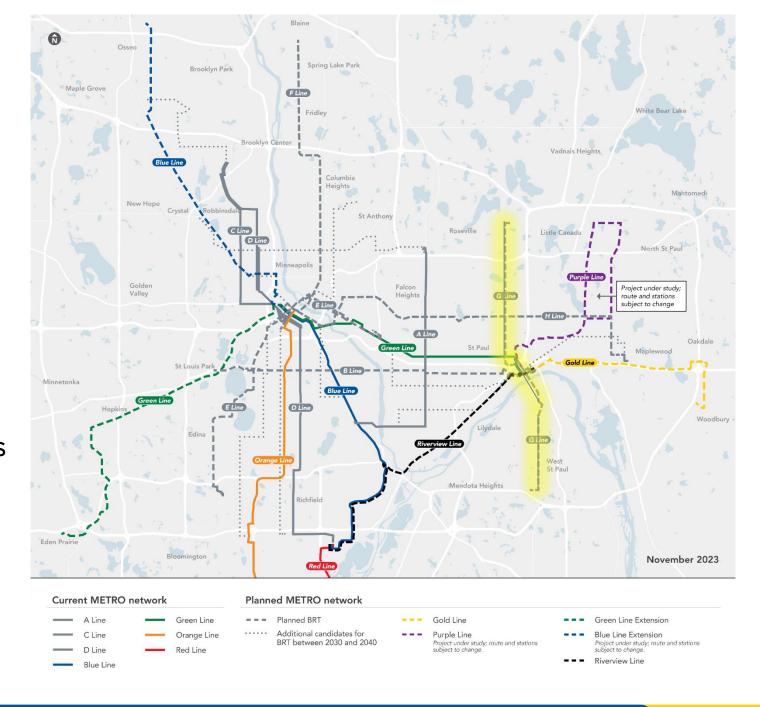
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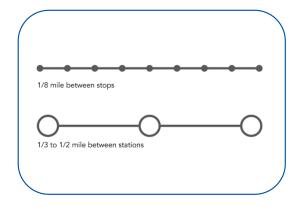


METRO G Line

- 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



How is arterial BRT different from local bus service?



2-3 stations per mile



Comfortable stations



Off-board fare payment



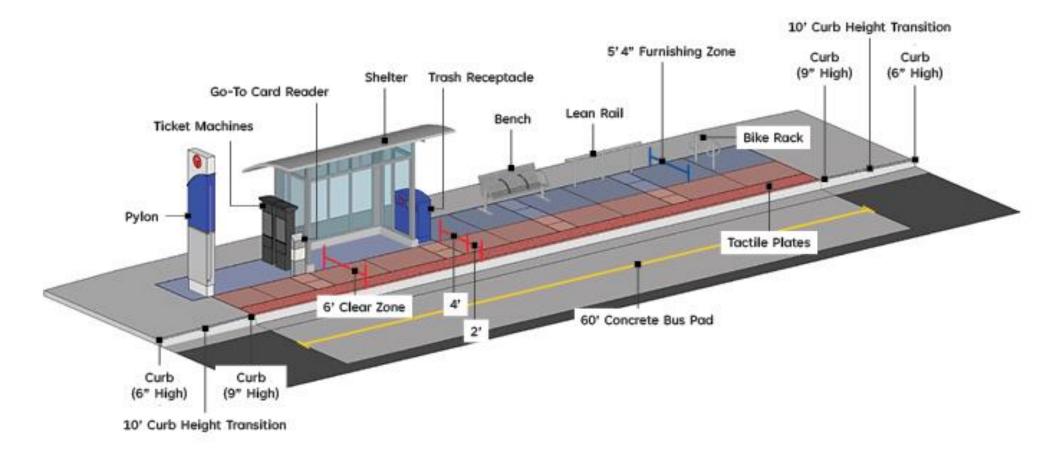
All-door boarding



Screens with real-time NexTrip departures

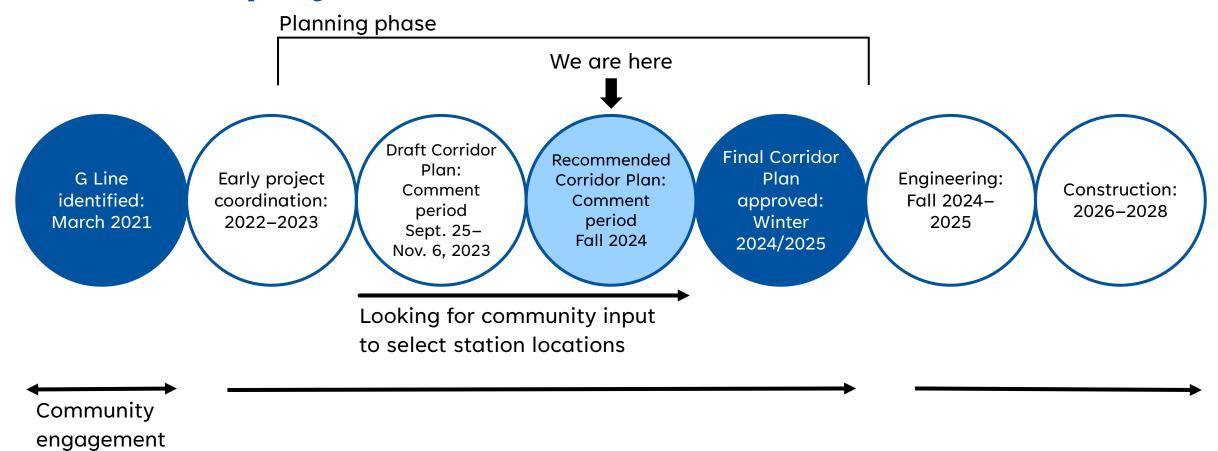


Standard arterial BRT platform design





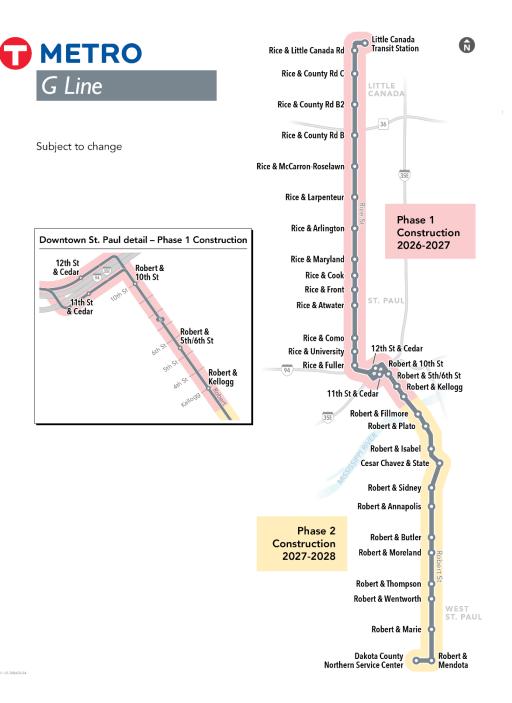
Planned project schedule





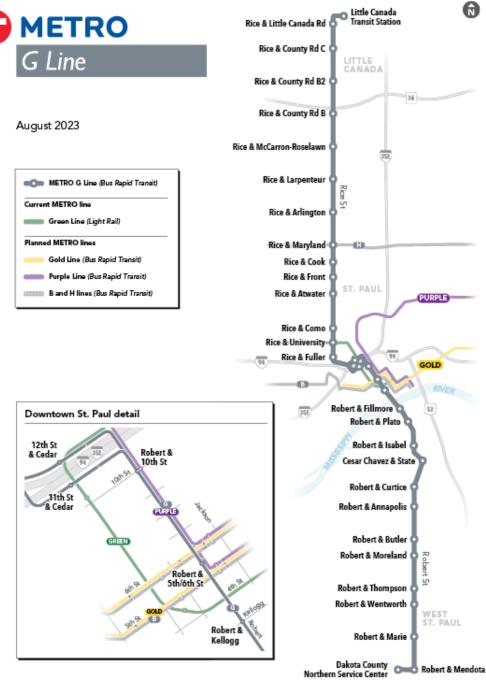
G Line project phasing

- 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



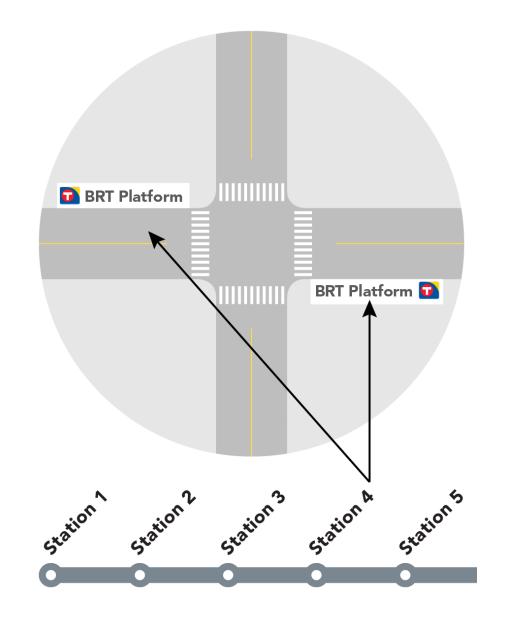
Proposed G Line station locations

- 32 stations
- 6 of stations within North End (5 of these are within Ramsey County Rice St Visioning)
- Considerations
 - Spacing between stations
 - Existing ridership
 - Connecting transit service
 - Community input
 - Land use and access to destinations
 - Street design and available right-of-way



What is included in the Recommended Corridor Plan?

- Proposed station locations
- Proposed platform locations within the station intersection
- Information about how proposed locations were determined
- Description of other planning considerations
 - Project coordination with agency partners
 - Bus priority treatments
 - Supporting local bus service
- Station and platform designs will be finalized during engineering phase

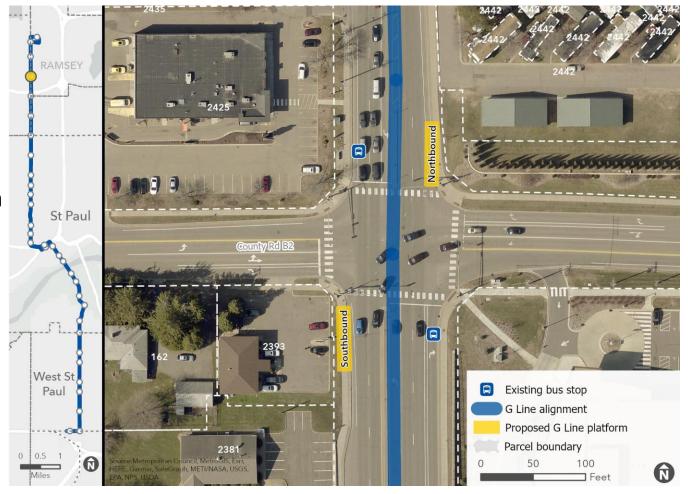




Proposed station locations

- Aerial image
- List of key destinations at the intersection
- Coordinated projects at the intersection
- Pedestrian, bicycle, and transit access
- Any impacts to on-street parking
- Other station and platform locations considered
- Some stations may include proposed station plans if not within a coordinated project

Aerial image of Rice & County Road B2





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



COMMENT BY NOV. 6

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

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

Bus rapid transit ayaa imaanaya Rice Street iy Robert Street. Fadlan ka bixi faaladaada kahor Nofeembar 6. Tajaajilli geejjiba atoobisii saffisaa ta'ee gara Rice Street fi Robert Street dhufaa jira. Yaada keessan hanga Onkoloolessa 6tti nuuf kennaa.

Dịch vụ chuyên chố xe buýt nhanh sấp có tại Rice Street & Robert Street. Vui lồng cung cấp nhận xét của quý vị chậm nhất vào ngày 6 tháng 11.

သိလှဉ်ဘား(စ)လုံးလုံးလုံးထိုင်အချဟုဝဲဆူ Rice အကျဲခီ Robert အကျဲနှဉ်လီး. ဝဲသအူဟ်ချဲထိုင်နတ်၊ထိုင်တၤဟုင် ကျဉ်ဖဲ လါနိုင်ဝဲဘာဉ် 6 သီအနီးတက္၍



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





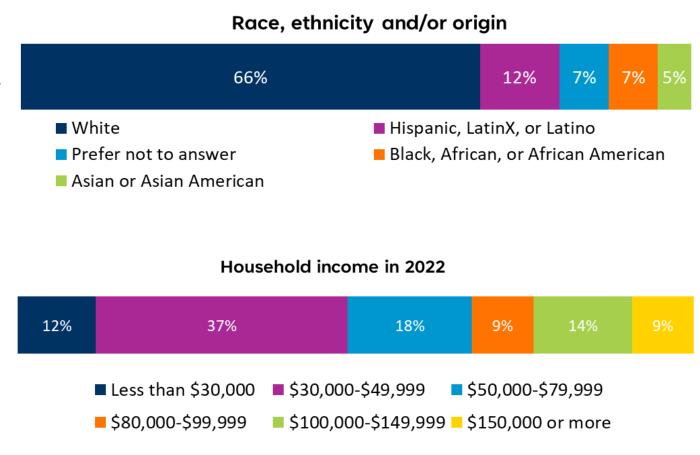
I will use the G Line when it opens





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

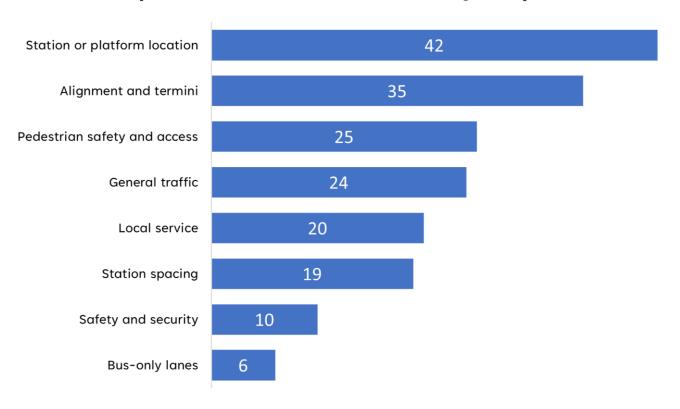




Engagement themes

- 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





Recommended Corridor Plan public engagement

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





Help us plan G Line station locations

- Public comment period: September 25 October 25, 2024
- Review the Recommended Corridor Plan and submit comments
 - Survey at https://www.metrotransit.org/g-line-project
 - Email <u>GLine@metrotransit.org</u>
 - Call Nasser Mussa, Community Outreach Coordinator at 651-829-5305
- Sign up for the G Line Update newsletter



Rice & Larpenteur

- Proposed northbound platform is farside
- Proposed southbound platform is farside
- Transfers to Route 68
- Station is within Ramsey County's Rice Street project from County Rd B to Wheelock Pkwy







Rice & Arlington

- Proposed northbound platform is farside
- Proposed southbound platform is farside
- Transfers to Route 61
- Station is within Ramsey County's Rice
 Street Revisioning project from Wheelock
 Pkwy to Pennsylvania Avenue



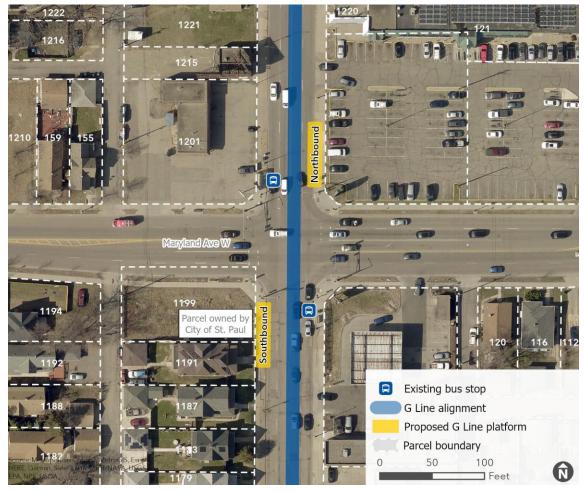




Rice & Maryland

- Proposed northbound platform is farside
- Proposed southbound platform is farside
- Transfers to Route 3 (future H Line BRT)
- Station is within Ramsey County's Rice
 Street Revisioning project from Wheelock
 Pkwy to Pennsylvania Avenue







Rice & Cook

- Proposed northbound platform is midblock
- Proposed southbound platform is midblock
- Station is within Ramsey County's Rice Street Revisioning project from Wheelock Pkwy to Pennsylvania Avenue







Rice & Front

- Proposed northbound platform is nearside, at the same location as current Route 62 stop
- Proposed southbound platform is farside
- Station is within Ramsey County's Rice Street Revisioning project from Wheelock Pkwy to Pennsylvania Avenue







Rice & Atwater

- Proposed northbound platform is farside
- Proposed southbound platform is farside
- Station is within Ramsey County's Rice Street Revisioning project from Wheelock Pkwy to Pennsylvania Avenue











Thank You!

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