# The new METRO E Line

### Faster transit is coming to the Route 6 corridor.

The METRO E Line is a planned Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line that will provide faster and more reliable transit in the Route 6 corridor. BRT service is a package of transit enhancements that adds up to a **faster trip and an improved experience** on Metro Transit's busiest bus routes.

Pre-pandemic, buses carried approximately 45% of people traveling by vehicle on Hennepin Avenue, but made up just 3% of the motorized traffic. More than 8,000 rides were taken on Route 6 each weekday in 2019. Route 6 ridership has remained strong, even during the pandemic.

The METRO E Line will travel along 4th Street and University Avenue, through downtown Minneapolis and Uptown on Hennepin Avenue to Southdale Transit Center in Edina via 44th Street and France Avenue.

Route 6 is planned to travel from downtown Minneapolis to Minnesota Drive and France Avenue primarily via Hennepin Avenue and Xerxes Avenue, running every 20 minutes most of the day.

#### E Line Corridor Planning

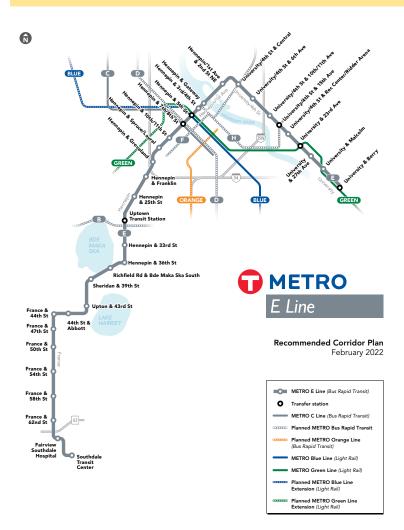
Metro Transit is seeking your feedback on proposed station locations identified in the Recommended E Line Corridor Plan.

Learn more and comment now at metrotransit.org/e-line-project or by emailing us at ELine@metrotransit.org.

#### Changes coming to Route 6

Learn more and comment now at metrotransit.org/e-line-project or by emailing us at ELine@metrotransit.org





### Preliminary Project Schedule (subject to change)

• 2018-2019	• 2020-2022	• 2022-2023	• 2024-2025	• 2025
<b>CORRIDOR STUDY</b>	<b>PLANNING</b>	<b>ENGINEERING</b>	CONSTRUCTION	OPEN FOR SERVICE



#### What makes the METRO E Line different?

This will be the fifth arterial Bus Rapid Transit line in the region. This cost-effective way to speed up service substantially improves the customer experience and has proven to attract more people to use transit regularly.

## Neighborhood-scale stations with amenities

Stations are equipped with features for a safe and comfortable experience, similar to light rail.

- NexTrip, real-time arrival and departure information
- On-demand heat, security lighting, and emergency communications
- Near-level boarding walk onto the bus without having to climb steps
- Bike parking and trash receptacles



#### Limited stops, frequent service

The E Line will run every 10 minutes for most of the day with stations every 1/3 to 1/2 mile.

# Pre-boarding fare payment for faster stops

For faster boarding through all doors, E Line buses won't have fareboxes. Customers will purchase a ticket or tap a Go-To Card at the station, just like light rail. Fare inspections will be conducted by Metro Transit police.



#### New infrastructure to increase speed

In additional to the improved stations and wider stop spacing, Metro Transit and its partners are exploring options to make the E Line even faster. Options include:

- E Line buses will use signal priority to keep moving; buses could "ask" for early or extended green lights at certain intersections
- Bus-only lanes along portions of the E Line corridor to keep buses out of traffic

