## Metro Transit 2021 Moving Forward to a Stronger & Better System



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#### **Defining Stronger and Better**

- Services our customers expect
  - Fast and reliable
  - Clean, safe, and welcoming
  - Easy to use
- Advancing equity
- Growing ridership

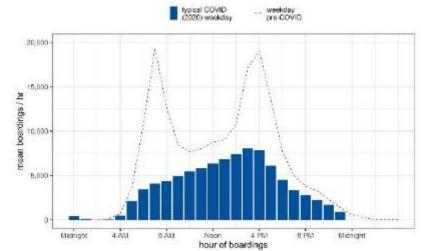


# More Reliable & Faster Service

## Designing a responsive network

- Strong core network
  - Speed and reliability
  - Frequency and span
- Focused express service
  - Primary corridors
  - Large park and rides
- Testing on-demand service
- Network Next
  - transitway expansion

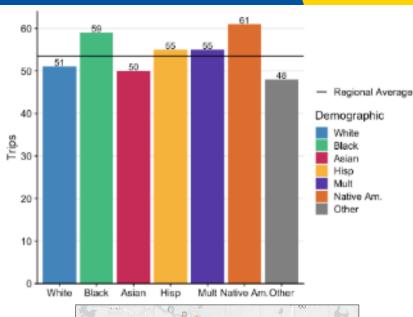


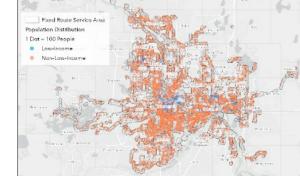




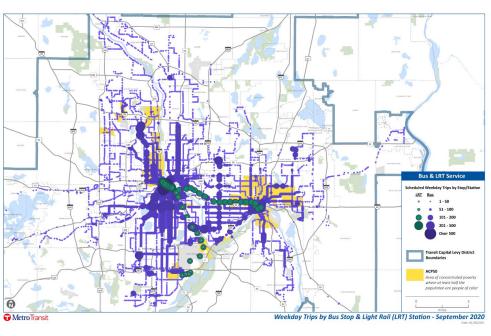
### **Equity informed decisions**

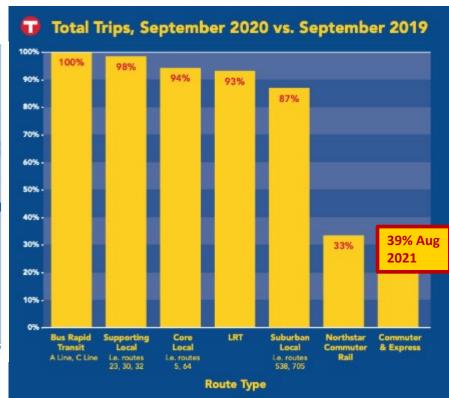
- Where people live
- Destination locations
- Travel patterns
- Investing in communities
- Annual Service Equity Evaluation





#### **Service Levels**





### **Speed and Reliability**

#### Corridor and Route level tools

- Bus lanes, traffic signal, parking changes
- Bus stop spacing, location, shelters, info
- Route and schedule design
- Frequency improvement

#### Route-level changes

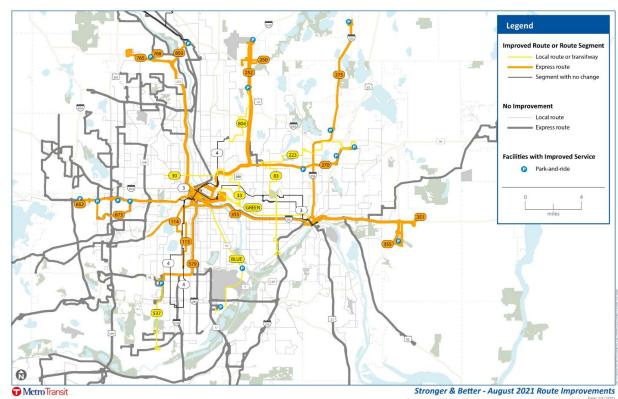
- Comprehensive review of single local bus route
- Improvements beyond speed and reliability alone





### August 2021

- Better Bus Route 3
- Commuter express
  - New market patterns
  - Primary corridor focus
  - Large park and rides
- Looking ahead
  - Meeting demand
  - Local Service
  - Better Bus Routes



### **Testing on-demand service**

- Expand connections
- Neighborhood access
- Demand responsive
- Real-time, app-enabled
- Microtransit one-year pilot (2022)



# **Building the Network of the Future**

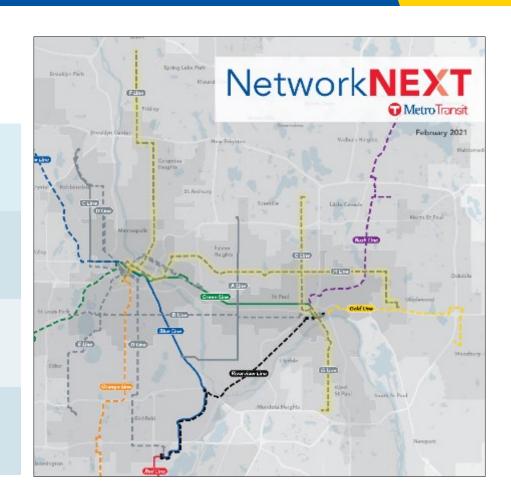
#### 2022-2025

**2022** D Line (Chicago, Fremont)

2024 B Line (Lake, Marshall)

**2025** E Line (Hennepin)

**2026+** F, G, H lines



### **Orange Line**

• 17 miles

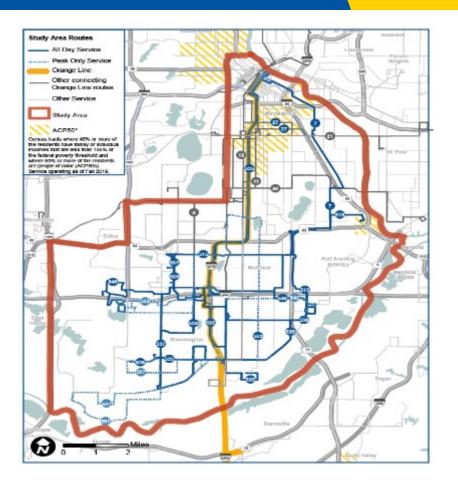
• 12 stations

Opening 2021



DOWNTOWN

MINNEAPOLIS



#### **Gold Line**

- 10 miles, 21 stations: Primarily within bus-only lanes
- Construction starts in 2022



#### **Green Line Ext**

Under construction



#### **Blue Line Ext**

- Developing, engineering
- Alignment planning



# Cleaner Vehicles & Facilities

#### **Buses**

- Continued focus on a clean, reliable fleet
- Expansion of BRT fleet
- Zero Emissions Bus transition plan
  - Council approved master contract
  - Continued development with Low-No grant awarded
  - Supported by Legislative plan development 2022
  - Capital improvement plan includes 100 electric buses



### **Light Rail vehicles**

- New seats & digital cameras
- Cleaning Trains at terminals



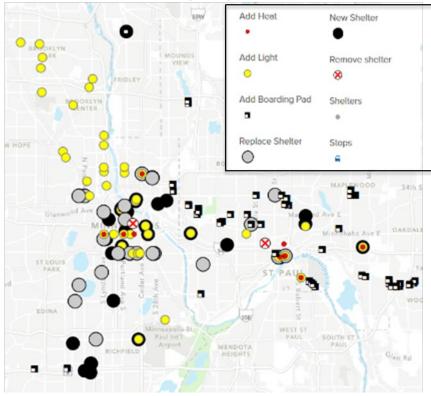




#### **Better Bus Stops**

- Active since 2014
- In 2021
  - 25 new & 30 replacement shelters
  - Light added at 23 shelters
  - Heat added at 11 shelters
- Next Five Years
  - 270 new/replacement shelters
  - 150 concrete boarding areas at locations without shelters

#### 2021 Planned Bus Stop Improvements



#### **Public Facilities**

- Enhanced shelter cleaning
- Shelter glass replacement
- Winter snow removal











### **2021 Transit Center Improvements**

- Brooklyn Center (BCTC) renovation
- Saint Paul-Sunray





# **Enhancing Safety & Security**

#### Increasing presence and response

- Expanded presence
  - Community Service Officers
  - Additional sworn officers
- Real Time Information Center
- Homeless Action Team
- Community partnerships



# Improving Customer Information



#### **Customer Information**

NexTrip

Website

Mobile App

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## **Promoting Transit**

### **Fare promotion September-October**

- \$1 regular fare
- Reduced fares at 50 cents
- 50% discount for Metropass,
   Student Pass, College Pass, U
   Pass (Sept Dec)
- Participation from all regional providers



### **Marketing Campaign**





#### April - May

- Travel Responsibly
- Essential travel lifted, capacity limits increased

#### June - Aug.

- We're ready, when you're ready
- Capacity limits eliminated

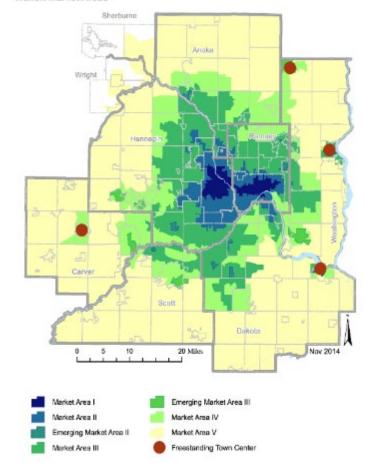
#### Sept. – Dec.

- We're open for business
- More employees, students return

## 2022 continuous improvement

- Service performance
- Review express service market
- Fare structure
- Equity

#### Transit Market Areas



#### Thank you

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Transit announces safety & security initiatives



New Metro Transit app is coming!



Join us at our July Driver Hiring Event!



More service returning Saturday, Aug. 21