

# Network Next

Metro Transit's Long-Range Network Plan

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Moving forward now

On hold til 2021

# Planned Outcomes: Arterial BRT

- Select and prioritize the next ABRT lines to be designated as the METRO F, G, and H Lines
  - Note: The F Line is likely to receive \$25 million from the upcoming Regional Solicitation competitive transportation funding awards
- Identify mid- and long-term priorities beyond the F, G, and H Lines

# BRT Planning Process

- Identify (Spring 2020)
  - Approximately 20 corridors were identified to be screened for their fit for ABRT implementation
- Screen (Summer 2020)
  - 19 corridors were screened to identify the most promising 11 ABRT candidate corridors
- Evaluate (Fall 2020)
  - Public feedback and BRT Principles will be used to evaluate top 11 corridors
- Prioritize (Winter 2020/21)
  - Top performing corridors will be prioritized based on fall's evaluation, public engagement, and other readiness criteria

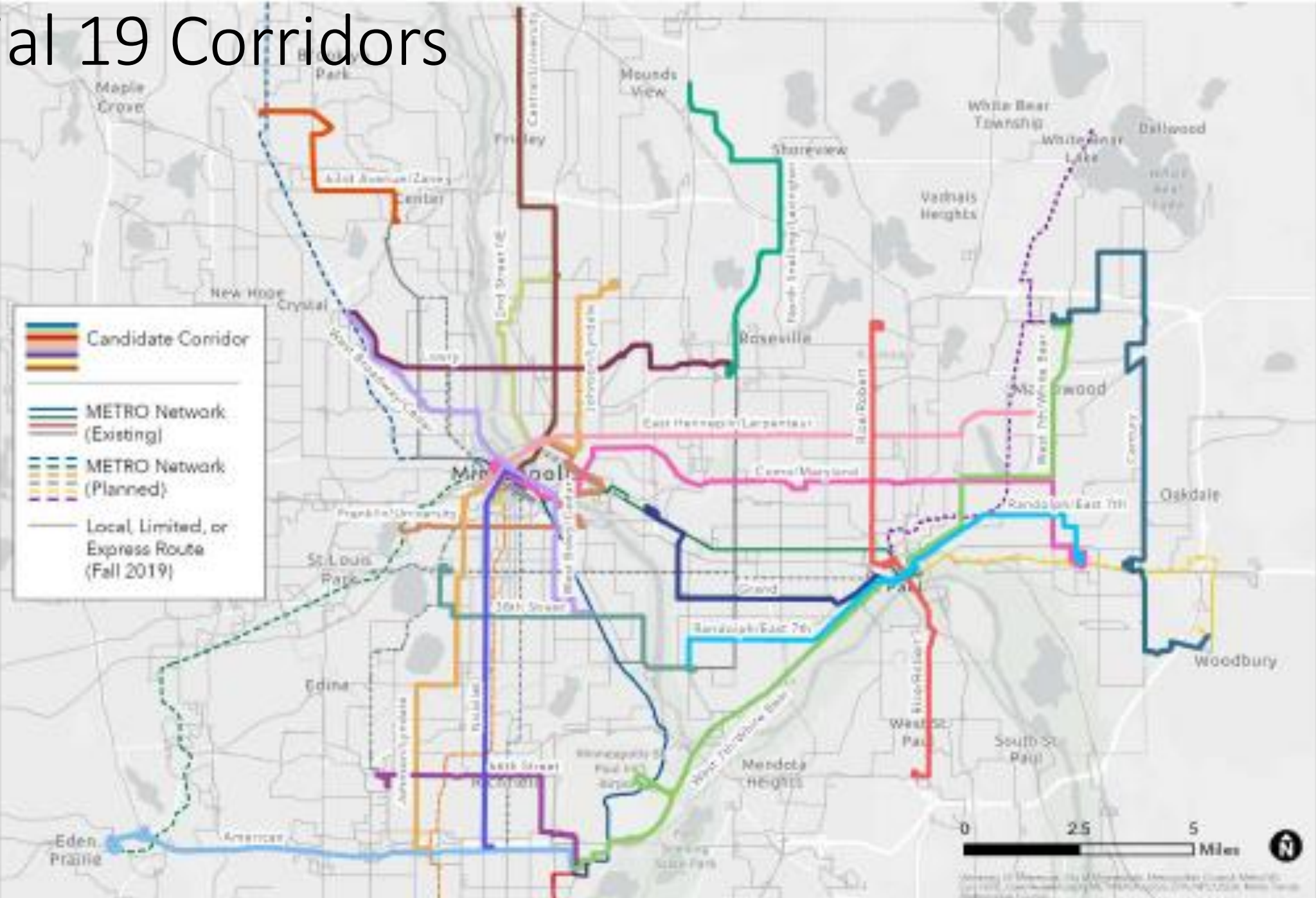
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- Based on the Network Next Principles
- Identified from:
  - High-Frequency network
  - High ridership corridors
  - Previously studied corridors
  - Network balance

# Network Next Principles Applied to BRT

- **Advance equity and reduce regional racial disparities**
- **Build on success to grow ridership**
- **Design a network that supports a transit-oriented lifestyle**
- **Ensure the long-term sustainable growth of the bus network**

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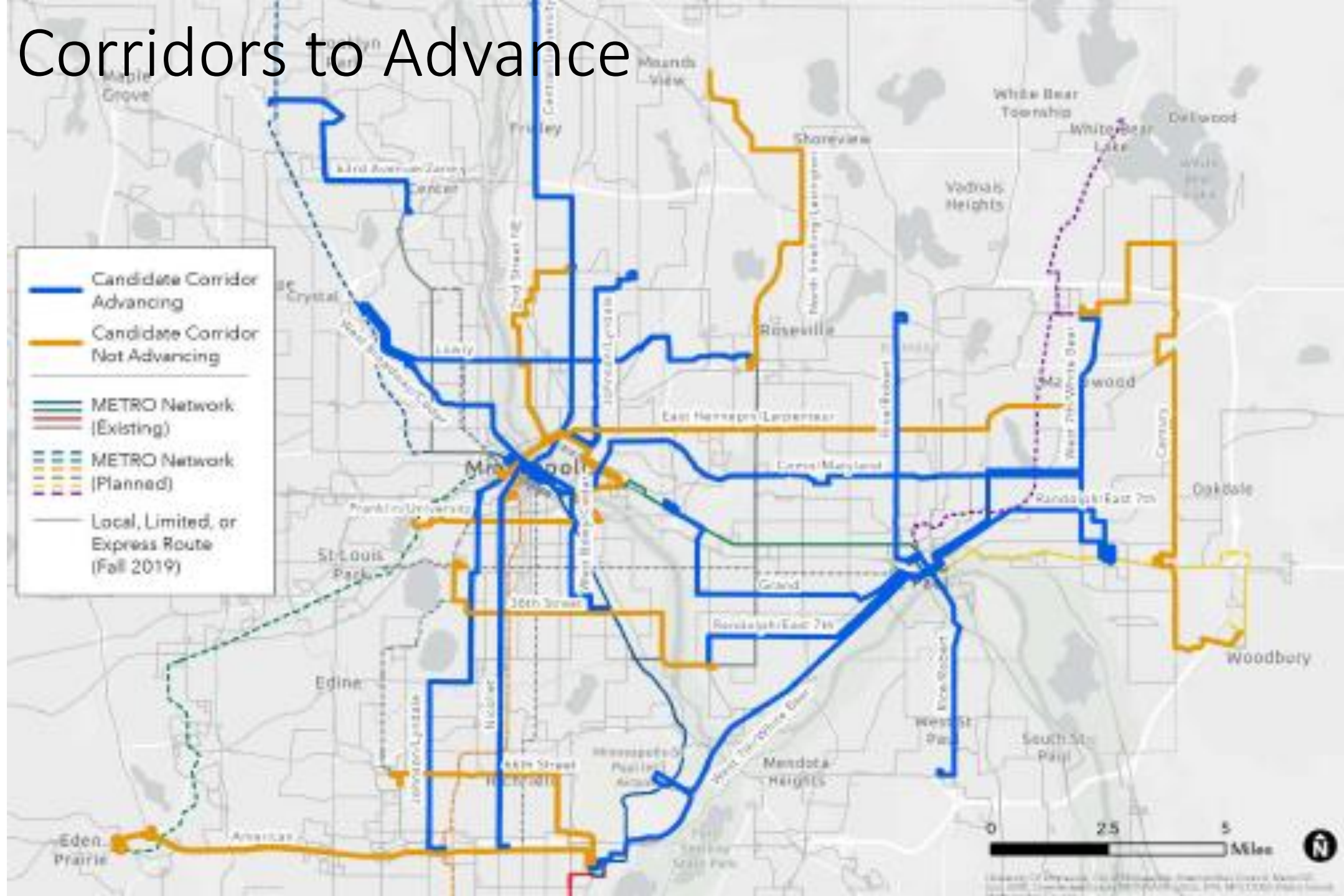
# Quantitative Screening with NNext Principles

- **Advance equity and reduce regional racial disparities (30% of score)**
  - % POC and poverty on underlying route
- **Build on success to grow ridership (30%)**
  - Avg daily corridor boardings
- **Design a network that supports a transit-oriented lifestyle (30%)**
  - Corridor propensity to use transit
  - Planned land use
- **Ensure the long-term sustainable growth of the bus network (10%)**
  - Avg midday service levels compared to ABRT

# Qualitative Screening

- Other critical considerations related to the fit for ABRT:
  - Role of underlying bus route in broader bus network
  - Design of underlying routes and limitation of applying ABRT route design principles
  - How people are using transit in the corridor
- Two corridors in Mpls removed from consideration
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE (Route 11), due to indirect route design and limitations of roadway network
  - Franklin Avenue (Route 2), due to indirect route design and limited potential to speed service

# 11 Corridors to Advance



Corridor	Terminals	Underlying Route	Score
Nicollet	Dt Mpls to American Blvd	18	45.30
Franklin / University	21st St Station to 8th St/Central	2	39.42
Central Ave	Dt Mpls to Northtown TC	10	36.25
West Broadway / Cedar	Robbinsdale TC to 38th Street Station	22/14	35.18
Como / Maryland	Dt Mpls to Sun Ray TC	3	33.38
West 7th Street	Maplewood Mall TC to MOA	54	31.33
Randolph / East 7th	Ford Pkwy to Sun Ray TC	74	31.07
Johnson / Lyndale / Penn	Silver Lake Village to 82nd/Knox	4	29.76
2nd Street NE	Dt Mpls to CHTC	11	28.95
63rd Ave / Zane	Starlite to BCTC	724	28.71
Rice / Robert	North Dakota Co Svc Ctr to Little Canada TC	62/68	28.23
Grand Ave	Westgate to Dt Stp	63	28.15
Lowry	Robbinsdale TC to Rosedale TC	32	26.31
66th Street	Southdale TC to MOA	515	24.23
38th Street - Ford Pkwy	UPTS to Cleveland/Ford Pkwy	23	23.73
East Hennepin / Larpenteur	Dt Mpls to White Bear Ave	61	21.53
Century Avenue	Woodbury Theatre to Maplewood Mall	219	19.85
American Boulevard	MOA to SouthWest Station	542	19.03
Snelling / Lexington	Rosedale TC to TCAAP	225	17.49

# Engagement Opportunities

- Website: [www.metrotransit.org/network-next](http://www.metrotransit.org/network-next)
- Online survey by Oct 9
- Letters by Oct 9
  - *Transportation Committee?*

# Survey Contents

- See [www.surveymonkey.com/r/futurebus](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/futurebus)
- Includes:
  - Select the best 3 BRT lines for development
  - Rank the 4 BRT Principles in order of importance:
    - **Advance equity and reduce regional racial disparities**
      - Build more BRT lines that serve BIPOC, low-income residents, and low-wage jobs
    - **Build on success to grow ridership**
      - Build more BRT lines on routes that have lots of riders today
    - **Support a transit-oriented lifestyle**
      - Build more BRT lines that serve walkable areas with higher population and employment densities
    - **Ensure the long-term sustainable growth of the bus network**
      - Build more BRT lines where demonstrated transit demand already supports frequent service levels

# Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan

- Map T-8: Planned/Potential Transitways
  - All transitways under Network Next consideration are on this map, but it does not give priorities.
- Policy T-1: “Prioritize safety and racial and social equity benefits in project selection, followed by access to quality jobs...”
- Map T-6: Households without Vehicles and the Transit Network
- Map T-5: Job Concentrations and Transit
- Map T-8: Planned/Potential Transitway