



Metro Transit Update

NūLoop General Membership Meeting
January 26, 2021
Wes Kooistra, General Manager

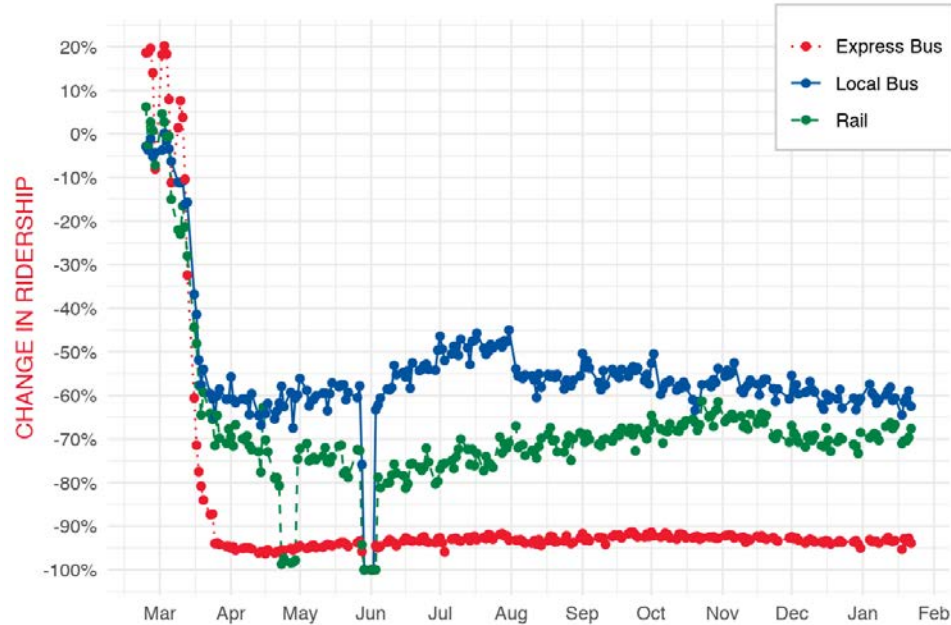


Metro Transit Update

- Review of current service
- Capital projects update
- Looking ahead to 2021

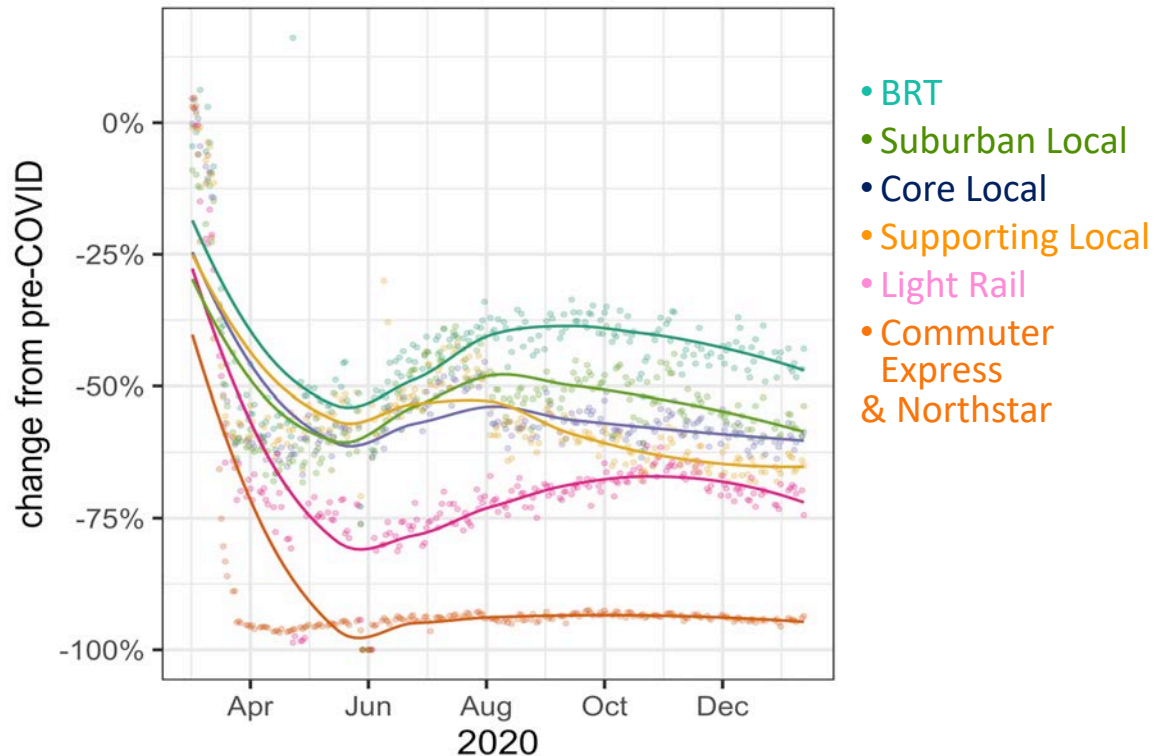
Percent Change in Weekday Ridership

(Compared to average weekday ridership 2/24–2/28)



*Preliminary estimates, subject to change

Metro Transit BRT and local bus ridership has been more resilient during COVID-19



Current Metro Transit ridership =

80,000-90,000 rides per weekday

Bus: ~ 62,000
-2019: ~ 151,000

LRT: ~ 27,000
-2019: ~ 77,000

Northstar: ~ 120
-2019: ~ 2,400

Reducing COVID Risks to Riders and Employees

- Transit for necessary travel only
- Enhanced cleaning
- Capacity limits
- Added trips/larger buses for social distancing
- Requiring rear door boarding until barriers were installed
- Requiring facial coverings for riders and operators
- Employee COVID testing, on-site temperature screening, and contact tracing



Green Line Extension (Southwest LRT)

- Federal Full Funding Grant Agreement - September 2020
- Project: 35% completion
- Private utility work: 94% completion
- 8 out of 16 stations under construction
- 23 out of 29 bridge structures under construction or complete
 - Kenilworth Channel freight rail bridge completed

Retaining wall construction at Royalston

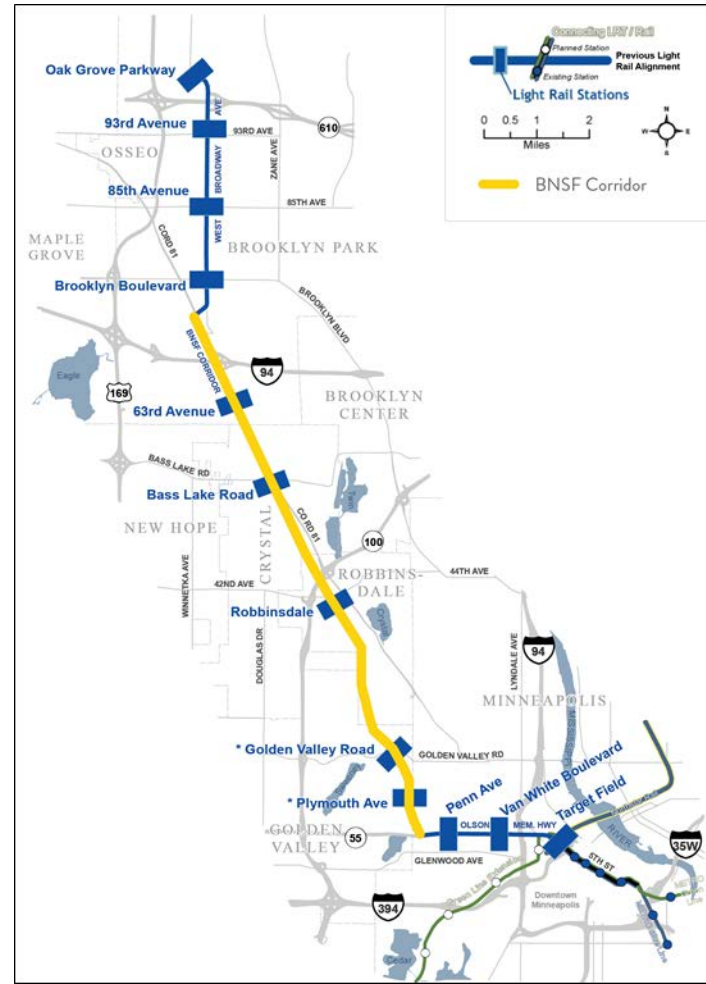


LRT Bridge Pier Construction at Royalston Avenue/North 7th Street



Blue Line Extension (Bottineau LRT)

- 2021 Goal: Identify a community supported LRT alignment to advance into project development



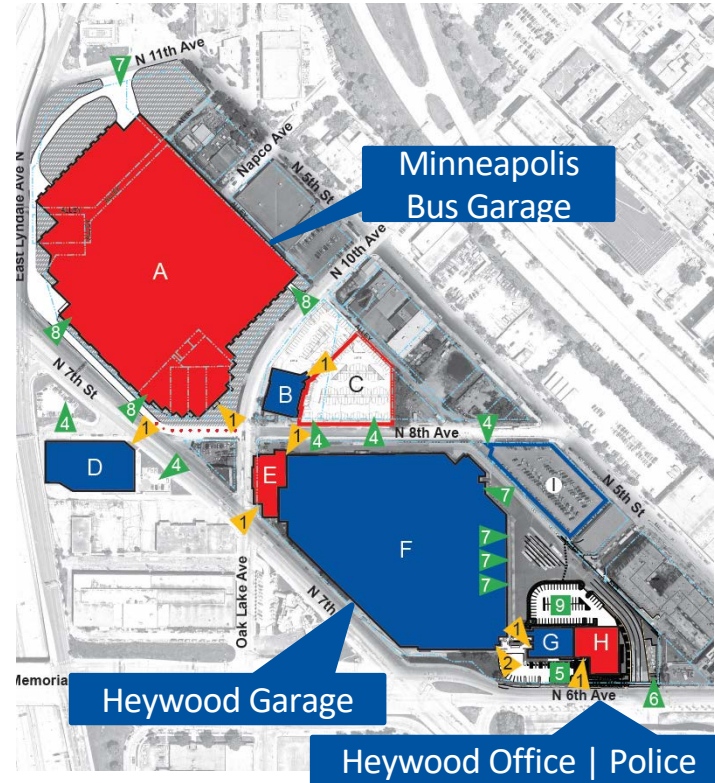
Bus Rapid Transit – Minneapolis Highlights

- METRO Orange Line
- METRO D Line
- METRO B Line
- METRO E Line
- Network Next BRT Plan



Minneapolis Bus Garage

- Project Completion 2023
- 11 Acre Site
- North Loop / West of downtown Minneapolis
- 350,000 sq. ft.
- 24 maintenance bays
- 216 bus capacity
- 400+ living wage jobs at full capacity
- 300+ construction jobs



Heywood Campus Map

Minneapolis Bus Garage Construction – Late 2020



Steel framing along 10th Ave N site early December



Precast installation as of early January



Structure spanning Bassett Creek stormwater tunnel and steel structure along 10th Ave N.

Looking ahead to 2021 transit services

- Looming structural deficit
- Budget implications of the pandemic
- Federal COVID Relief funds
- Governor Walz's SFY 2022-2023 Budget
- Transit as a community asset
- 2021 service assumptions
- Meeting customer service expectations
- Transit safety



Thank you!