Arterial
Bus Rapid Transit
in the Twin Cities

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# We know light rail. And we like it.





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- Substantial, weather-shielding stations
- Large, clearly delineated platform area
- Off-board ticketing
- Level boarding
- Inline station stop



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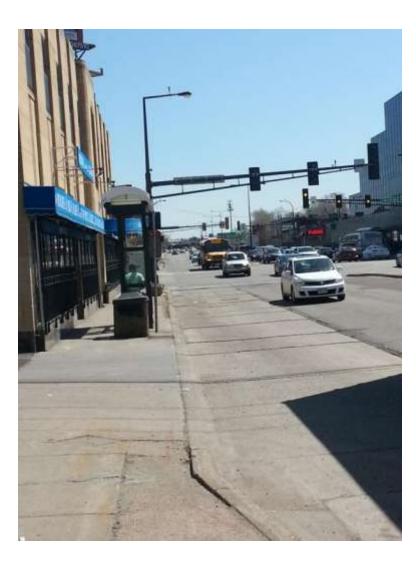
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# The path to better transit on local streets



### **Transit Master Study**

- Evaluated 28 corridors for LRT or dedicated busway
- Found potential for high ridership on urban arterials but no space for LRT/dedicated busway

### **Arterial Transitway Corridors Study**

- Developed and evaluated arterial BRT concept for 12 lines
- Prioritized lines for near-term construction

A Line Scheduled Launch

200, 500

2017

2015

### **Transportation Policy Plan**

• Defined three types of BRT:

Arterial BRT
Highway BRT
Dedicated Busway

 Directed study of 9 potential corridors for arterial BRT

### A Line Development Begins

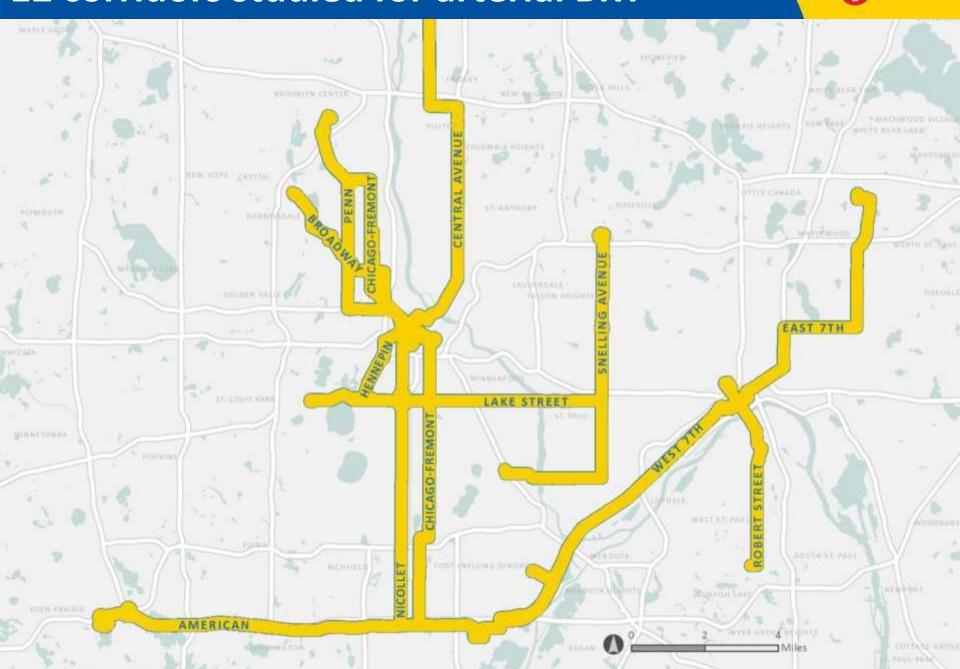
 First arterial BRT line advances on Snelling Avenue/Ford Parkway



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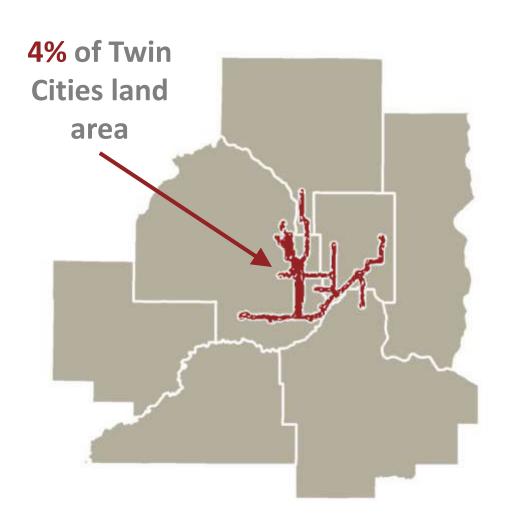




# Why it's worth doing



### Within ½ mile of planned arterial BRT lines:





1 in 5 Twin Cities households



1 in 3 Twin Cities jobs











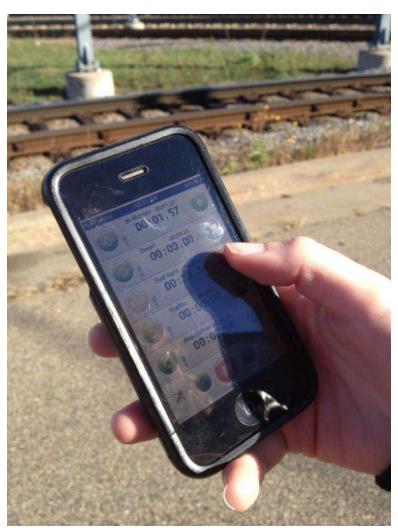


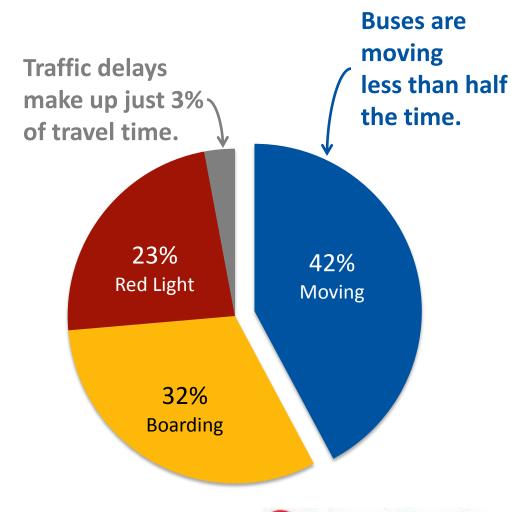


# Identifying the problem



# What's the bus doing during a trip?







# Remember the starting point?





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# **Arterial BRT—using the right tools**







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# **Building more for less**





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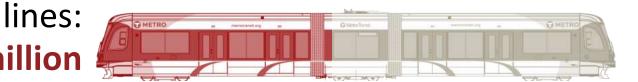


System of 12 arterial

BRT

\$450 million



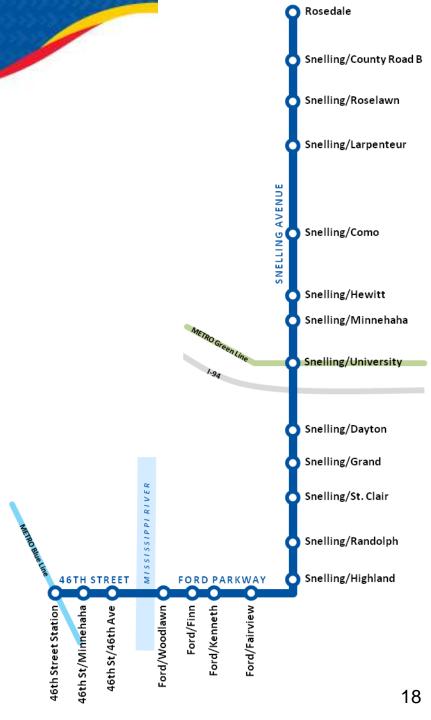




# Where we're heading now AMERICAN

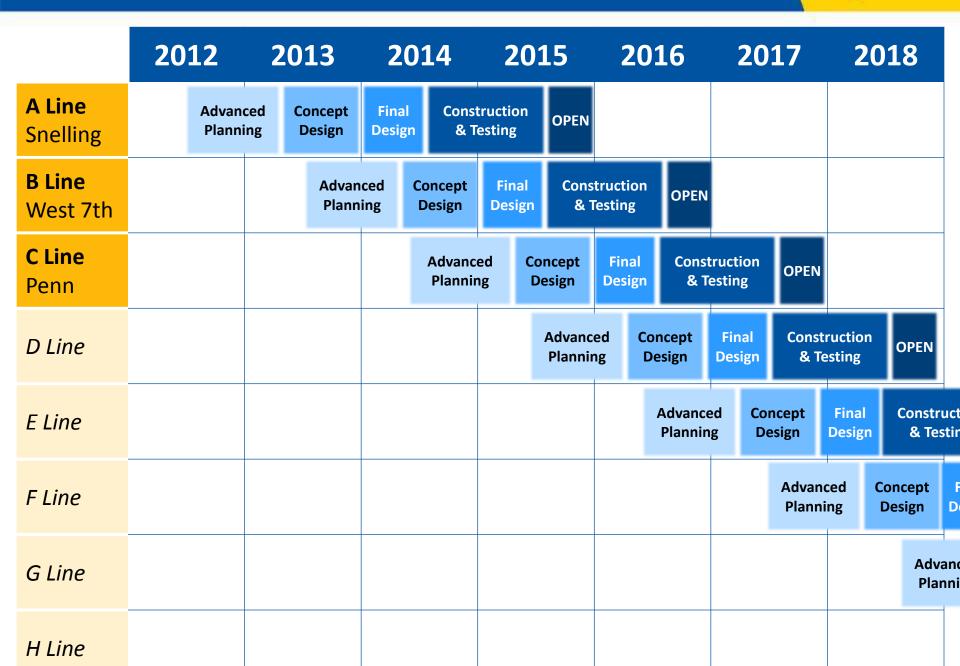
# ALINE

- 2012-2013: Advanced Planning
- 2013-2014:Preliminary & Final Design
- 2014-2015:Construction
- 2015:Open for Revenue Service



# **Building out a system**







metrotransit.org/rapidbus study of 12 arterial corridors

ANOKA

metrotransit.org/snelling-brt
development of first line

HENNEPIN

DAKOTA





