NetworkNOW Concept Plan
Executive Summary

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What is Network Now?

Network Now is Metro Transit's vision for bus and rail service investments through 2027. This plan guides improvements to grow ridership, enhance mobility, and meet the travel needs of our region now.

After reviewing customer and community feedback, analyzing network performance since 2019, and reviewing policy guidance we created the Establishing the Foundation report, which includes a set of principles to shape decision making.

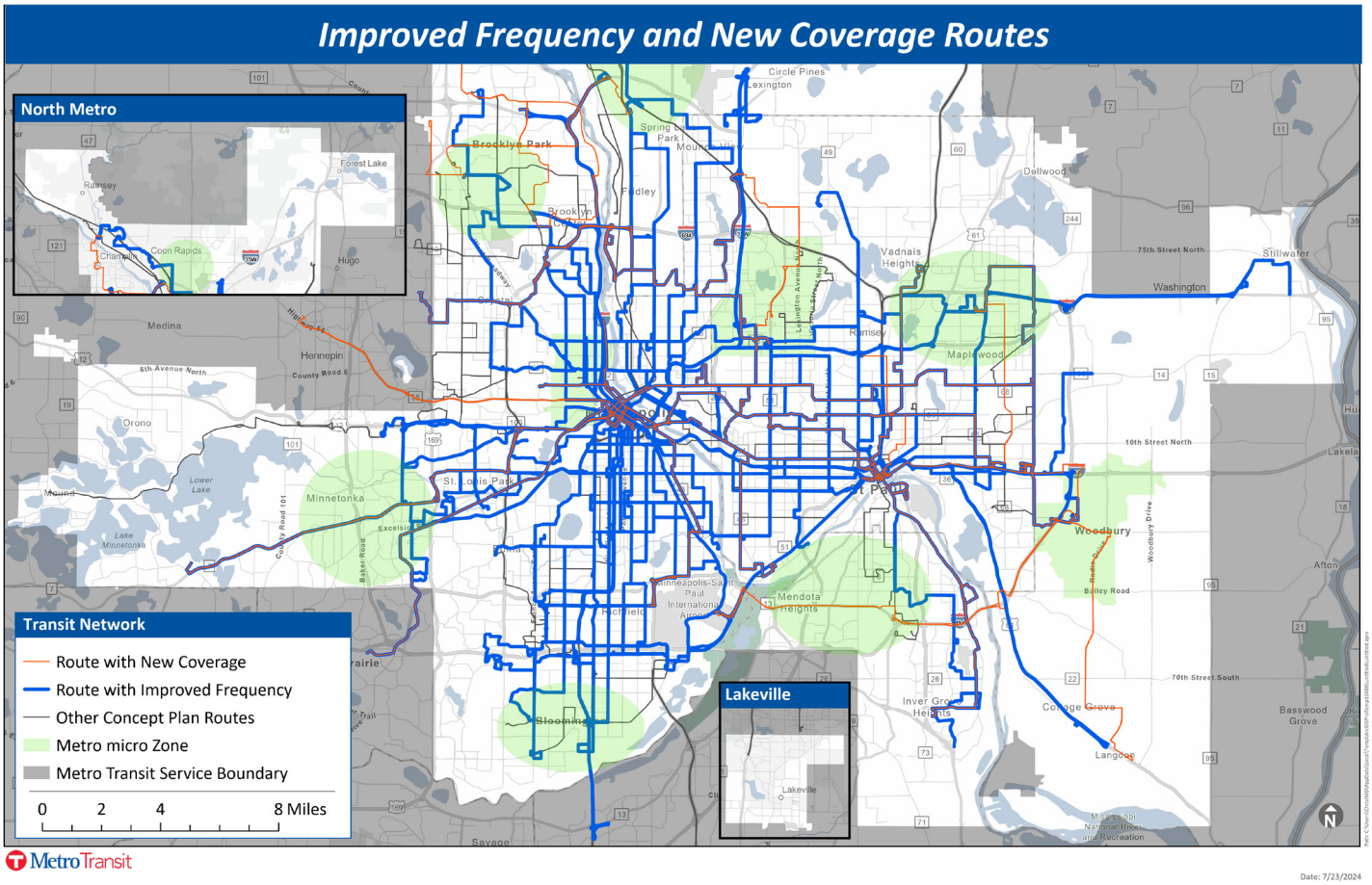
Network Now Principles

Adapt	**Adapt** service to changes in transit markets and travel patterns.
Prepare	**Prepare** for new METRO and high-frequency routes.
Maintain	**Maintain** the reliability of our scheduled service consistently over time.
Build on success	**Build on success** to grow ridership adding service where people use transit the most.
Provide access	**Provide access** to opportunities and services with a focus on advancing equity and reducing regional disparities.

The Concept Plan

The Network Now concept plan proposes service improvements that reflect customer priorities. This concept plan includes support for new METRO light rail and bus rapid transit (BRT) lines, enhances local services, and invests in new ways of traveling such as microtransit and frequent, all-day, express corridors. The plan also resolves the status of bus routes and facilities suspended since 2020 and reinvests those resources to best meet travel patterns today.

METRO Network	Local Bus	Express Bus	Metro Micro
• Green Line Extension light rail • 4 new BRT lines by 2027	• Improved frequency • Expanded geographic coverage	• New Key Express Network provides frequent trips in major travel corridors • Maintains most express routes currently operating	• New coverage in suburban areas • 8 new zones by 2027



Outcomes

The Network Now concept plan achieves the following improvements:

Expands transit service by more than **35%**

Improves frequency on **60+ bus routes.**

Restores light rail to service every **10** minutes.

Increases access to jobs by nearly **25%** compared to pre-pandemic service.

Reinvests commuter and express service to meet today's travel patterns.

Improves service equity for low-income residents and communities of color.

Improves access by expanding micro zones.

Builds on workforce hiring in real time.

Reduces carbon emissions by enabling more people to choose transit.

The Network Now concept plan is now available for public comment. To view the full plan and learn how to provide feedback, visit metrotransit.org/network-now. For more information, subscribe to project updates or contact Metro Transit staff at NetworkNow@metrotransit.org.