

A METRONext MOVING FORWARD PROJECT

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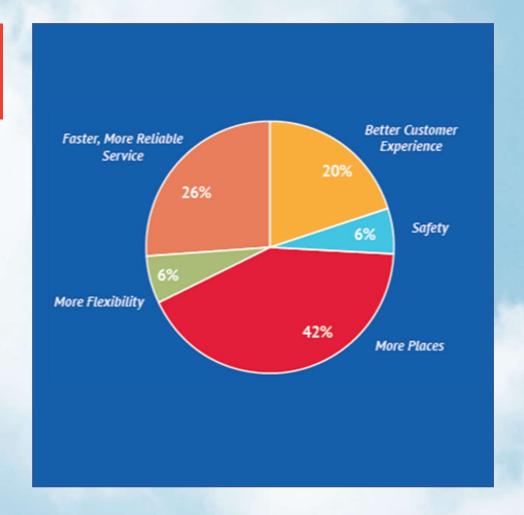
## **MEETING AGENDA**

- Introductions
- Project Background
- Project Overview & Partnership Opportunities
- Timeline
- Discussion



## WHAT WE HEARD

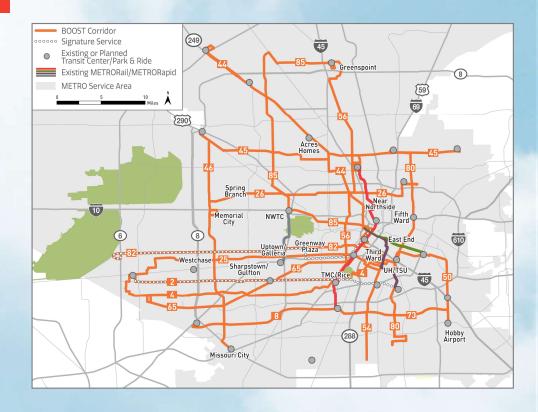
- Improve first/last mile connections
- Improve stop and station amenities
- Increase security and safety
- 20% of the comments were about better customer experience





## WHAT IS BOOST?

Initiative designed to add key customer enhancements to 17 high-frequency, bus routes.





## WHAT'S THE GOAL?

To provide improved accessibility, amenities and reliability on METRO's frequent routes.

A BETTER WALK

A BETTER STOP

A BETTER RIDE



## A BETTER WALK

- New or improved sidewalks along and/or near the route
- Improved crosswalks at intersections for safety
- Improved accessibility along the route with safer crossings and new ramps for wheelchair and stroller access









- Bus shelter with lighting for improved safety and trash cans
- Digital, real-time bus arrival information at most stops

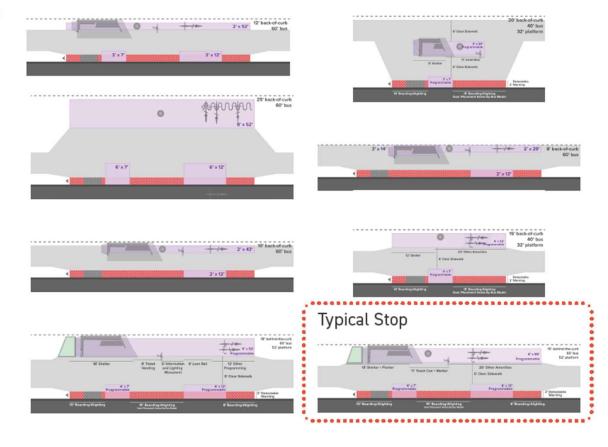


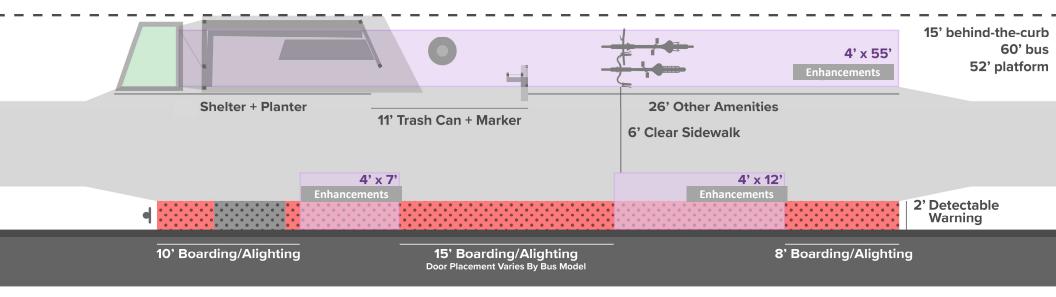


## **Typical Stop Designs**

These diagrams are examples of typical layouts for BOOST stops.

Each BOOST stop will have a unique context, with particular constraints that will determine its ultimate layout and dimensions. Therefore, these diagrams are intended as examples; actual bus stop layouts will vary.





#### **Bus Stop Enhancements**

#### **Bike Amenities**

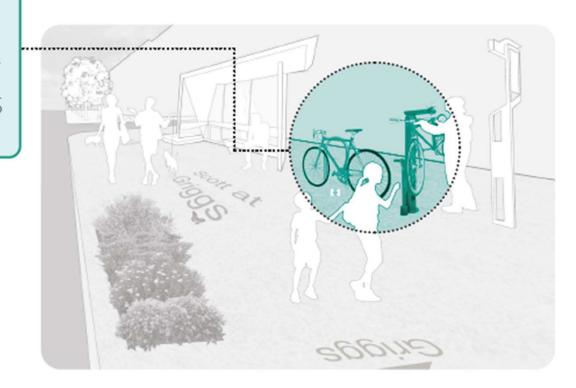
- Bike Racks: Secure bike racks make biking to the bus more convenient.
- Bike Repair Stations: Bike repair stations allow for minor repairs and tune-ups for bicyclist when commuting to and from the BOOST stop. The station contains all the tools riders need to maintain bikes and repair a bike, as well as a bike pump to keep tires inflated.



Bike repair station



Bike racks



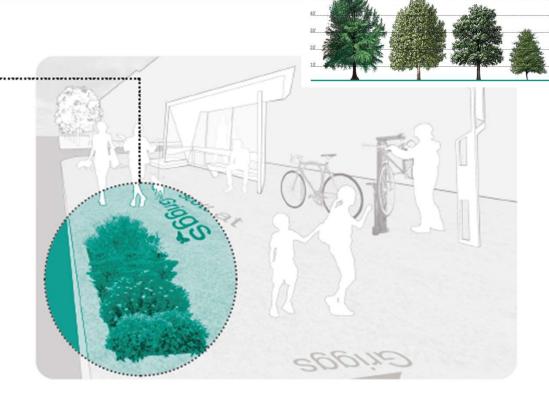
#### **Bus Stop Enhancements**

## **Planting Beds**

The addition of plants to a BOOST platform softens the streetscape appearance, creating seasonal interest and showcasing native plantings. At-grade planting beds are simple, cost-effective ways to create a sense of place. They can be adapted to fit in a wide range of sizes and orientations to fit each stop's needs.



Muhly grasses and other hearty native plantings add color and seasonal interest to stops



#### **Bus Stop Enhancements**

#### **Pavement Treatments**

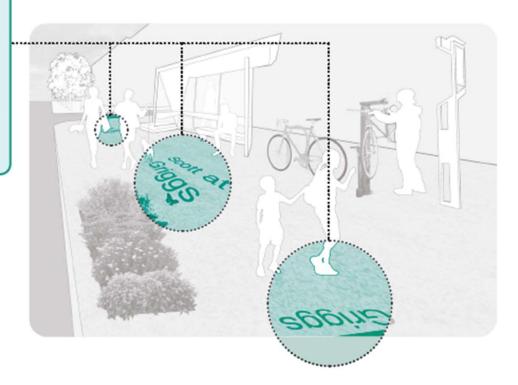
At connecting stops, the METRO stop name can be sandblasted into the concrete for added placemaking. Additional wayfinding can be added at either end of the stop to identify cross streets or other important information.

Sand blasting can be done during construction or retroactively, allowing for for flexibility in the timing of the treatment. Sand blasting results in a highly durable graphic.

#### SAND-BLASTED CONCRETE



Sand-blasted concrete can result in a bold pattern



## A BETTER RIDE

- Faster and more reliable service with streamlined stops along the route
- Traffic signal improvements at key intersections
- Improvements designed to create easy traffic flow for buses and cars





# 56 AIRLINE/MONTROSE ROUTE

One of the first routes to receive a "BOOST."





# **56 AIRLINE/MONTROSE ROUTE**

23-mile corridor from the TMC Transit Center to the Northline Transit Center to Greenspoint





## STAY CONNECTED



### **QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?**

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#### **STAY INFORMED**

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