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METRORapid Gulfton Corridor Project

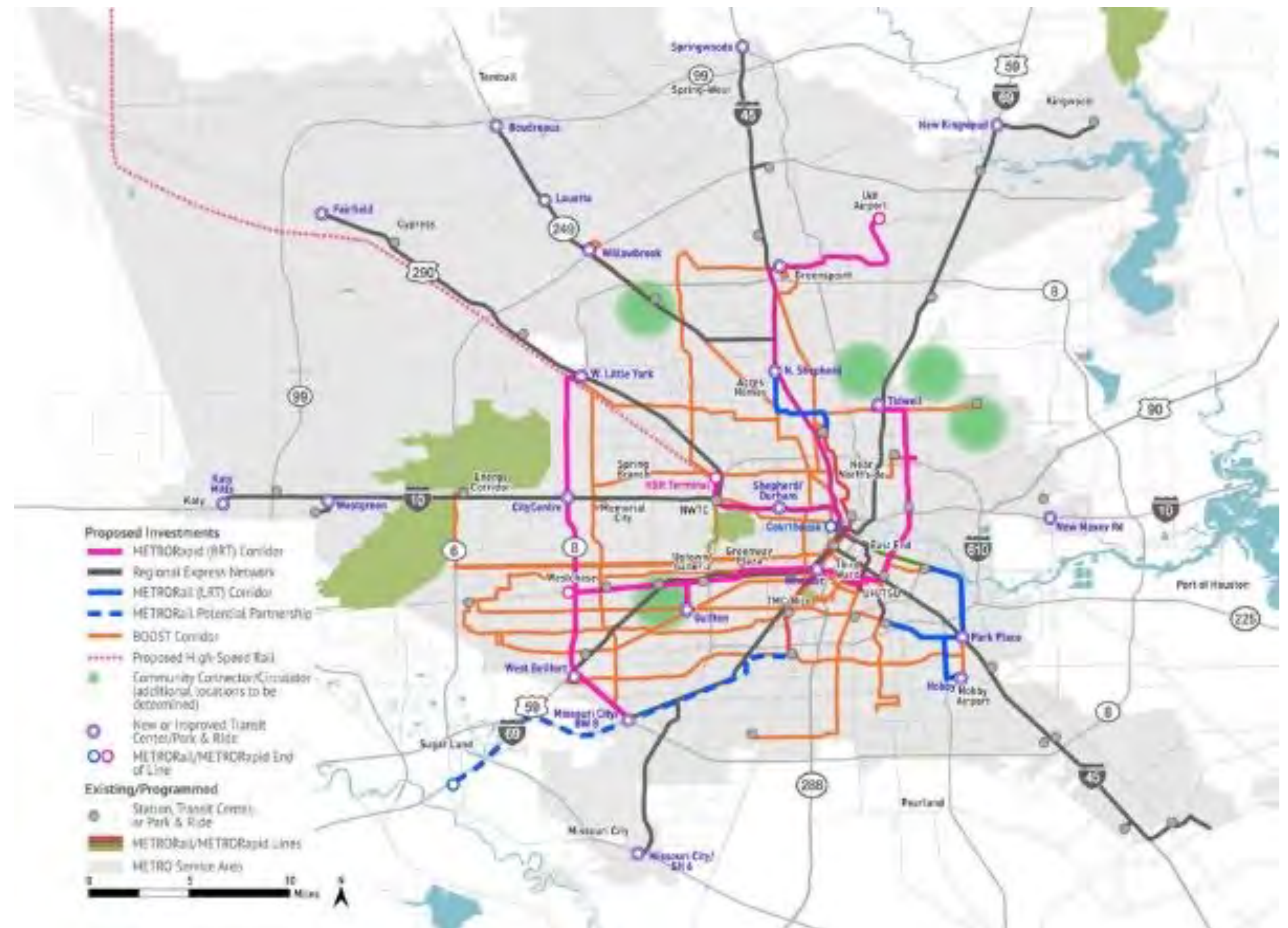
**Public
Meeting**
June 28, 2023



METRONext Moving Forward Plan

Multimodal long-range plan

- **75 miles** of METRORapid service
- **16 miles** of METRORail extensions
- **110 miles** of new or improved Express Lanes
- **290 miles** of BOOST and Signature Network service
- Systemwide enhancements
- Approved by voters in 2019



What is METRORapid?

- A bus rapid transit (BRT) system that provides fast and reliable **high-capacity service—similar to METRORail**—with dedicated stations and lanes
- METRORapid **stations and platforms** have the same look as METRORail
- The **METRORapid Silver Line** demonstrates the type of service that METRO will provide with this project



METRORapid Gulfton Features



Directly serves the Gulfton community with benefits for the entire region



Extension of the existing METRORapid Silver Line



Connects to many current METRO services as well as future enhancements under the METRONext Moving Forward Plan



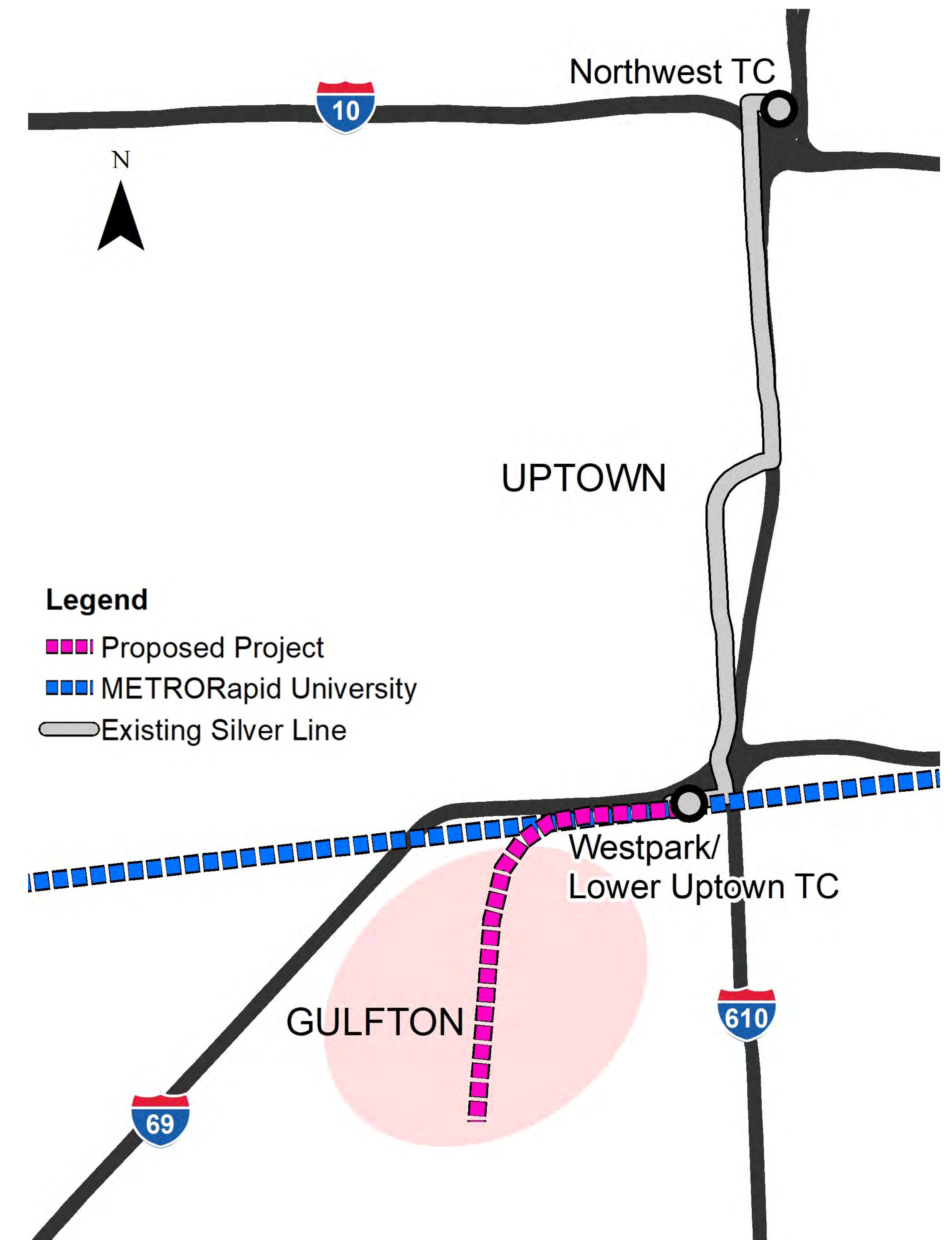
Fast, frequent service with bus-only lanes, transit signal priority, and rail-style stations



Modern design offering 100% accessibility, with wider doorways and level boarding



Low- or no-emission vehicles



Why METRORapid Gulfton Corridor?

IMPROVES MOBILITY AND CONNECTIVITY

- Provides fast, frequent one-seat ride between Gulfton, Uptown and the Northwest Transit Center
- Expands access to transferring opportunities at the Westpark/Lower Uptown Transit Center and the Northwest Transit Center

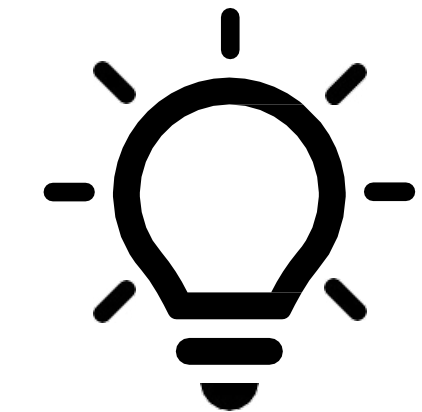
SUPPORTS VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

- Serves areas with high transit demand and high projected population growth
- Improves access to major activity centers and employment opportunities for transit riders in the region

ENSURES A RETURN ON INVESTMENT

- Furthers the existing investment in the METRORapid Silver Line
- Leverages investment on the planned METRORapid University Corridor and METRORapid Inner Katy Corridor

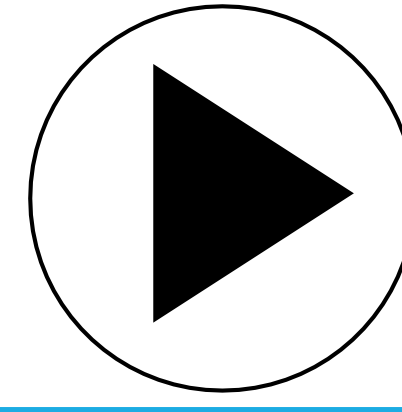
Timeline



METRONext

2017 – 2019

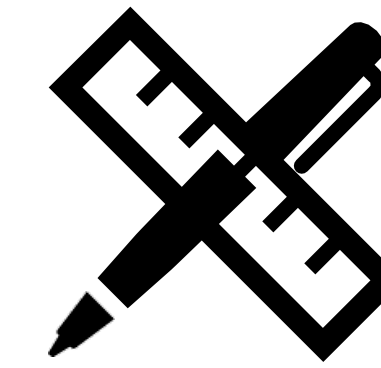
- Identified Purpose and Need
- Initial Concept



Project Initiation

2022

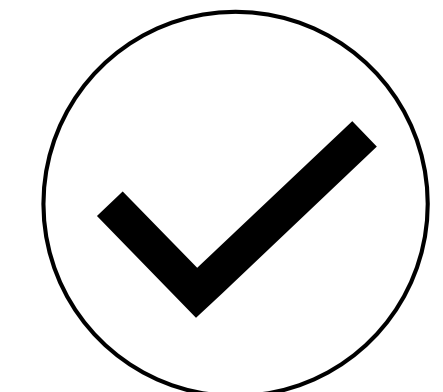
- Reviewed Alternatives
- Implementation Strategy
- Project Schedule



Project Development

2023

- Initiate Federal Funding Process
- Conceptual Design
- Service Integration
- Environmental Documentation
- Adopt Locally Preferred Alternative



Implementation

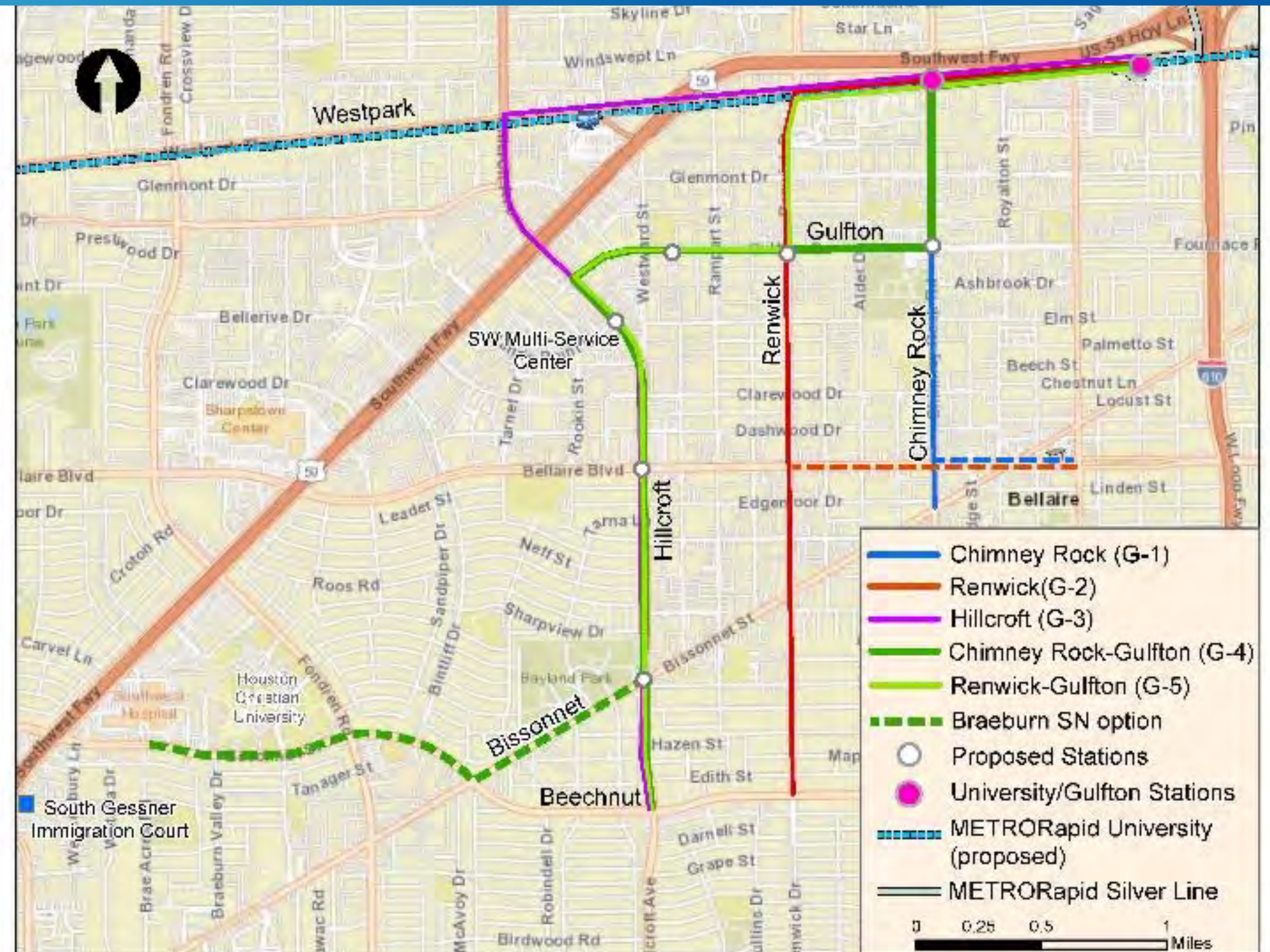
2024 – 2027

- Federal Grant Agreement
- Final Design
- Construction

Public and Stakeholder Engagement

Routes Evaluated

- Reviewed different routes that achieve project goals
- Connecting to the Southwest Multi-Service Center was an added benefit for some of the routes



Review Criteria

- Gulfton residents and jobs within walking distance
- Ridership benefits
- Capital and operating costs
- Traffic impacts
- Right-of-way impacts

Proposed Route



LEGEND

PROPOSED PROJECT

- Proposed Route
- Proposed Stations

OTHER FACILITIES

- Existing METRORapid Silver Line
- Proposed METRORapid University Corridor
- Proposed METRORapid Inner Katy Corridor

Why This Route?

- Addresses community needs
- Serves the heart of Gulfton
- Serves major destinations such as the Southwest Multi-Service Center area and Burnett Bayland Park
- Higher projected ridership

What We've Done

- Public Meetings
 - ✓ Tue, February 7th (English)
 - ✓ Thu, February 9th (Spanish)
 - ✓ Sat, February 11th (Bilingual)
- Online information and survey
- Street Team outreach
- Community group meetings
 - Super Neighborhoods
 - Civic Clubs
- Stakeholder meetings
 - City of Houston
 - Management Districts
 - Connect Community
 - HISD

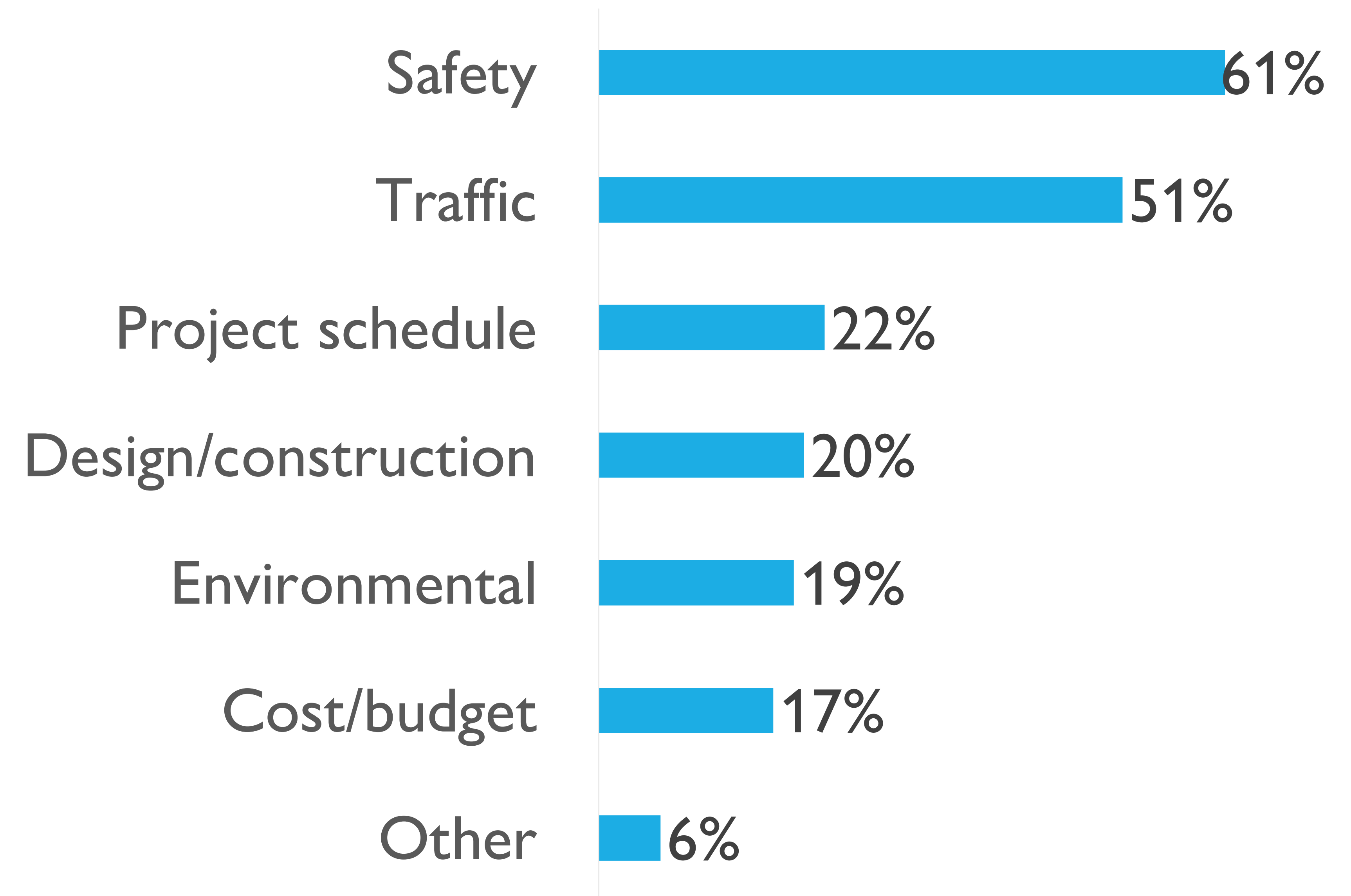


What We've Heard

700+ Responses

- Diversity of backgrounds
- Most live or work nearby
- Most are METRO riders
- More than one-third (37%) of the surveys were completed in Spanish

Feedback Topics



What We're Doing

Comments/Concerns	METRO Response
Loss of traffic lanes on Chimney Rock and Hillcroft	Considering trade-off between traffic lanes and property impacts
Pedestrian safety and convenience	Including sidewalk improvements and midblock crossings
Impacts to neighborhoods south of Bissonnet	Proposing to end at Bissonnet to minimize operational impacts
Trees and landscaping	Conducting a tree survey and coordinating with Greener Gulfton program

METRORapid & Greener Gulfton

Strategy

- Conduct tree inventory in right-of-way
- Coordinate with Greener Gulfton and Nature Conservancy (Texas A&M)
- Coordinate with City of Houston
- Replace trees in available median
- Replace trees along the side path

METRORapid Gulfton – Westpark

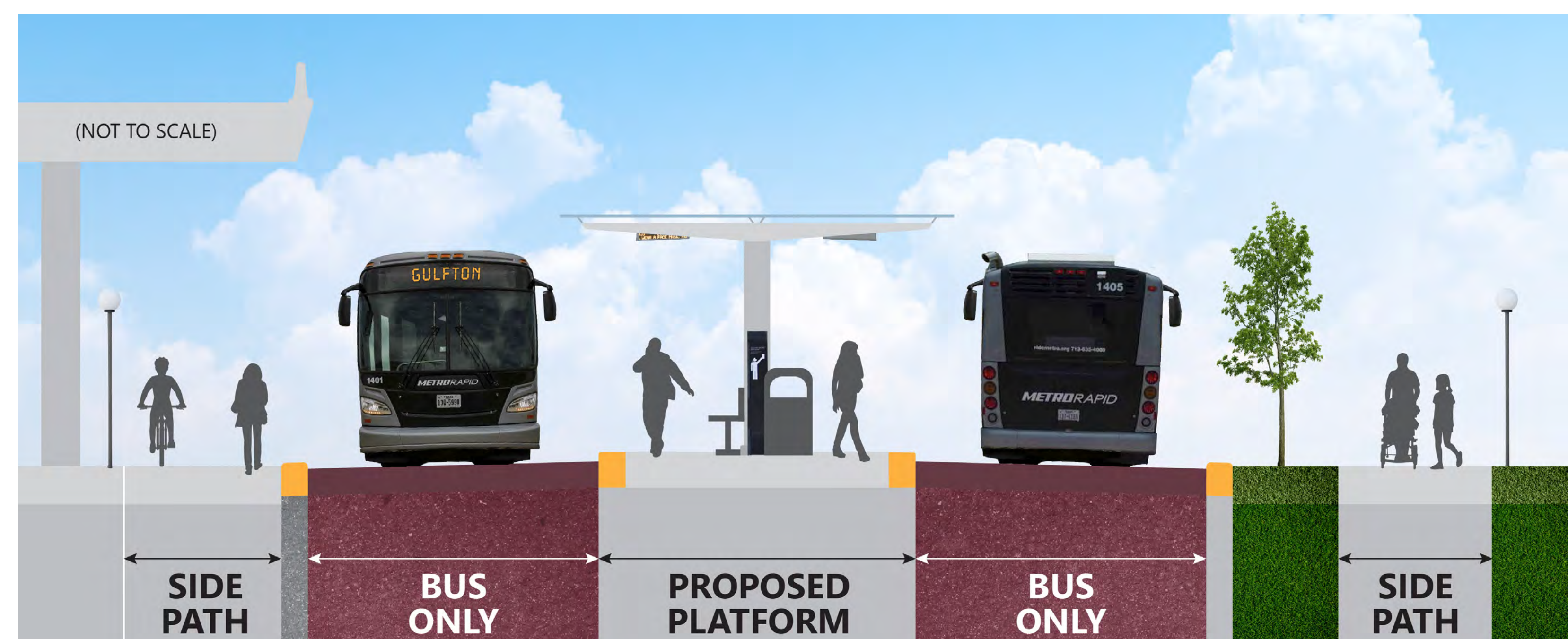
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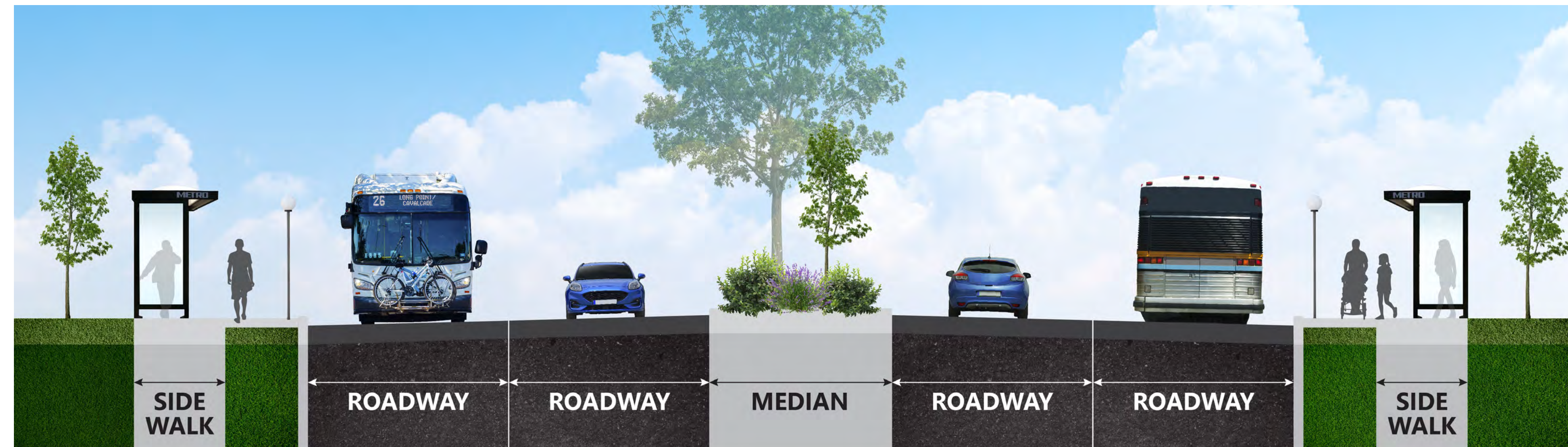
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METRORapid Gulfton – Chimney Rock



Existing/Existente

Proposed/Propuesto

Option/Opción 1

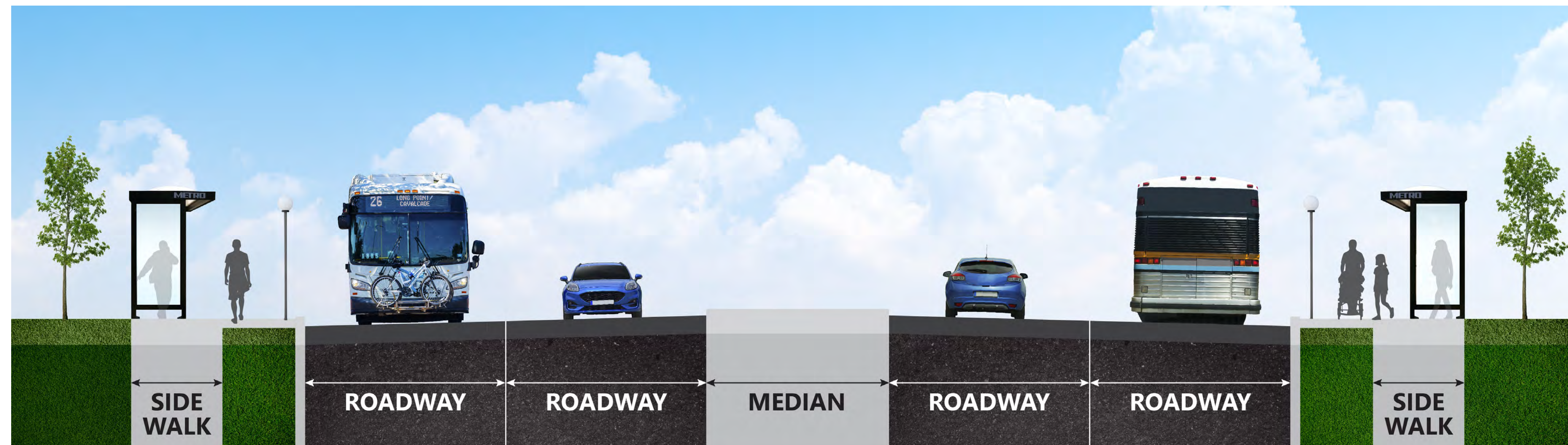


Option/Opción 2

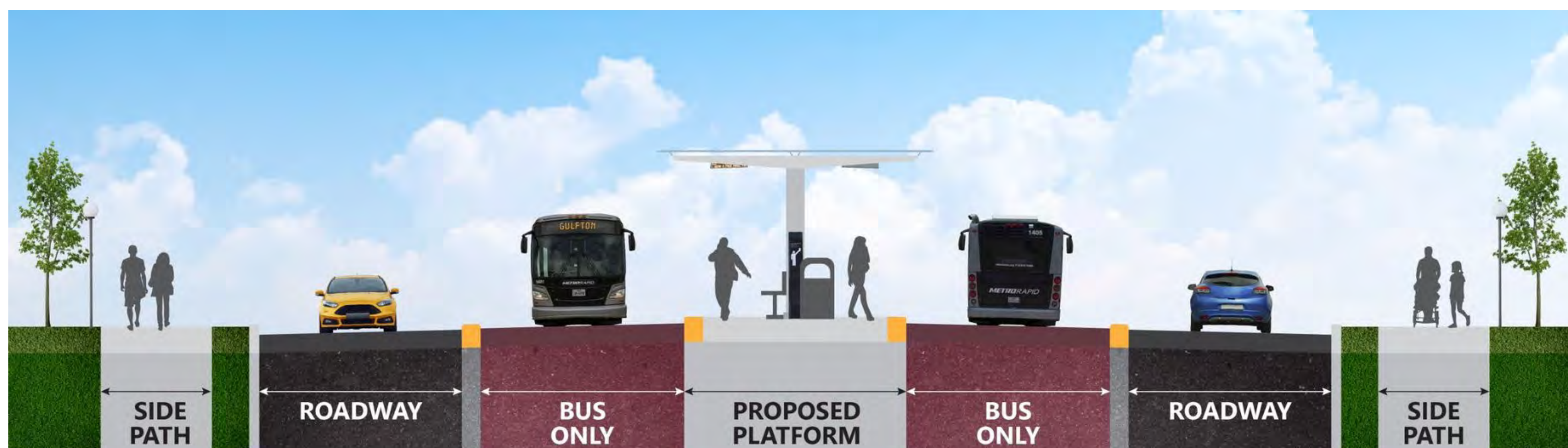


METRO Rapid Gulfton – Gulfton St.

Existing/Existente



Proposed/Propuesto

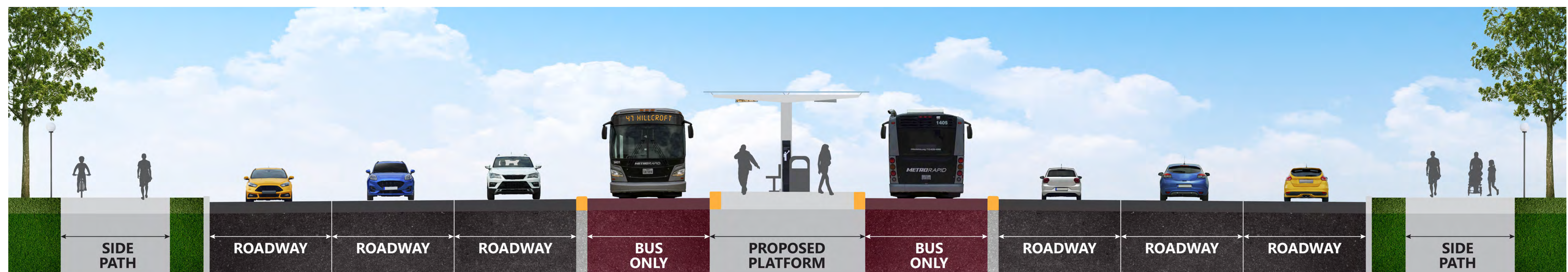


METRORapid Gulfton – Hillcroft @ Gulfton St.

Existing/Existente



Proposed/Propuesto



METRO Rapid Gulfton – Hillcroft @ Bellaire

Existing/Existente



Proposed/Propuesto



METRO Rapid Gulfton – Hillcroft south of Bellaire/sur de Bellaire

Existing/Existente



Proposed/Propuesto



METRORapid Renderings /Representaciones de METRORapid



Hillcroft @ Bellaire
Proposed/Propuesto

Gulfton @ Westward
Proposed/Propuesto



Next Steps

- METRO Board of Directors Adopts Locally Preferred Alternative
- Continue Community Engagement
- Continue Stakeholder & Interagency Coordination
- Complete Environmental Studies
- Advanced Design

Get Engaged



Provide
Comments at the
feedback station



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RideMETRO.org/Gulfton



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