

***METRORapid Inner Katy Project***  
**Super Neighborhoods 14, 15 and 22 Meeting**  
April 27, 2021



# Project History

- Envisioned as METRORapid BRT in the METRONext Moving Forward Plan.
- Adopted by METRO Board of Directors in 2019.
- Approved by voters in November 2019.
- Recognized as a regionally significant project by the Transportation Policy Council.
- Funded via the Houston-Galveston Area Council's Transportation Improvement Program.





# Why the Inner Katy Project

- Provide a rapid transit connection between Downtown, Uptown, and the planned High-Speed rail terminal.
- Provide expanded capacity on I-10 West to relieve impacts of high traffic levels, congestion and delay on commuter services.
- Close the HOV gap for the Regional Express buses on I-10 West.
- Improve connectivity to METRO's local bus network to enhance access to housing, jobs, and economic and social opportunities.



# Goals and Objectives

- Improve Mobility:
  - Provide high-speed, rapid transit service between Downtown and Uptown.
  - Improve travel time and reliability for METRO commuters in the I-10 West and US 290 corridors.
- Enhance Connectivity:
  - Connect METRO's existing rapid transit lines and other METRO routes and services.
  - Connect the planned Texas High-Speed Rail terminal with Downtown and Uptown.





# Goals and Objectives

- Support Vibrant Communities:
  - Create opportunities for economic development.
  - Improve access to jobs and social opportunities.
- Ensure a Return on Investment:
  - Coordinate with other transportation projects in the corridor.
  - Create additional capacity to accommodate regional population and employment growth, which will lead to increased travel.

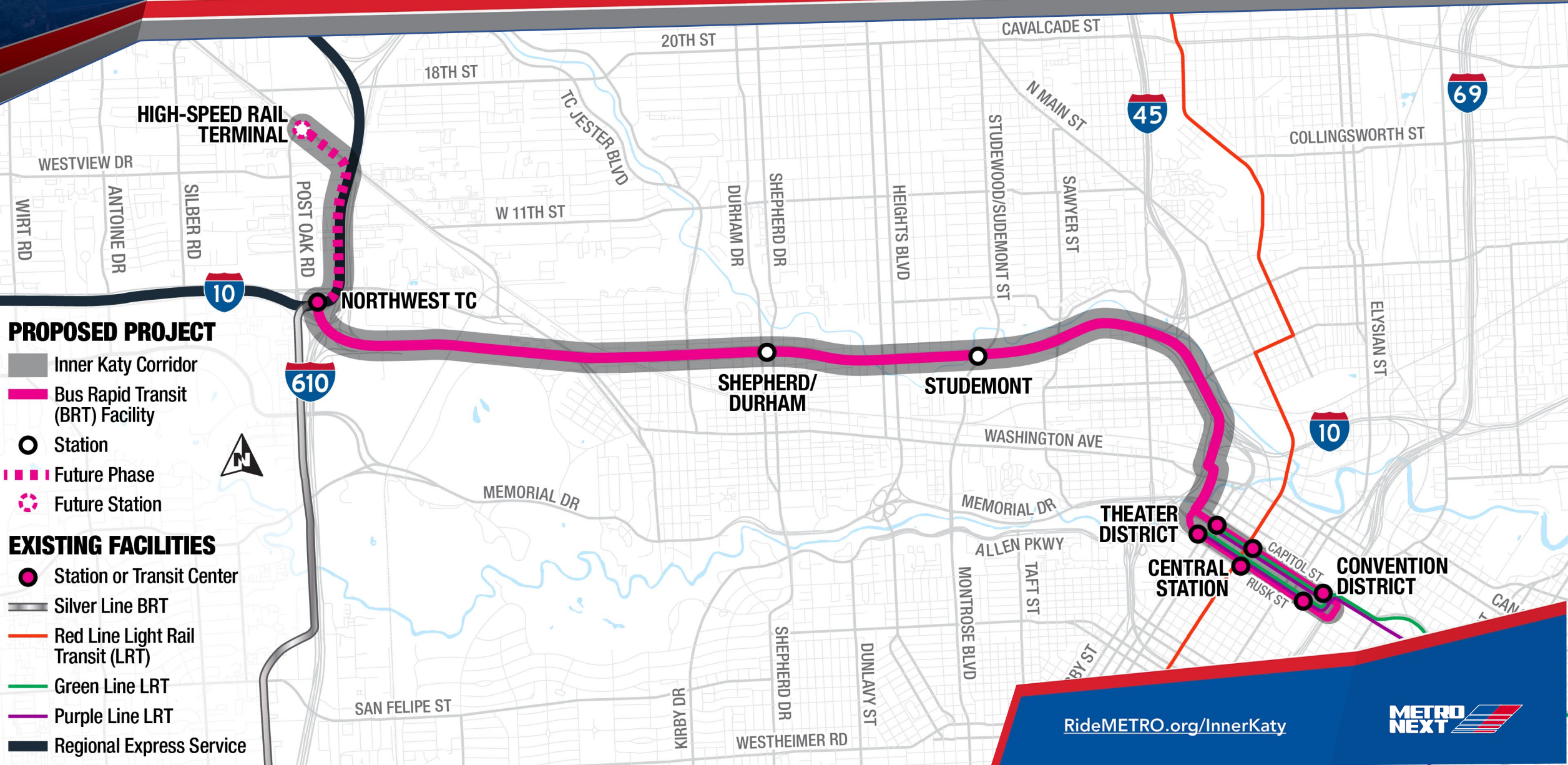


# ***METRONext Concept***





# METRO Rapid Inner Katy Project Corridor



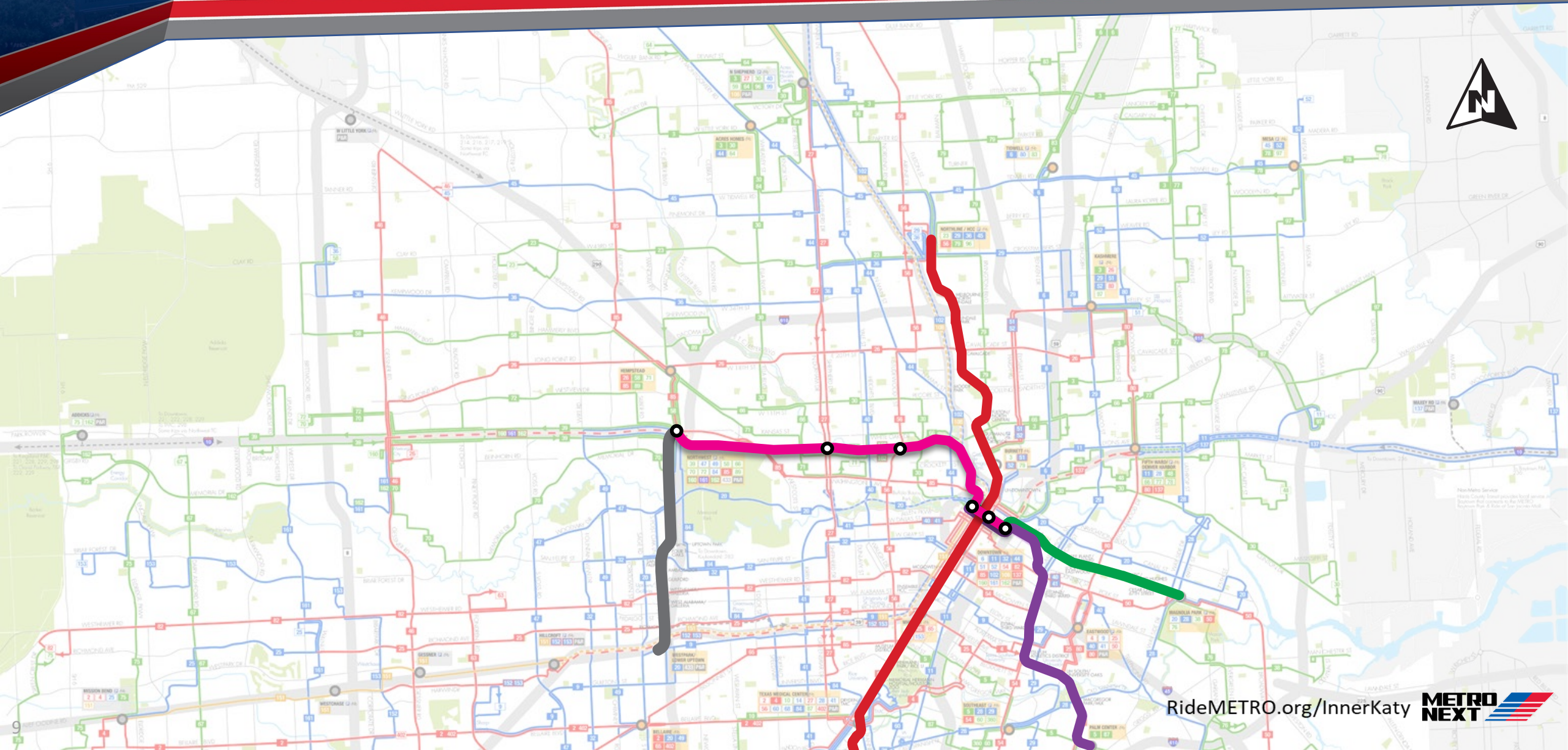
# Project Description

- Bus rapid transit (BRT) service along I-10 between the I-610 West Loop and Downtown.
- Direct connection from Northwest Transit Center to Downtown.
- Elevated guideway for rapid transit and Regional Express buses.
- Future connection to the planned High-Speed Rail (HSR) terminal at the Northwest Mall site.



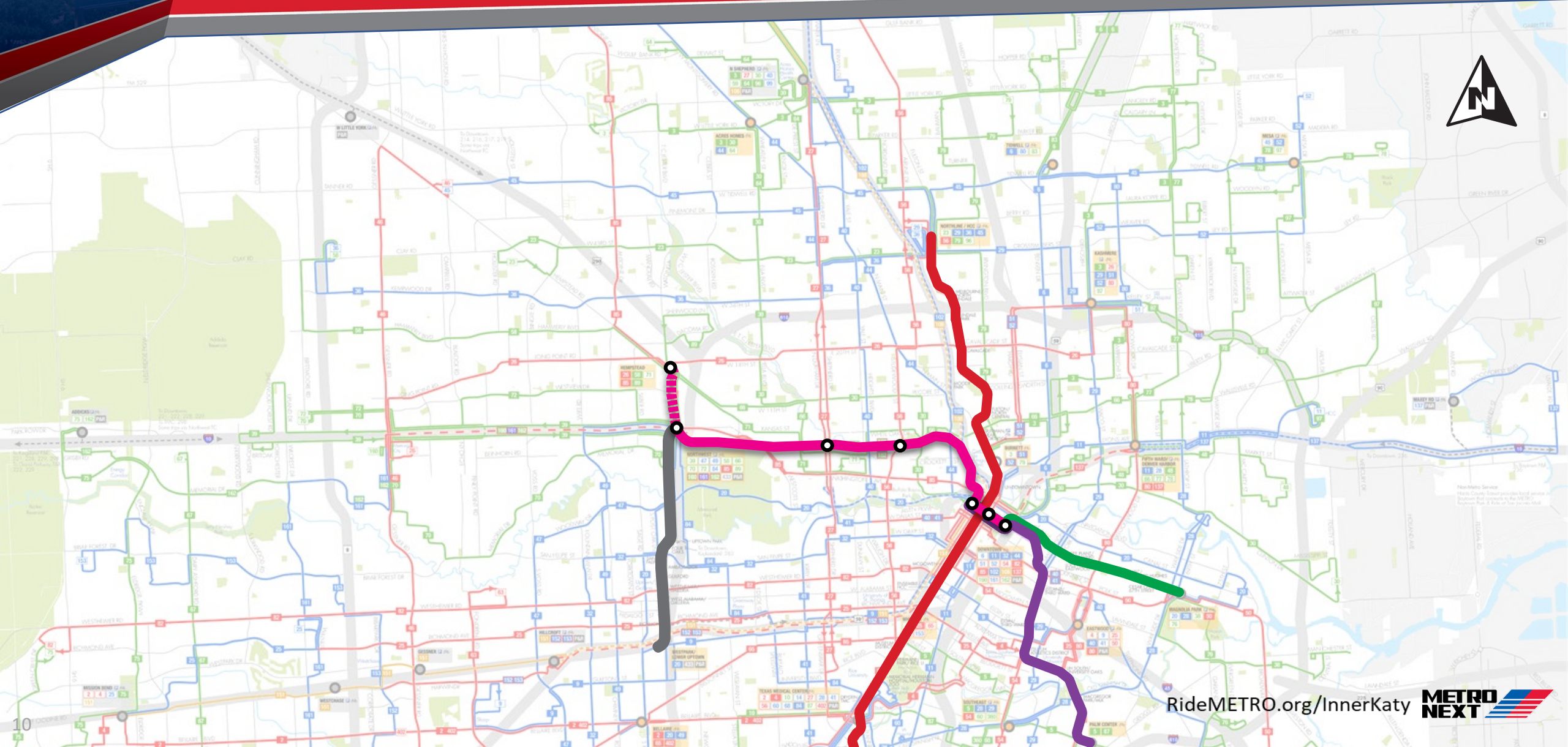


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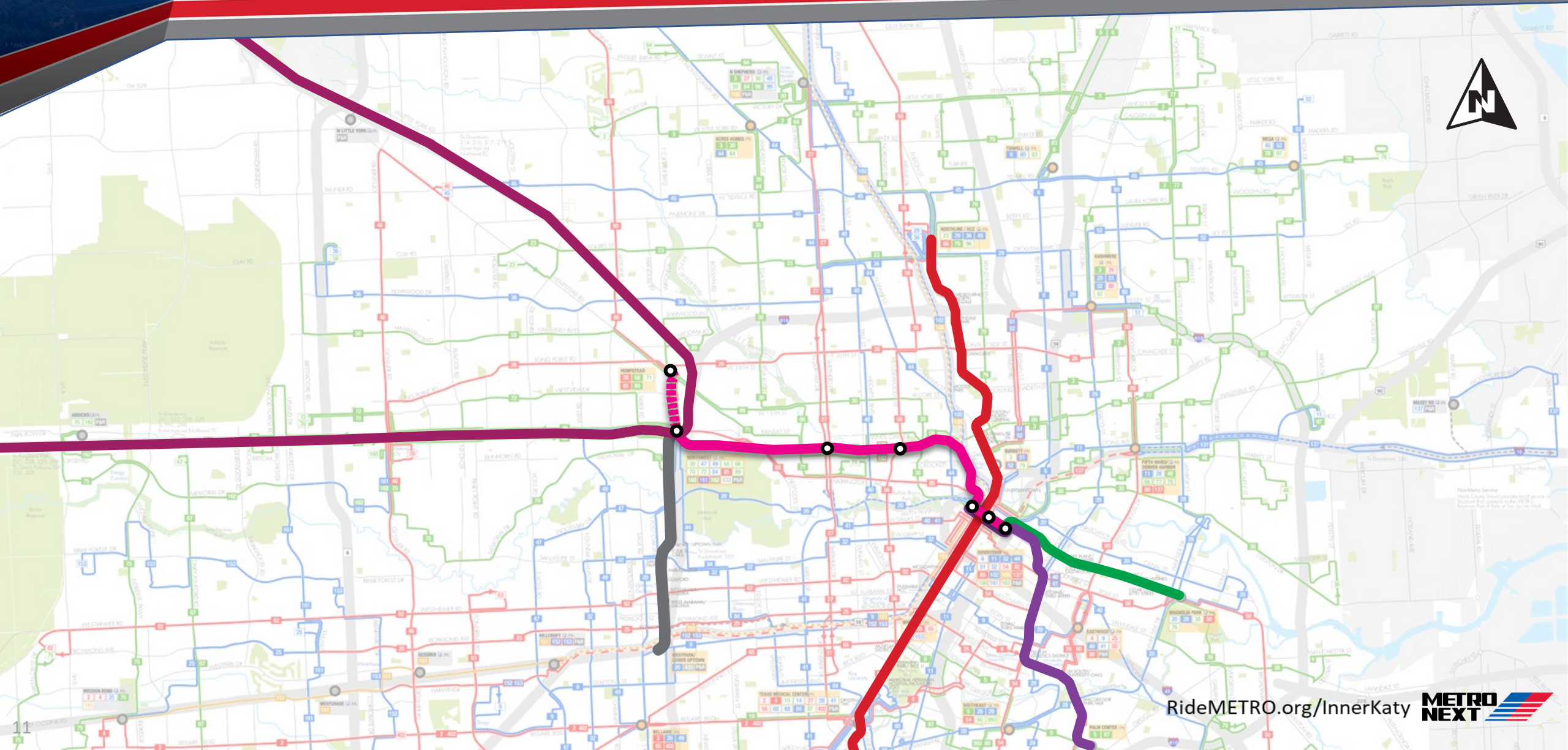


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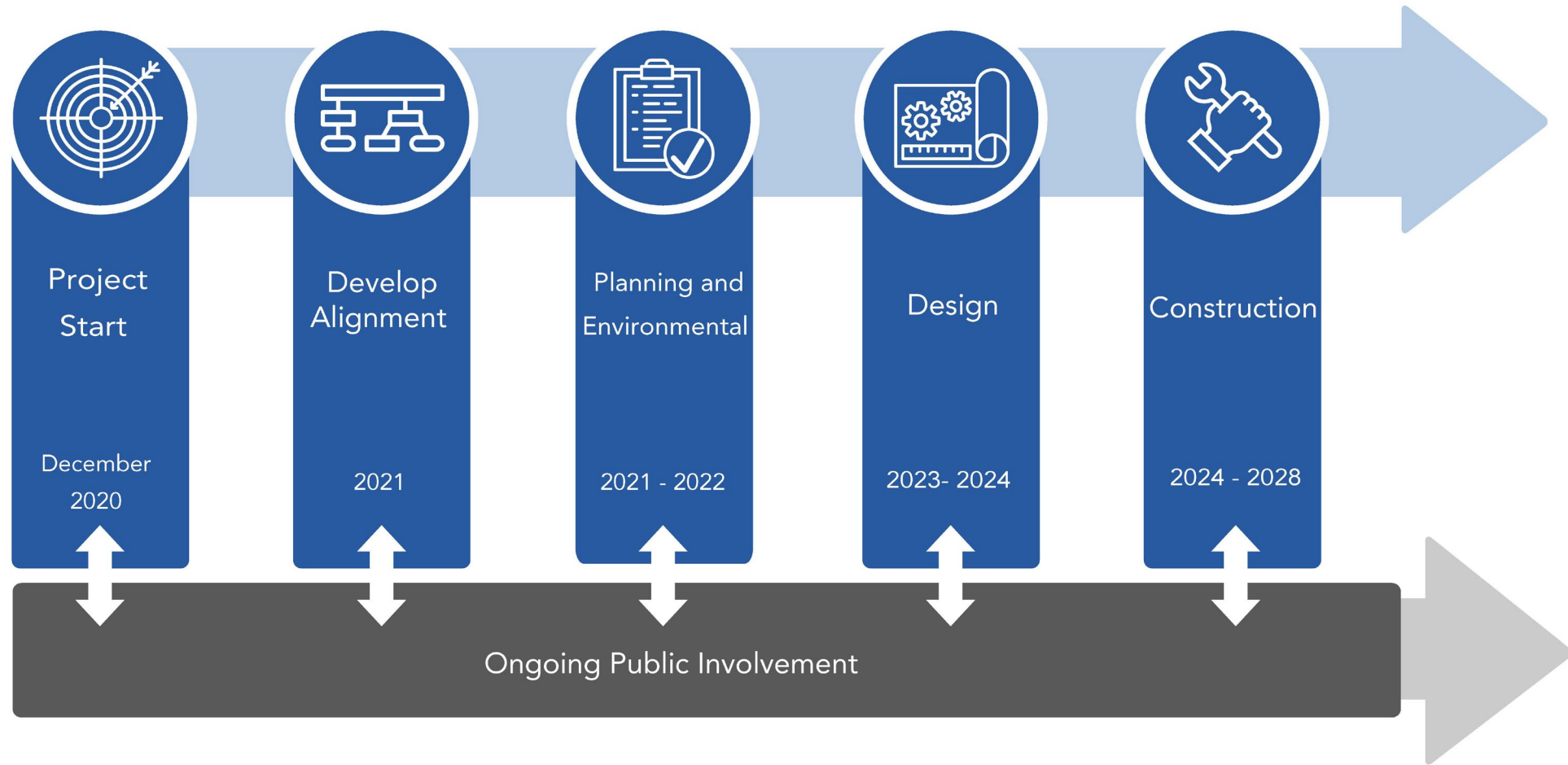




# Regional Express Bus Service



# Project Development and Key Steps





# Project Considerations

- Transportation/traffic impacts
- Noise
- Visual impacts
- Right-of-way requirements
- Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)
- Land use
- Social equity
- Multimodal connectivity



# For More Information

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# THANK YOU!