

Rice-Robert Arterial Bus Rapid Transit

Little Canada – Roseville – Maplewood – Saint Paul – West Saint Paul

The Rice-Robert Project is a proposed 11-mile Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (ABRT) line roughly along Rice St and Robert St, serving the communities of Little Canada, Roseville, Maplewood, Saint Paul, and West Saint Paul.

Rice-Robert ABRT would serve a wide variety of communities, from the jobs and destinations of downtown Saint Paul to many of the poorest and most transit-dependent neighborhoods in the East Metro. Both Rice St and Robert St are home to a wide variety of destinations ranging from a dozen schools and numerous parks to the State Capitol and the main service centers of Ramsey and Dakota Counties. It would also connect to numerous existing or planned transit improvements, including METRO Green Line, METRO Gold Line, Rush Line, Riverview, and METRO B Line on Selby.

Rice-Robert ABRT is being considered for study and implementation as the METRO F Line in 2025. This timeline coincides with three major investments by state and local partners along the Rice-Robert corridor:

- **Rice St Visioning Project (2022-24):** Rice St from Pennsylvania Ave to Wheelock Pkwy is the subject of the ongoing Rice St Visioning Study, which will reimagine and redesign the corridor. Construction on the corridor between Pennsylvania and County Road B is scheduled to begin in phases in 2022.
- **Rush Line Project (2024-26):** Rush Line is a proposed BRT project from downtown Saint Paul to White Bear Lake. Rush Line would co-locate with Rice-Robert BRT from 12th St to 5th St in downtown Saint Paul.
- **Hwy 3/Robert Street Project (2025-26):** MnDOT and the City of Saint Paul are planning significant work along Robert St, with planning and engagement ongoing. Construction is anticipated in 2025 or 2026.

Coordinating planning and construction for Rice-Robert ABRT with these projects would increase cost efficiency, reduce construction impacts on the Rice St and Robert St business corridors, and allow for integrated planning between these various efforts.



46%

Percentage of the route through areas of concentrated poverty where at least half the residents are people of color

11

Miles of bus rapid transit through the five cities.

22

Approximate number of stations along the route.

30%+

Ridership increase seen on other regional ABRT projects.

39,276

Number of residents of areas along the route of concentrated poverty where at least half the residents are people of color