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STUDY AREA MAP



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EXISTING M-LINE TROLLEY ROUTE



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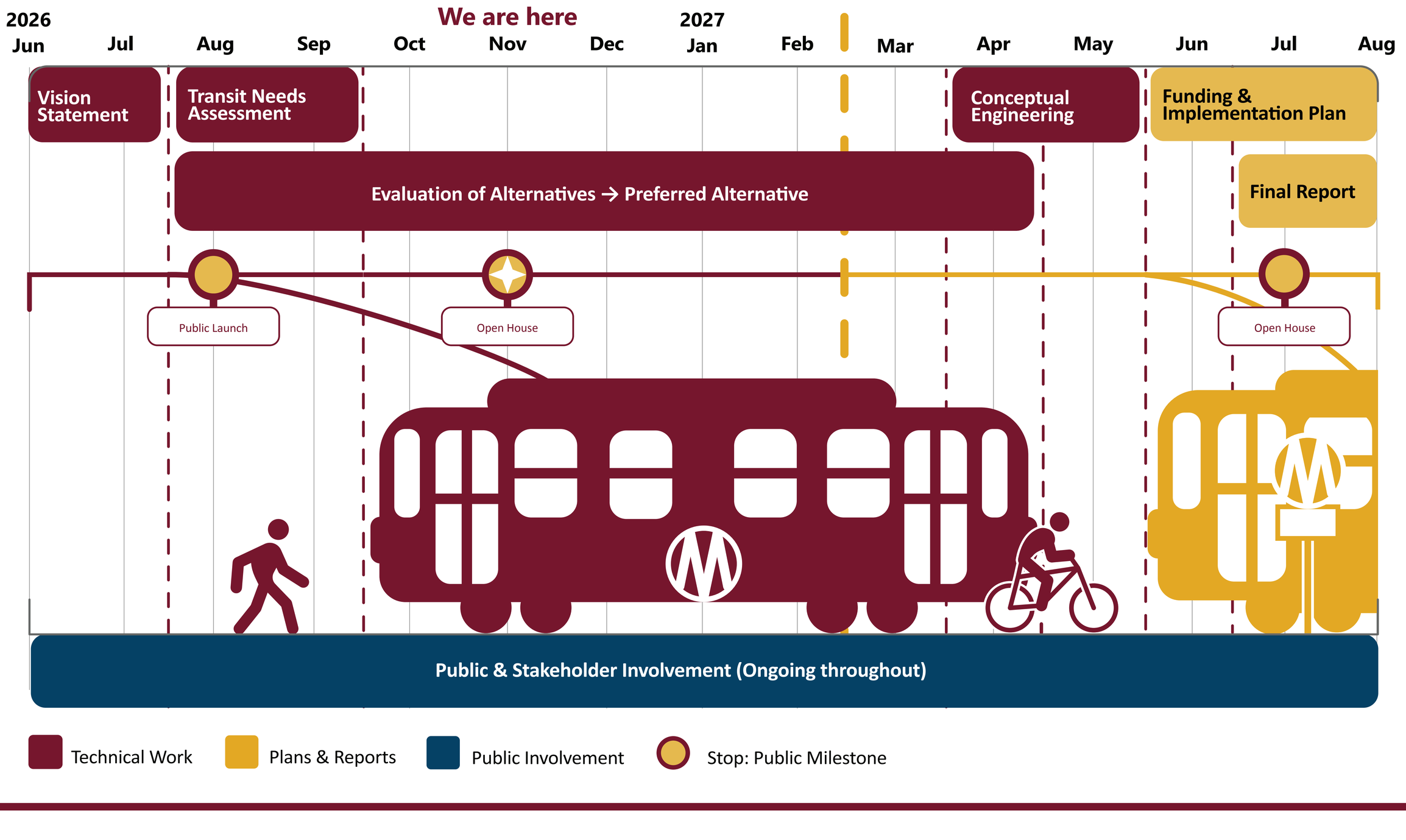
Project Timeline

Phase 1 Planning, Feasibility & Assessment

Phase 2 Implementation & Service Strategies



Technical Work | Plans & Reports | Public Involvement | Stop: Public Milestone

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Public and Agency Engagement

Public Launch	Vision Statement	Comprehensive Transit Needs Assessment	Evaluation of Alternatives & Scenarios	Preferred Alternative	Conceptual Engineering Considerations	Funding & Implementation Plan
What happens						
Introduce the study and start listening.	Draft the preliminary Purpose and Need, which defines local transportation needs and how an extension could meet them.	Examine how people travel today and where trolley service could best serve the public.	Study and compare possible routes and operating options.	Identify the option that best fits community goals and study findings.	Develop early design concepts for the preferred route and operating alternative.	Explore possible funding sources and a timeline for next steps to advance the preferred alternative.
What you can do						
Learn about the study and sign up for updates.	Review the draft and tell us if it reflects your priorities.	Share how you get around and where you want to go.	Tell us what you think about the options.	Weigh in on whether the preferred alternative reflects your priorities.	Ask questions and share concerns.	Learn how your input shaped the final recommendations.

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PRELIMINARY PURPOSE AND NEED

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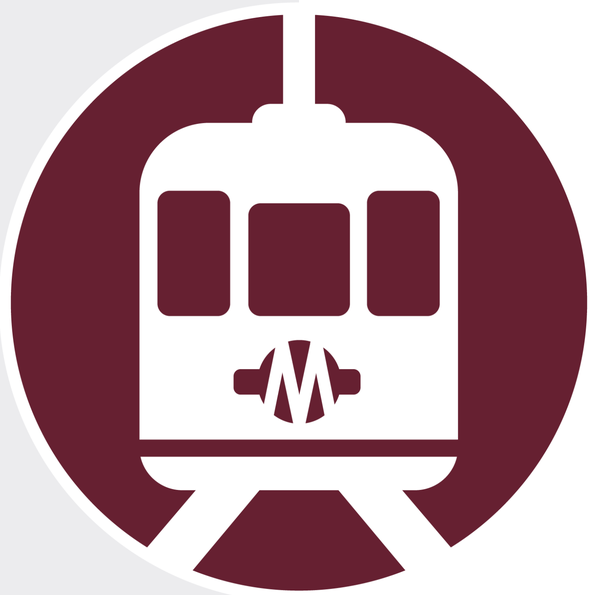

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- More transportation choices needed to improve connectivity to and from the large employment centers and major activity centers in the study area
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QUESTION: ARE THERE OTHERS WE NEED TO CONSIDER?

PLACE A DOT BY THE PURPOSE AND NEEDS THAT RESONATE WITH YOU.

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How Streetcars Connect Neighborhoods

Every ride starts and ends in the neighborhood

Riders come and go from stops along the route, bringing steady activity to the neighborhood, storefronts, and restaurants nearby.

A long-term route

A streetcar line is a lasting investment. Property owners and businesses can count on service staying on the street.



Links to the wider transit network

The M-Line connects with DART light rail and nearby bus routes. From there, riders can reach neighborhoods across Dallas and the region without a car.

Easy to see, easy to use

Rails in the street show exactly where the line goes. Residents, visitors, and businesses can see the route and plan around it.

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Trolley Car Modes

Each trolley mode offers unique advantages and opportunities, some of which are highlighted below. Overlapping areas show features shared by two modes.

Vintage

Same cars the M-Line is known for today

MATA staff includes vintage trolley experts; with unmatched institutional knowledge nationwide

Authentic trolleys that connect us to our past

Unique, sought-after experience

Vintage Modern

A historic look, updated

Historic charm

Holds 70 to 80+ passengers

Modern

Modern technology capable of increasing rider comfort and operational performance year round

Vehicles and parts readily available

Holds 120 to 150+ passengers

Storage space for bicycles, strollers, large bags, etc.

Short dwell (stop) times

Can run on battery, reducing visual and tree canopy impacts from overhead wires

Level boarding, no steps

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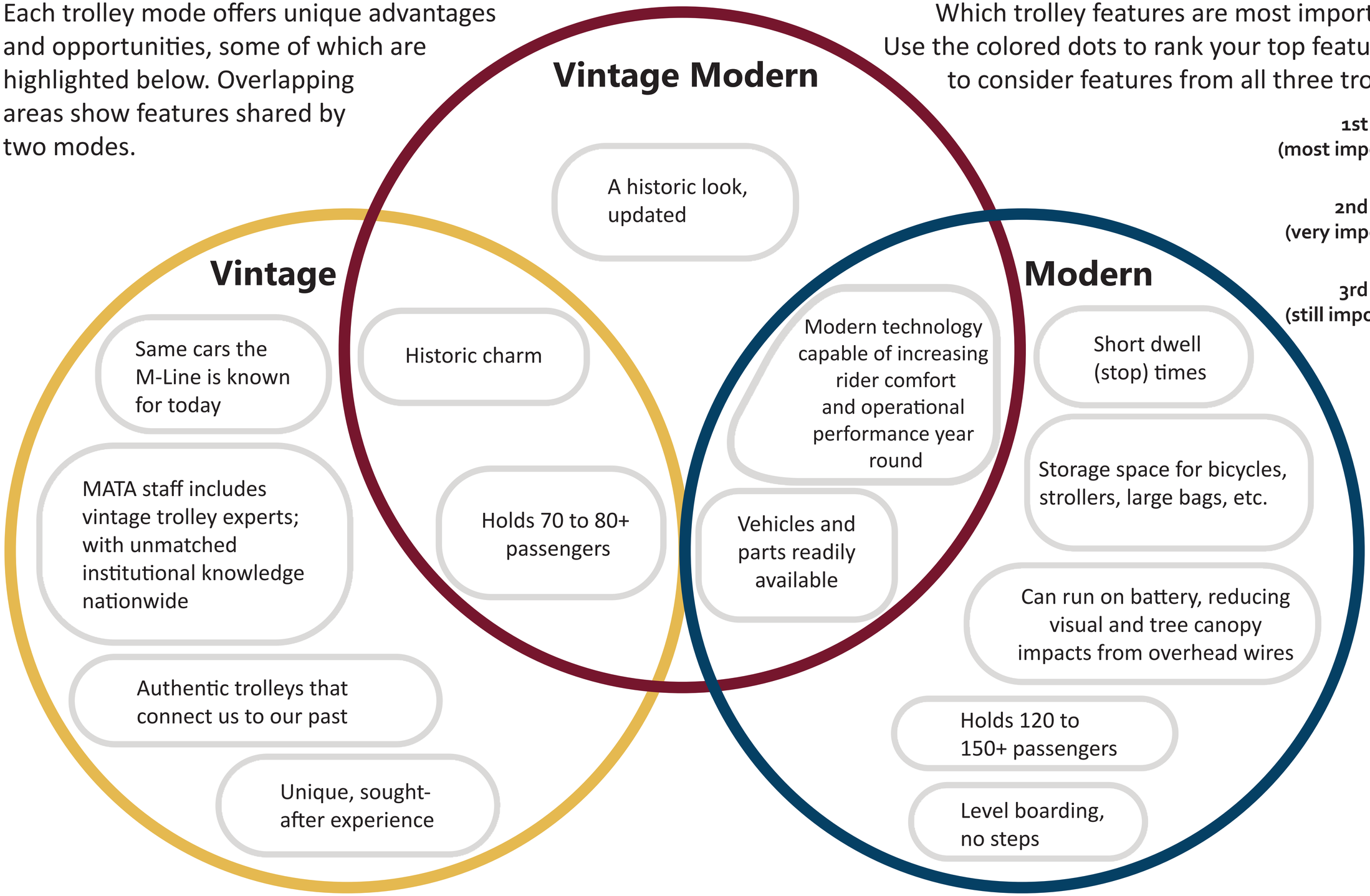
Which trolley features are most important to you? Use the colored dots to rank your top features. Be sure to consider features from all three trolley modes.

1st Choice (most important)

2nd Choice (very important)

3rd Choice (still important!)



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Next Steps

Thank you for joining us. Here is what happens next and how to stay involved.

How Your Input Shapes the Study

Comments received at this open house will help define the study's vision and Preliminary Purpose and Need, and will feed directly into the alternatives analysis. We'll share a summary of what we heard on the project web-site at the end of Phase 1.

Where the Study Goes From here

Now: Gathering input on the study's vision, Preliminary Purpose and Need, and streetcar modes.

Next: Assessing transit needs, evaluating possible routes and streetcar mode options, and continuing to gather input.

Summer 2027: Next open house.

September 2027: Study complete.

Stay Connected

You don't have to wait for the next public meeting to learn more, ask questions, or share input.

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