

Station Ahead Maps Update



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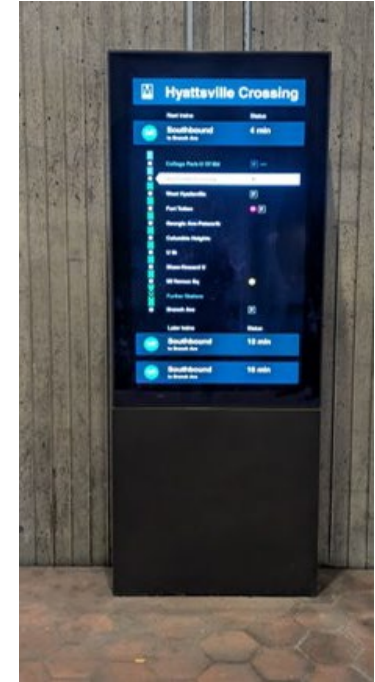
Agenda

1. Overview and Background
2. Proposed Design and Features
3. Discussion and Next Steps

Overview and Background

What is a Station Ahead Map (SAM)?

- Formerly **Station Ahead List**, wayfinding product which orients a customer
 - where they are in the system
 - subsequent stops forward
- Varying iterations of SAM types and conditions throughout the system; including stations with **no SAMs**
- SAMs are an element of our broader Wayfinding system redesign and updated Guidelines



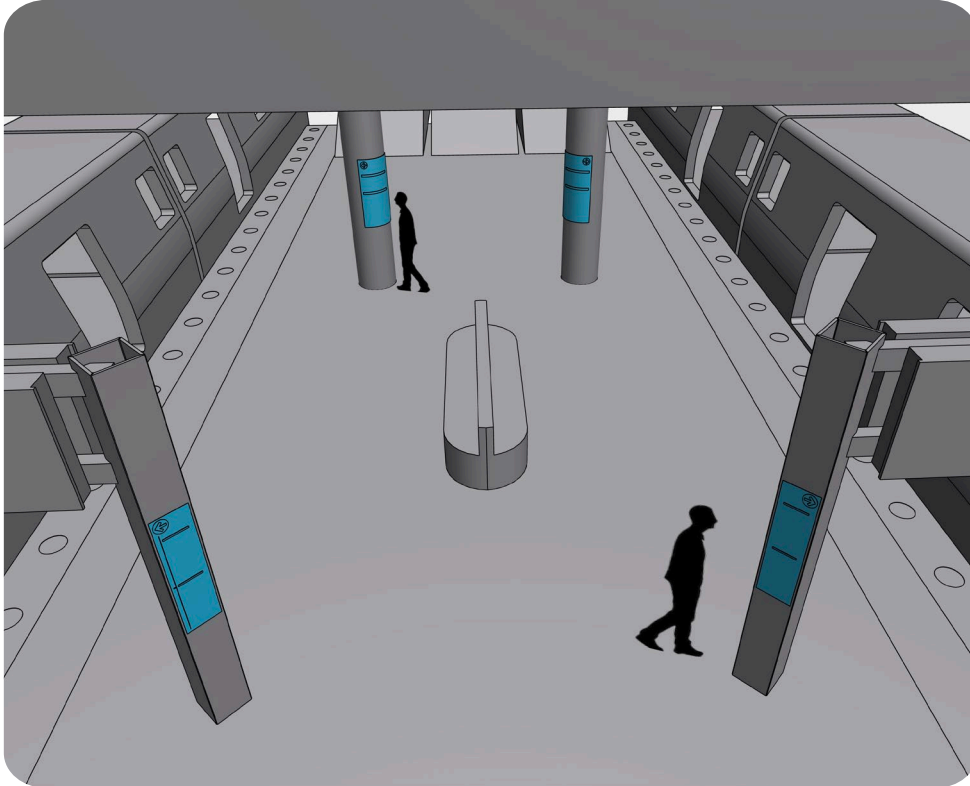
Goal of Station Ahead Maps

- Provide customer with **clear** and **consistent** wayfinding with more emphasis on regional connections
- Use both text, color, and symbols to communicate
- Maintain vertical orientation only to eliminate confusion
- Create design which do not skip stations based on **outreach feedback** from customers and both Advisory Councils



L'Enfant Plaza station names dropped/missing

SAMs Designed to Address Key Customer Questions



“Where is my train?”

“Which train do I get on?”

“Is my **destination** ahead?”

Proposed Design and Features

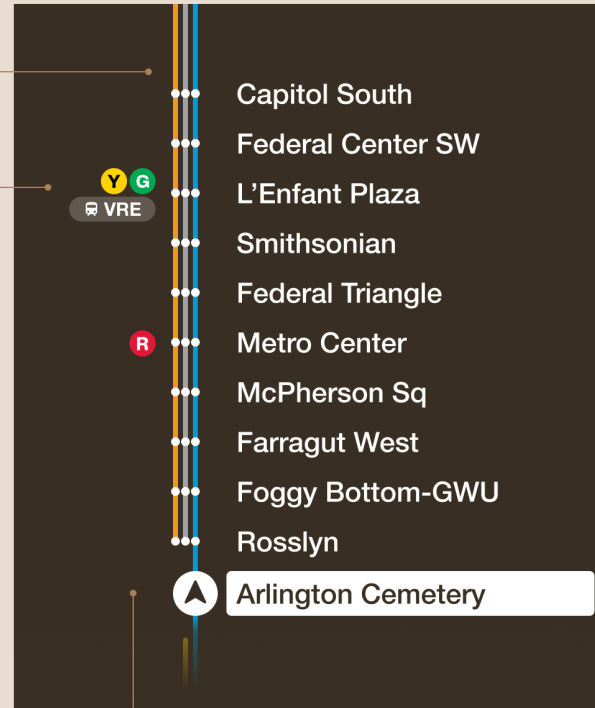
Station Ahead Map Graphic System

Minimal Lines

- Low cognitive overhead
- Relates to original SAM designs (screen printed)

Connection Group

- Quick & easy to parse
- Consistent placement



Modern You-Are-Here Approach

Similar to navigational logic

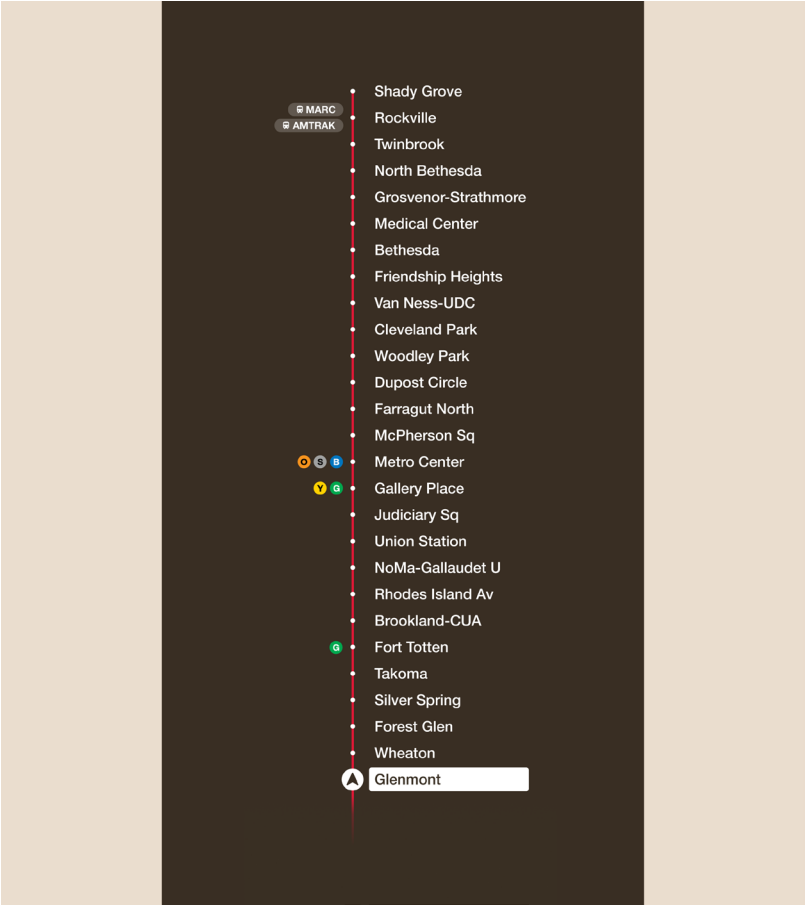


Connection Family

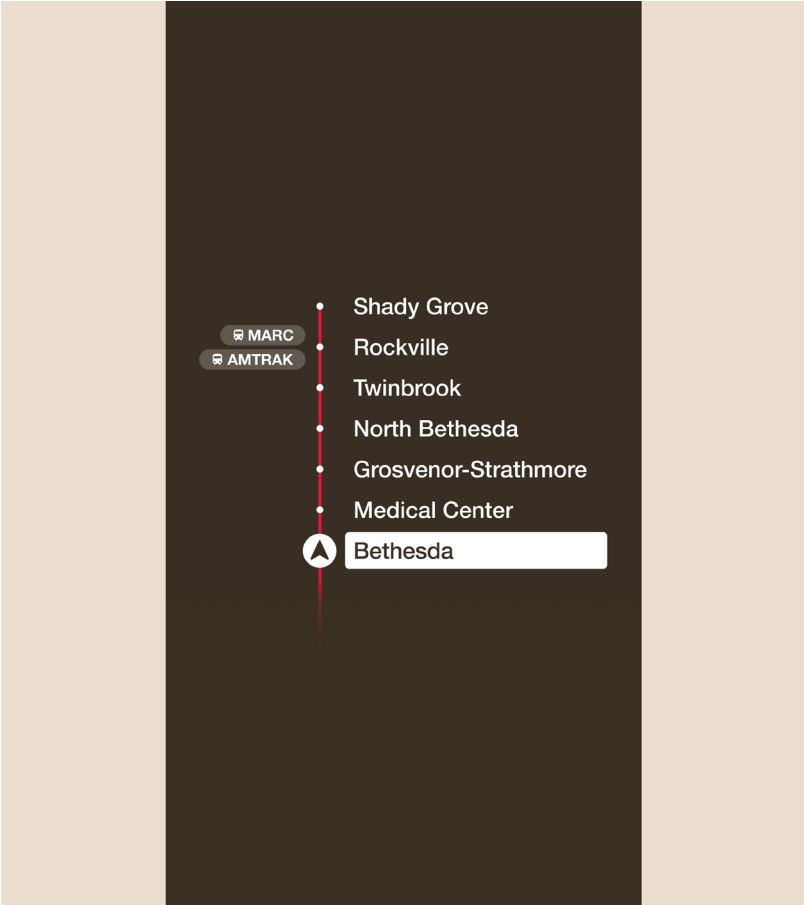
- Rail Transfers
- Commuters
- Airports
- Easy-to-expand
- One look & feel

Refined SAM Design (Red Line)

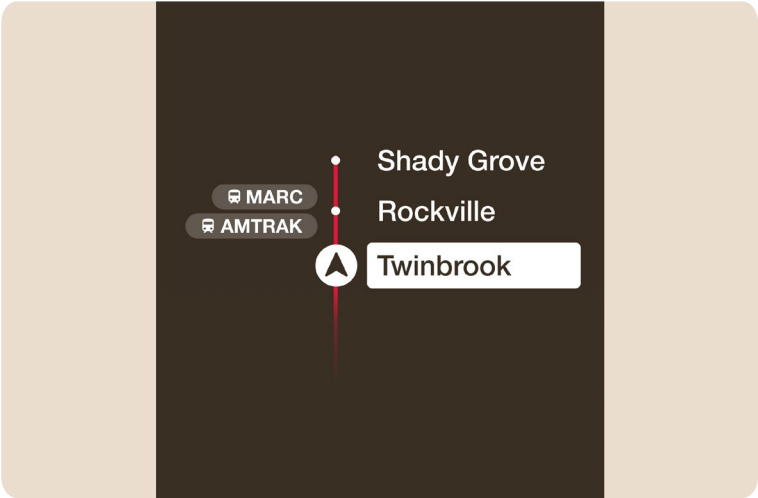
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Start of Red Line



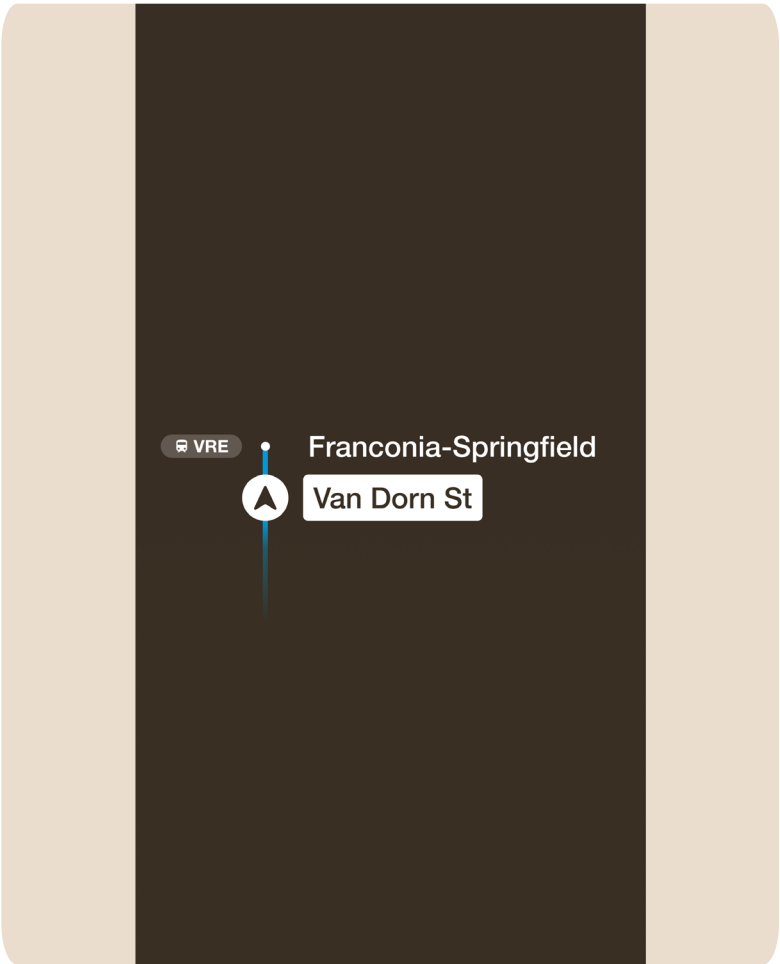
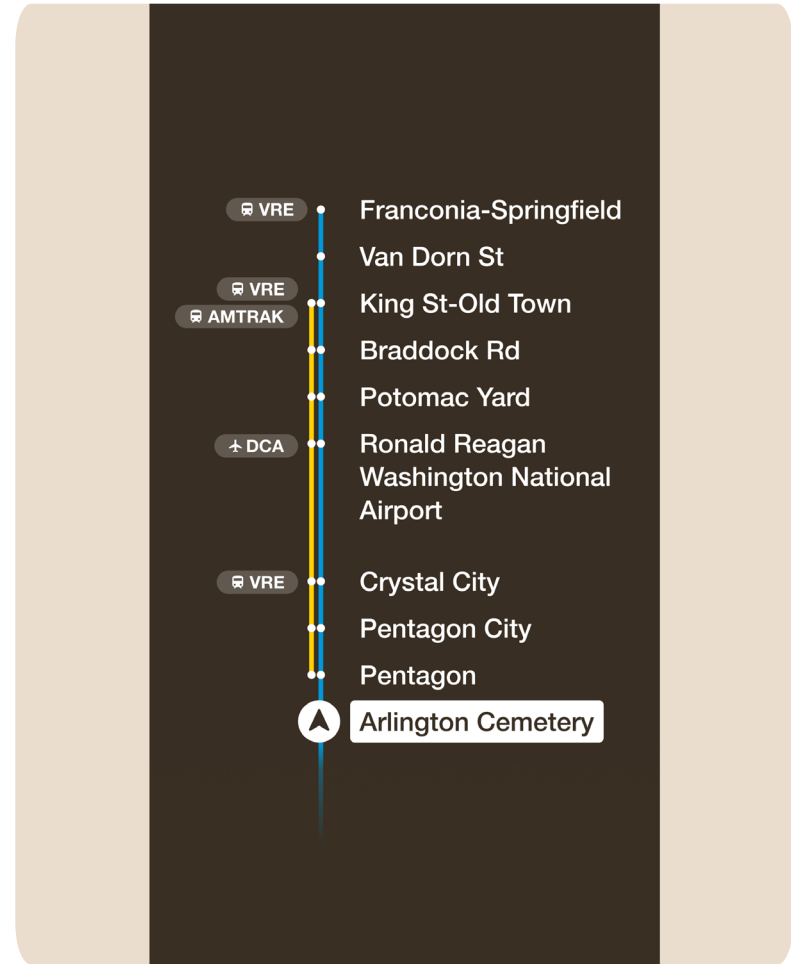
Middle of Red Line



End of Red Line

Refined SAM Design (Blue Line)

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Start of Blue Line

Middle of Blue Line

End of Blue Line



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Thank you