



METRO Orange Line

Counties Transit Improvement Board
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2016 Progress

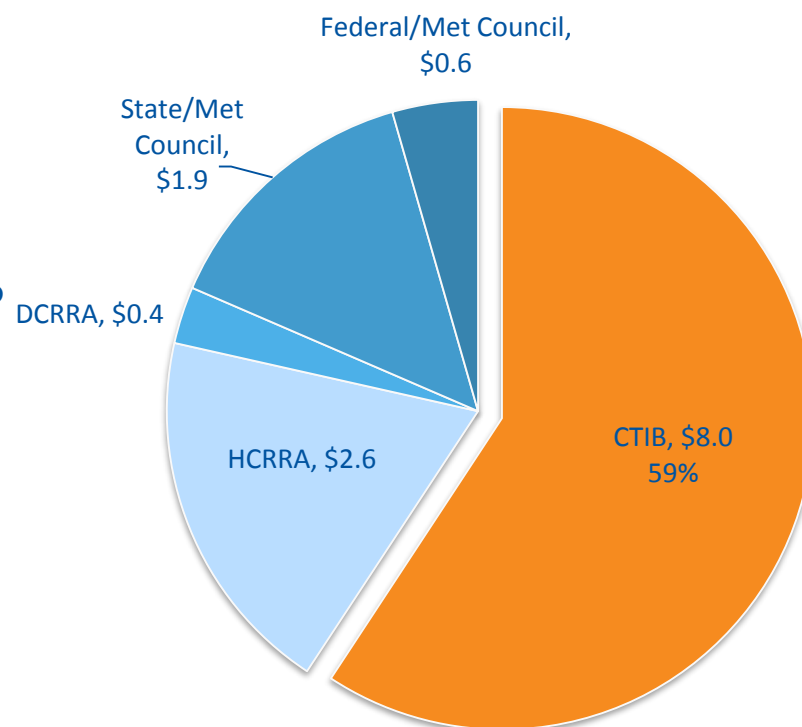
- Submitted project information in September to the federal Small Starts grant program
- Orange Line NEPA review close to completion
 - Lake Street Station received Finding of No Significant Impact
 - Orange Line Documented Categorical Exclusion in final FTA review
- Secured up to an additional \$39.63 million of funding in 2016
- Began engineering and completed 30% design



2017 CTIB Capital Grant Funding Requests

- \$13.5M of 2017 project activities planned
 - \$5M Project Development
 - \$3M CTIB
 - \$1.4M State (secured 2014)
 - \$0.6M Federal
 - \$8.5M construction activities under LONP
 - \$5M CTIB
 - \$2.6M HCRRA (approved 11/29/16)
 - \$0.5M State (secured 2014)
 - \$0.4M DCRRA (approved 11/15/16)
- \$8M Total CTIB Capital Grant request

2017 Capital Grant Sources, in Millions



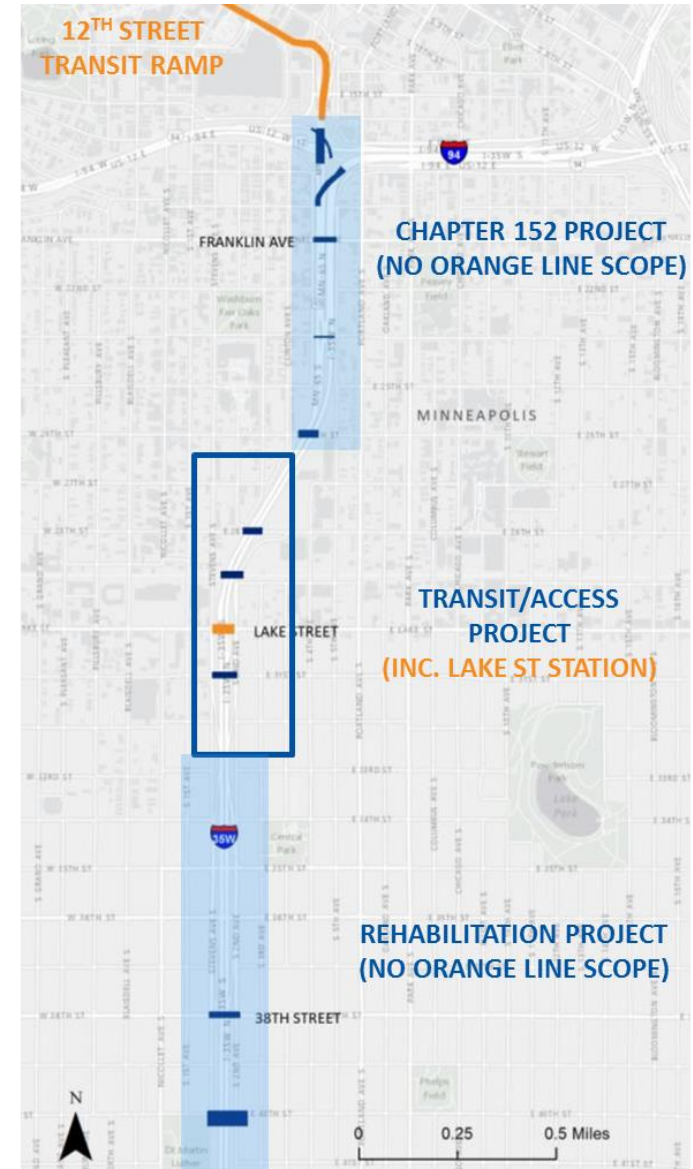
Critical Time for Coordinating Orange Line and MnDOT Work

- Partnership and collaboration for multiple projects on I-35W from 42nd Street to Downtown (3 Miles)
 - MnDOT/State
 - Metro Transit
 - Hennepin County
 - Dakota County
 - CTIB
 - City of Minneapolis



MnDOT Project Elements

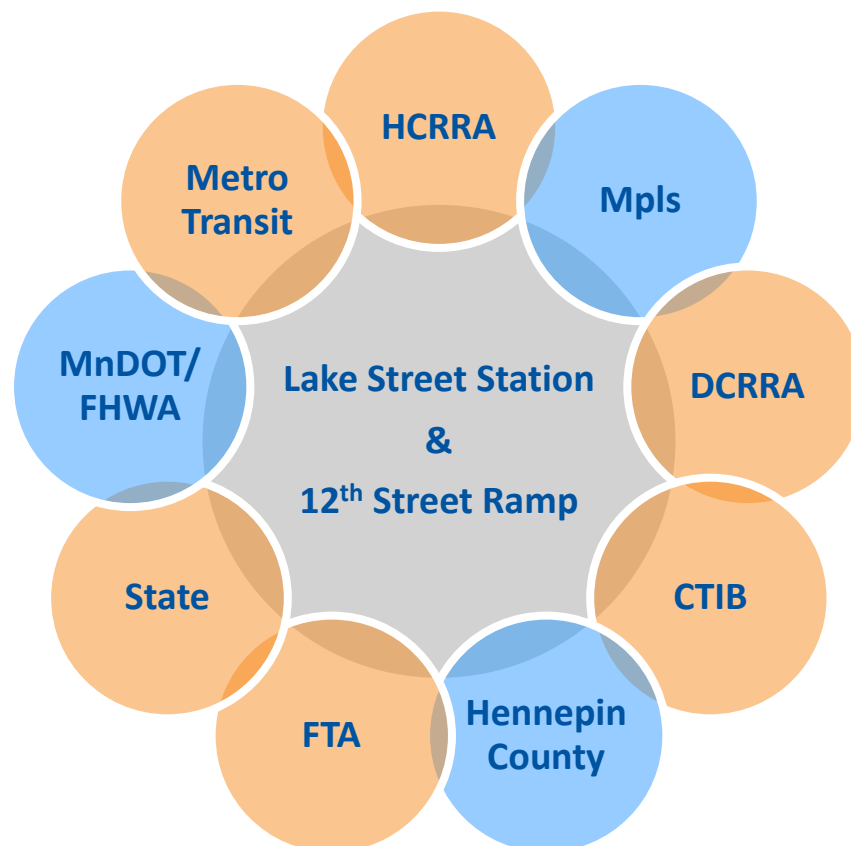
- Converting NB priced shoulder to permanent MnPASS Lane from 26th St to 46th St
- Construct new MnPASS lane on SB 35W from 26th St to 46th St
- Construct Orange Line BRT station at Lake St
- Improve access from I-35W to Lake Street business district with two new exit ramps
 - NB Exit to 28th St
 - SB Exit to Lake St
- Chapter 152 Bridges – Braid Bridge and NB Flyover
- Rehabilitated pavement and bridges
 - I-35W from 46th Street to 11th Ave
 - TH65 from 26th St to 16th St
 - I-94 from Nicollet Ave to Park Ave
- New and rehabilitated noise barriers throughout project area



A Regional Partnership

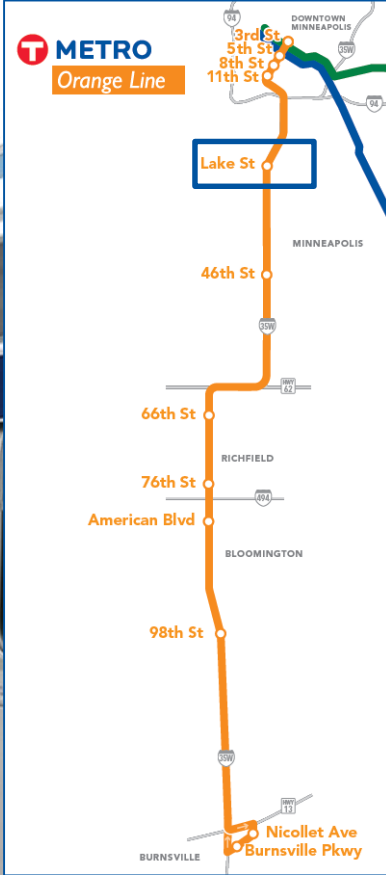
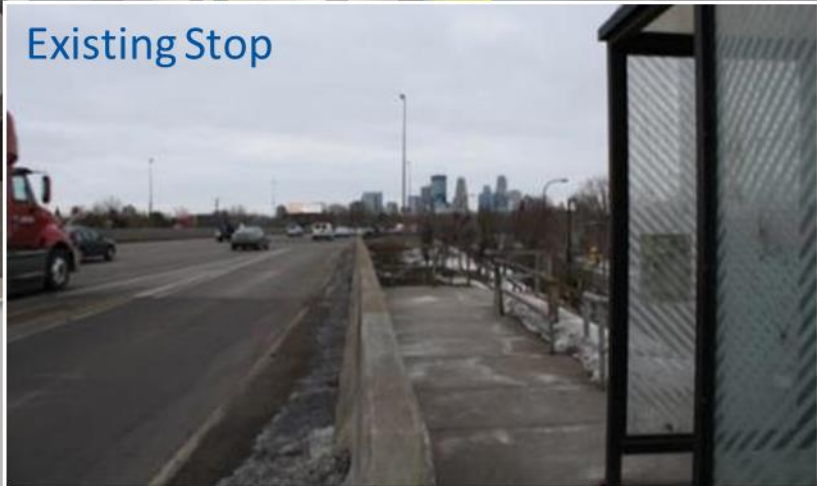
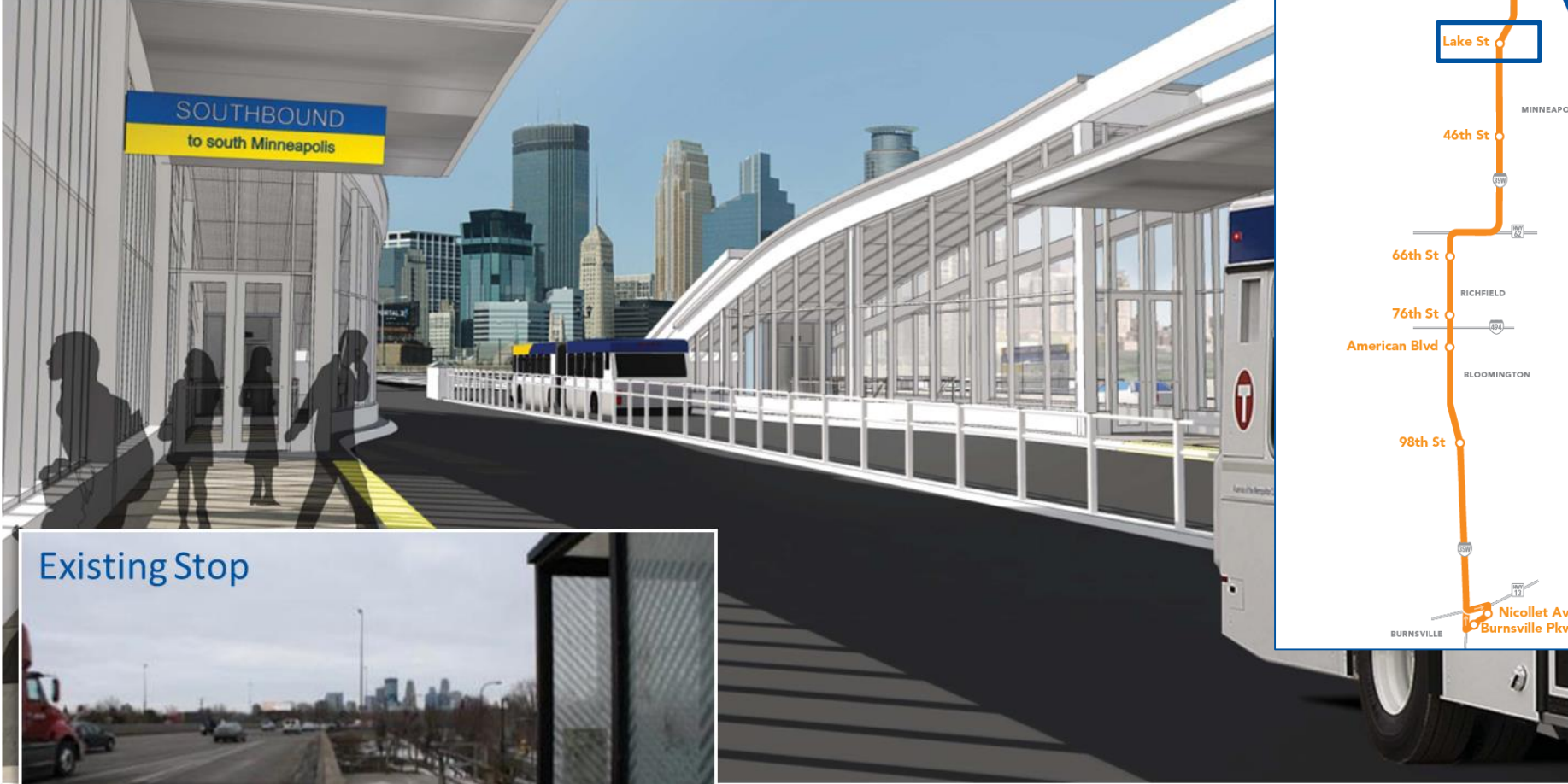
- Design collaboration transit + roads
- Multi-party funding, including portion of Orange Line project
- Integrated into single construction contract for delivery by MnDOT
 - Reduces cost and complexity
 - Reduces durations and construction impacts
 - Benefits all users and partners
- Orange Line scope elements north and south of MnDOT project continue to progress toward implementation

■ Orange Line funders
■ Transit Access funders





Lake Street Station

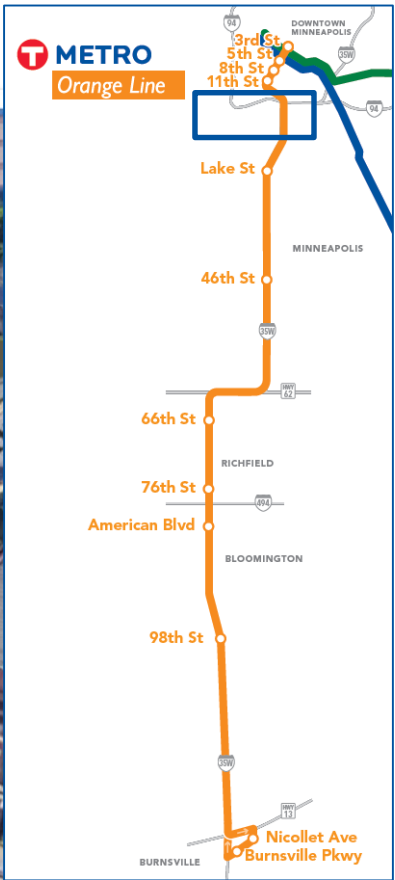


Lake Street Station

- Reduce congestion & remove existing bus weave across three lanes
 - Allow 700 bus trips per day to provide reliable, frequent service to the Lake Street Station
- Enhance regional equity & connections
 - Restores reliable transit access to Lake Street for all I-35W transit riders
 - Connect downtown residents to 8,000 jobs in the Lake Street Station area
 - Provide access all day, every day to thousands of south metro jobs via the METRO
- Provide a critical regional link
 - Direct connections from I-35W to local transit routes and planned BRT, Nicollet Avenue streetcar, and Midtown Rail
 - Transit agencies have reduced and eliminated service here due to inadequate facilities; access would be fully restored with new Lake Street Station



12th Street Transit Ramp



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- Bidirectional transit-only ramp between Highway 65 and 12th Street
- Provides seamless, reliable connection for 700 bus trips daily
- Improves trip time and reliability for 13,000 existing daily I-35W transit riders
- Over 26,000 daily Orange Line and express riders will benefit from the investment by 2040
- Alleviates one of the worst congestion pinch points in the transit network
- Makes transit a desirable and competitive choice in the I-35W corridor
- Promotes access to Downtown Minneapolis destinations, jobs, and housing

Schedule to meet LONP and MnDOT partnership agreement

- November 15, 2016 – Secured 2017 funding agreement authorization from DCRRA
- November 29, 2016 – Secured 2017 funding agreement authorization from HCRRA
- **December 7, 2016 – CTIB Orange Line project information item**
- January/February 2017 – Local funding commitment revisions for MnDOT Partnership agreement
- **January 15, 2017 – CTIB LONP Request information item**
- February 2017 – Approved federal LONP received by Metro Transit
- **February 15, 2017 – CTIB approves formal LONP pre-award expenditures**
- February – March, 2017 – Metro Transit approves \$54-61M MnDOT partnership agreement
- March 10, 2017 – Metropolitan Council executes partnership agreement with MnDOT
- March through June 2017 – MnDOT bid advertisement
- August 2017 – MNDOT awards project that includes two components of the Orange Line



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