

Metro Transit Update



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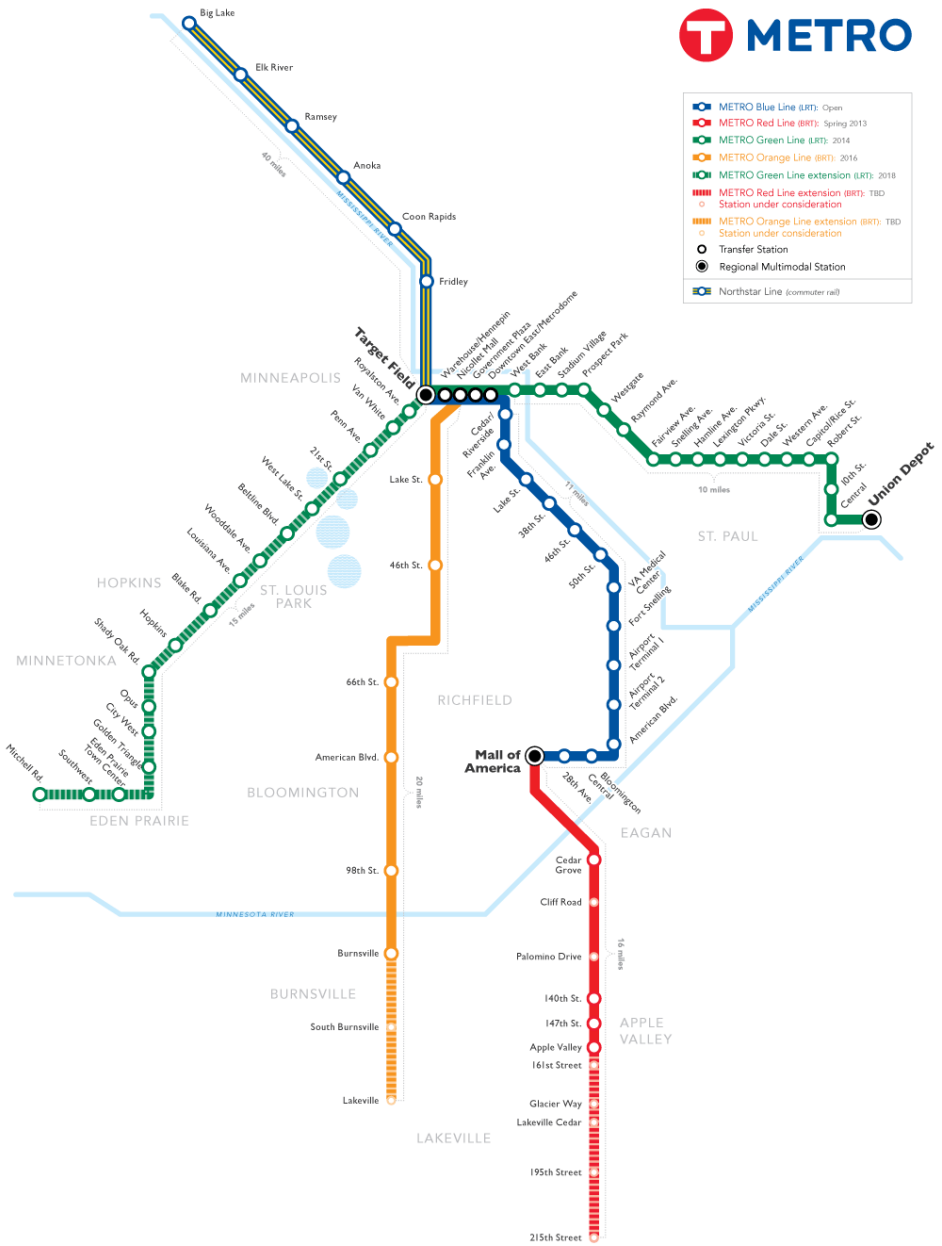
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METRO System



- METRO Blue Line (BRT): Open
- METRO Red Line (BRT): Spring 2013
- METRO Green Line (BRT): 2014
- METRO Orange Line (BRT): 2016
- METRO Green Line extension (BRT): 2018
- METRO Red Line extension (BRT): TBD
- METRO Orange Line extension (BRT): TBD
- Station under consideration
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- Transfer Station
- Regional Multimodal Station
- Northstar Line (commuter rail)



Real-time Information



Better Accessibility



Improved Stations and Vehicles



Improved Experience

Less Boarding Delay



Congestion-free Ride



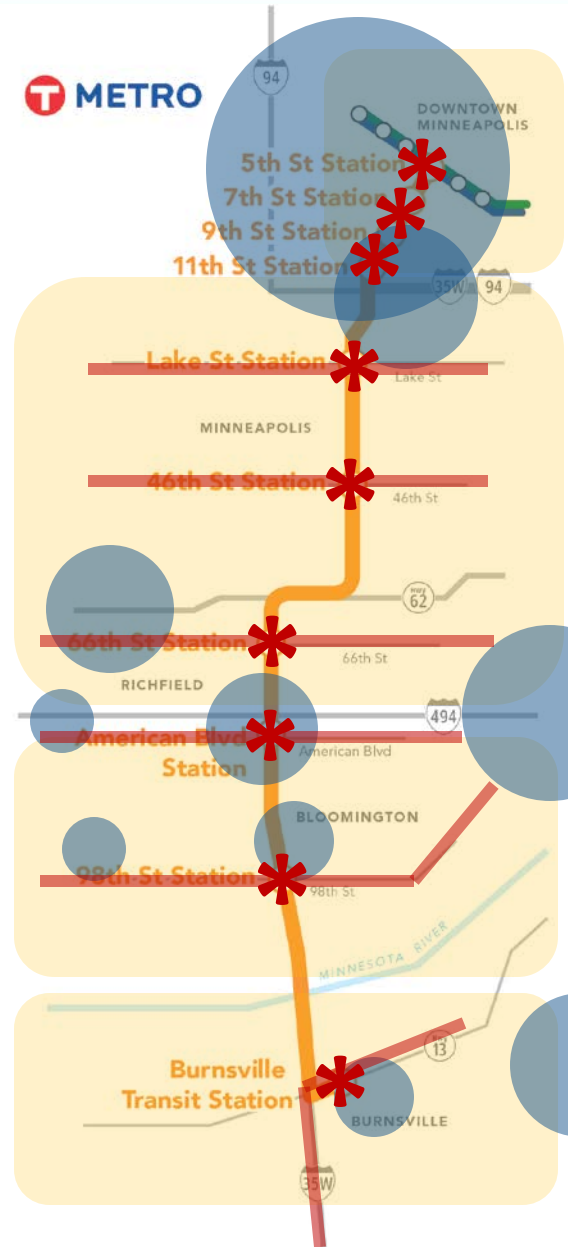
All-day, Frequent Trips



Reliable Service



Jobs & Destinations



Housing

Transit Connections

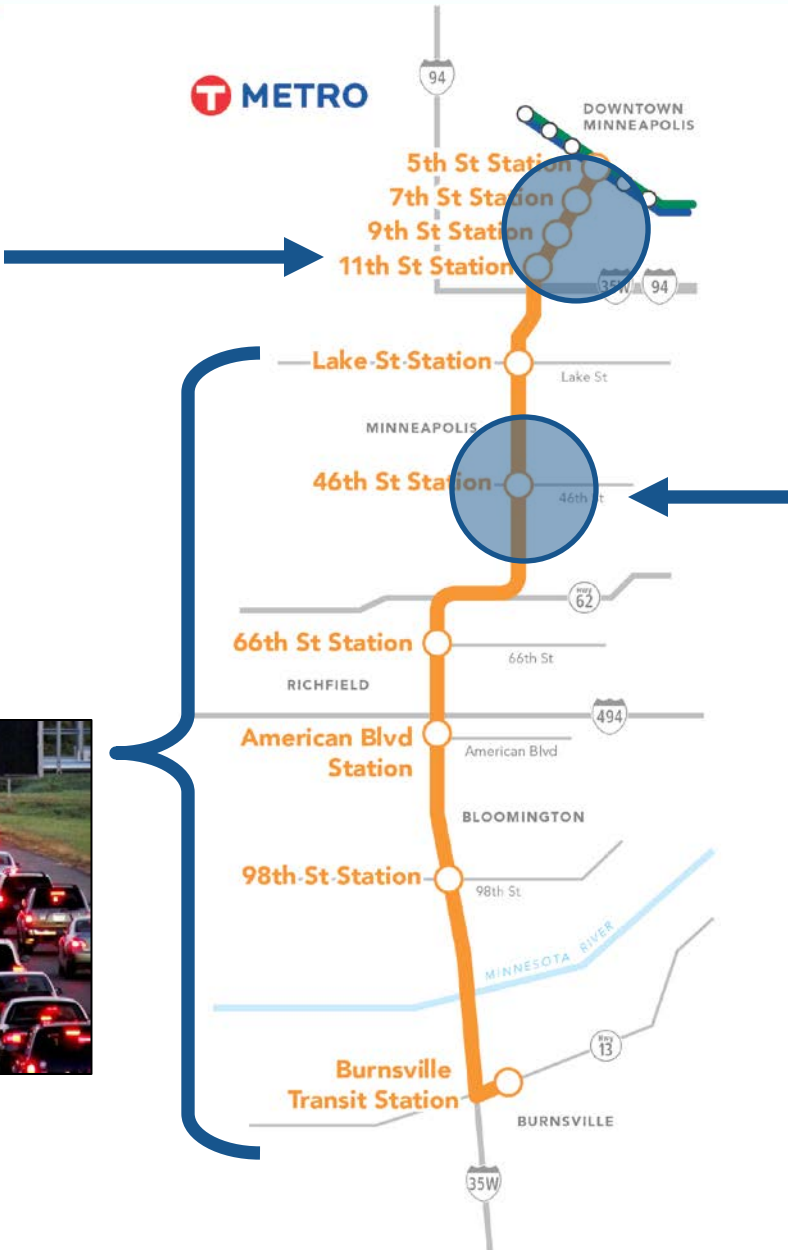
Build on Past Investments

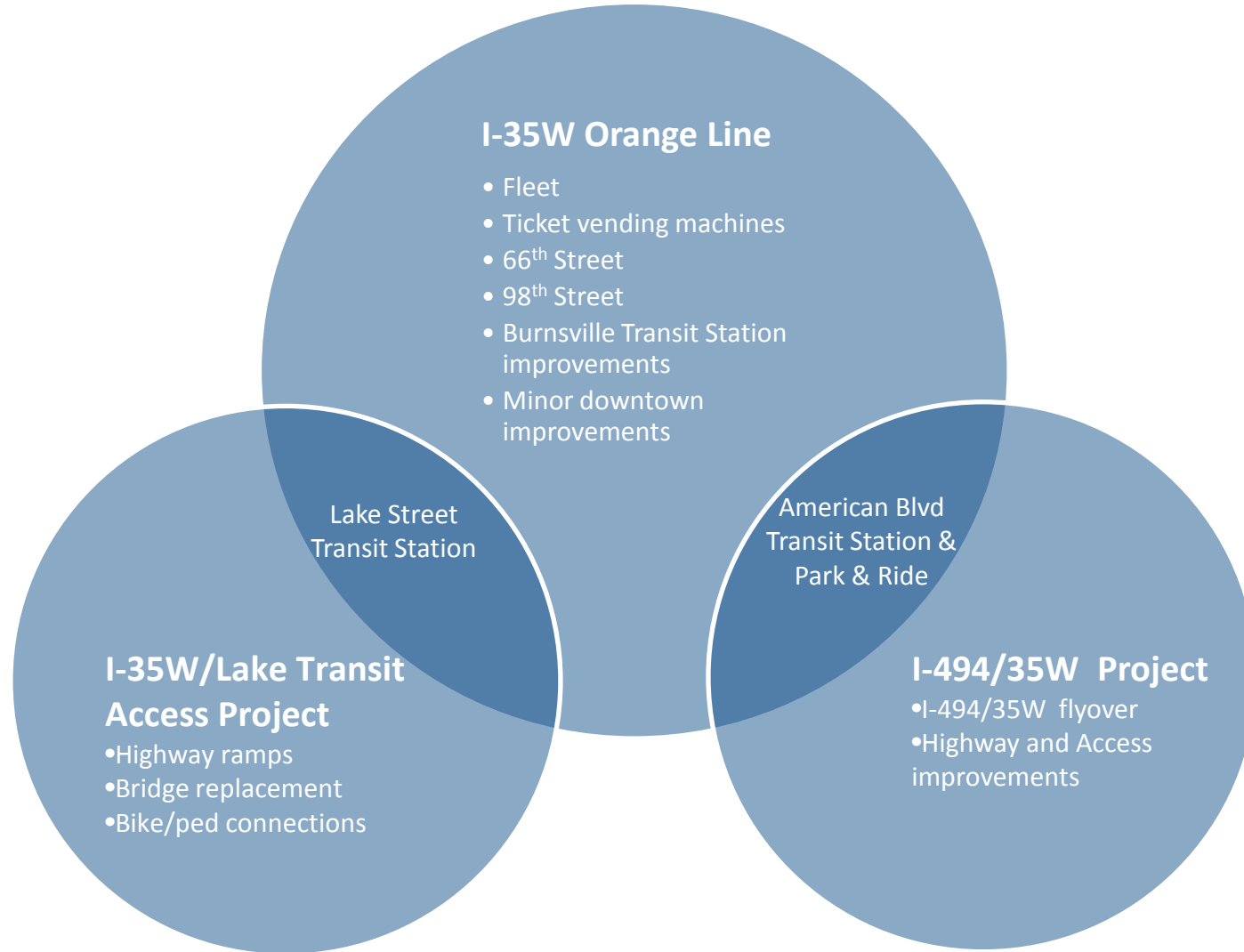


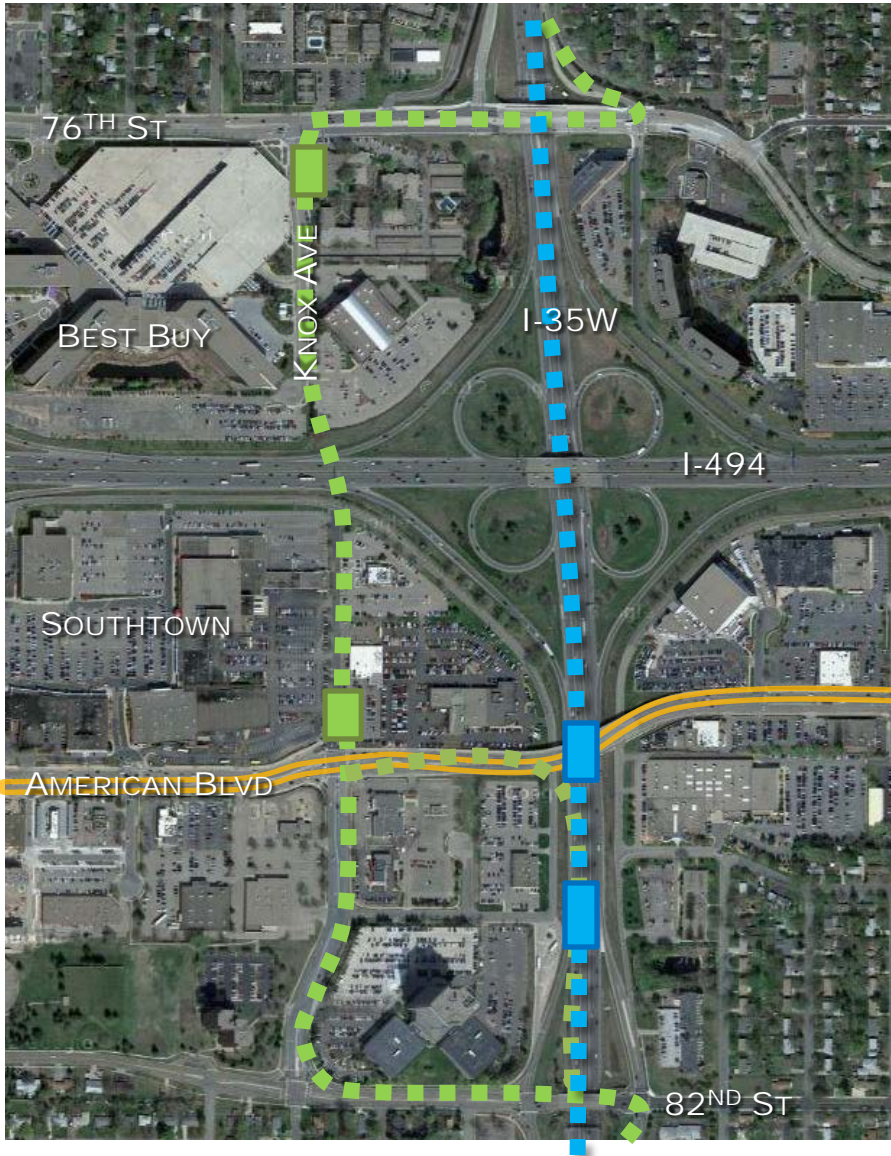
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MnPass Lanes







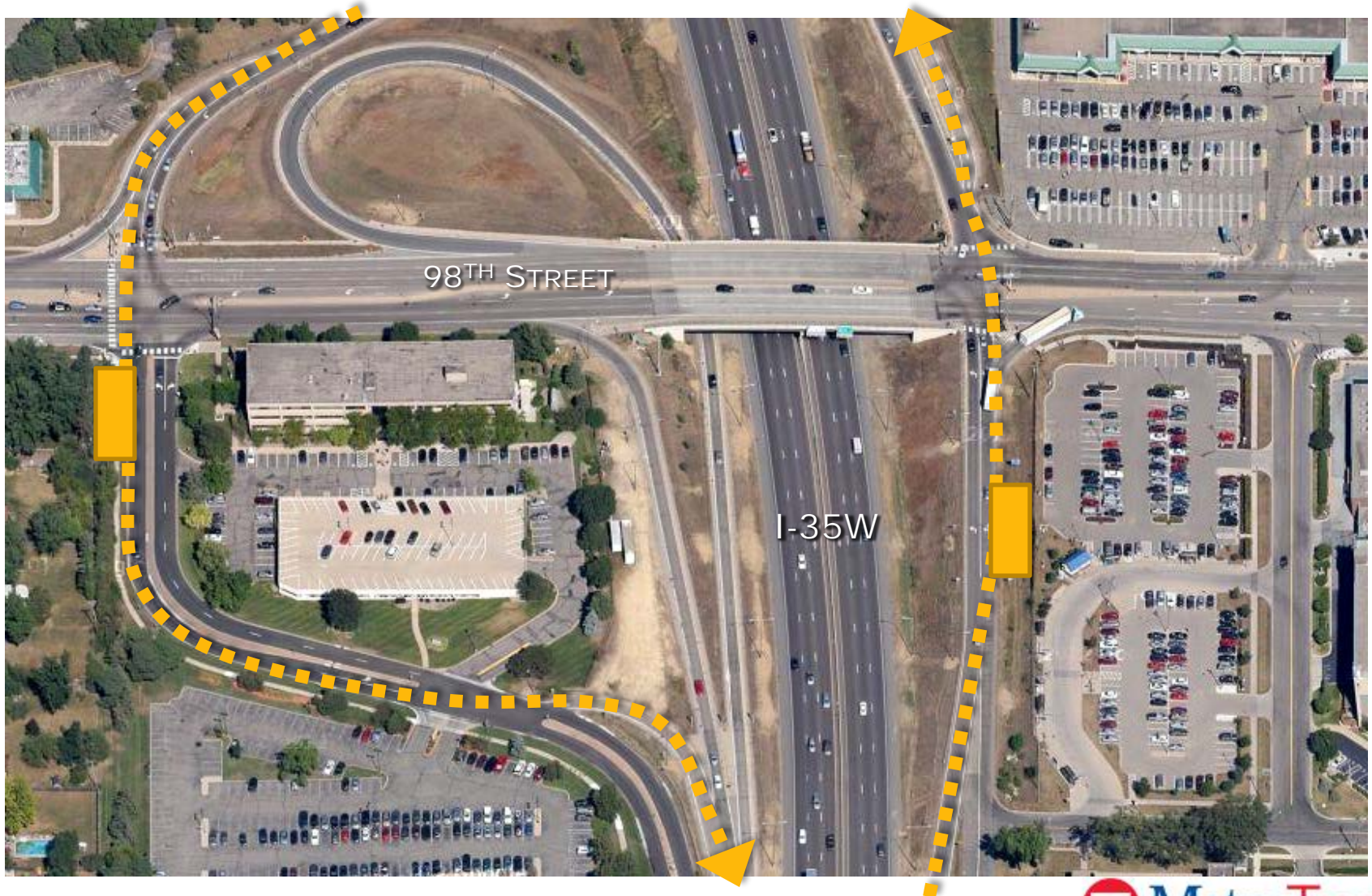
Criteria

- Transit Station
- Transit Operations
- Transit Users

Locations

- Station(s)
- Alignment
- Park and Ride

I-35W & 98th Street Station



- 2013 35W Project Plan Update will position Orange Line for federal funding process
- Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21)
- Changes to New Starts and Small Starts criteria

“The clustering of development around a transit investment is a key measure of the value of the transit project.”

FTA publication, April 2013

- FTA Capital Investment Grants (New Starts)
 - Major transit capital projects (>\$250M)
 - \$1.87B allocated for FY13
 - Past local projects include Central, Hiawatha, Northstar
- Small Starts:
 - Subset of New Starts program
 - \$112.9M allocated for FY13
 - Total capital cost < \$250M
 - Federal share < \$75 million



Small Starts Rating

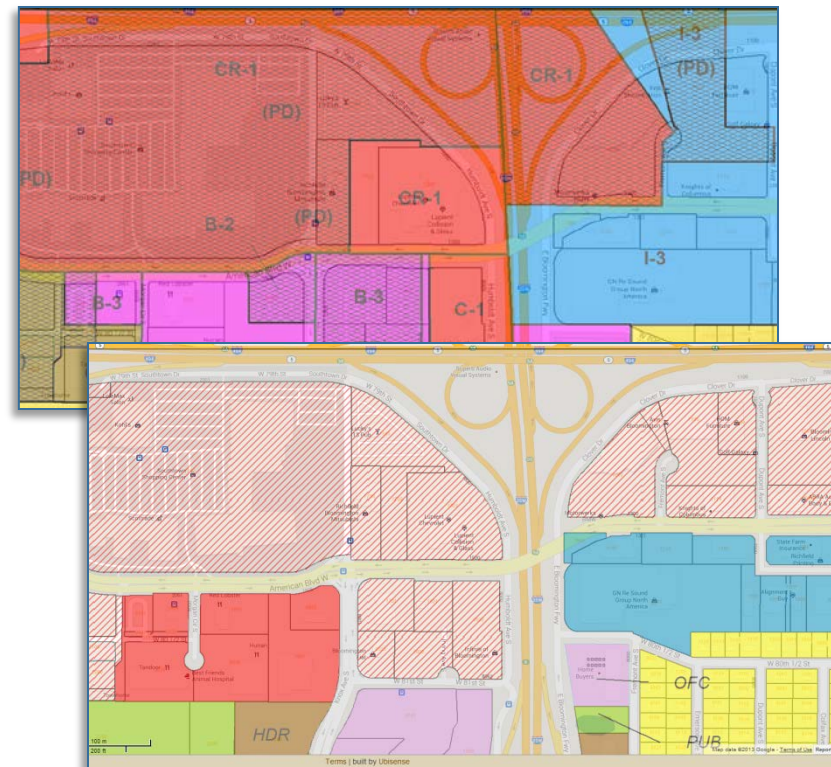
Project Justification Rating

- Mobility Improvements
- Environmental Benefits
- Congestion Relief
- Economic Development**
- Land Use**
- Cost Effectiveness

Financial Rating

- Local Sources & Commitments

- Economic Development (planned)
 - Transit-supportive plans and policies
 - Zoning for mixed use, TOD
 - Plans to improve pedestrian facilities
 - Policies to limit parking
 - Policies to maintain and increase affordable housing



- Affordable Housing policies and tools
 - Density bonuses
 - Inclusionary zoning
 - Zoning for housing diversity
 - Affordability covenants
 - Acquisition, rehab, and development funding



- Land Use (existing)
 - Development character
 - Status and stats of projects
 - Pedestrian facilities
 - Parking supply
 - Affordable housing supply





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