Meeting Title: Orange Line TAC – Meeting #1
Date:  5/3/13  Time:  8:30 – 10 am
Room: Chambers at Metro Transit, 560 6th Ave North, Minneapolis
Meeting called by: Christina Morrison, BRT/Small Starts Project Office
Attendees:

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<td>1. Introductions &amp; Past Involvement (15 min)</td>
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<td>2. Orange Line overview presentation &amp; discussion (30 min)</td>
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<td>a. Project Plan Update scope &amp; timeline</td>
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<td>3. Project Purpose exercise (20 min)</td>
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<td>4. Proposed public process &amp; committee structure (15 minutes)</td>
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Notes
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May 3, 2013

Why BRT?

Real-time Information + Better Accessibility + Improved Stations and Vehicles = Improved Experience

Less Boarding Delay + Congestion-free Ride + All-day, Frequent Trips = Reliable Service
METRO Orange Line BRT

Jobs & Destinations

Housing

Transit Connections

Build on Past Investments

MARQ2

MnPass Lanes
Improve Capacity of Existing Facilities

66th Street

Burnsville Transit Station

98th Street

Catalyze Planned Projects

35W Lake Transit/Access Project

494/35W Interchange
Improve Fleet and Service

- New vehicles for station-to-station service
- Low floor, multi-door boarding
- New station-to-station service
- Explore transit advantages on 11th and 12th Streets in downtown

Project Coordination

I-35W Orange Line
- Fleet
- Ticket vending machines
- 66th Street
- 98th Street
- Burnsville Transit Station improvements
- Minor downtown improvements

I-35W/Lake Transit Access Project
- Highway ramps
- Bridge replacement
- Bike/ped connections

I-494/35W Project
- I-494/35W flyover
- Highway and Access improvements

Lake Street Transit Station

American Blvd Transit Station & Park & Ride

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**2013 Goals**

1. Document previous planning
2. Determine environmental (NEPA) path
3. Develop existing conditions report
4. Compile demographic & land use information
5. Review transit service planning
6. Forecast ridership
7. Create conceptual design for 66th, 98th & BTS
8. Develop project scope, budget & timeline
9. Define implementation roles & responsibilities
10. Scope Orange Line Phase II

**Public Involvement**

- Metropolitan Council
- Transportation Committee
- Policy Makers and Executive Staff (coordinated with 35W Solutions Alliance)
  - City Councils and Planning Commissions
  - County Boards
  - MnTA Board
  - I-35W/Lake Policy Makers
- Metro Transit Leadership Group
- Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- Public Input
  - Transit rider focus groups and surveys
  - Targeted outreach at major destinations
  - General input through mail, phone, website, and social media
- I-35W/Lake Transit Access Project TAC
- Metro Transit Working Group
- I-494/35W Vision Layout TAC
Project Timeline

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METRO Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit

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METRO Orange Line
Process for Project Plan Update

Policy Makers and Executive Staff
(coordinated with 35W Solutions Alliance)
- City Councils and Planning Commissions
- County Boards
- MVTA Board
- I-35W/Lake Policy Makers

Transportation Committee

Metro Transit Leadership Group

Metropolitan Council

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Public Input
- Transit rider focus groups and surveys
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I-35W/Lake Transit Access Project TAC

Metro Transit Working Group

I-494/35W Vision Layout TAC
**METRO Orange Line Project Plan Update: Technical Advisory Committee**

The **METRO Orange Line** is a planned Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line from Downtown Minneapolis to Burnsville. BRT is a term applied to a variety of transit systems using buses to provide faster, more attractive service than an ordinary bus route. Often this is achieved by making improvements to existing station and roadway infrastructure, vehicles, technology, and scheduling. METRO Orange Line will use Marquette Avenue and 2nd Avenue transit advantages through Downtown Minneapolis, and will provide frequent, limited-stop service to upgraded stations at Lake Street, 46th Street, 66th Street, American Boulevard, 98th Street, and Burnsville Transit Station. The second phase of the project is planned to extend service and improvements to Burnsville Center and Lakeville.

In 2013, Metro Transit will update the project plan for the Orange Line, engaging community members, employers, institutions, and other stakeholders. This process will replace the traditional Alternatives Analysis study, which is no longer required under the MAP-21 federal transportation bill. The Project Plan Update is scheduled to be completed in November 2013.

**Purpose**

The Orange Line Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will provide guidance, review work deliverables, and advise in the resolution of technical issues. The group will consist of interagency staff from the Metropolitan Council, Metro Transit, each county and city, MnDOT, and MVTA. Expertise in the group will include engineering, transportation and transit planning, transit operations, and land use planning.

TAC members will have early and frequent input into the Project Plan Update, influencing critical components and project scope as it moves toward a federal funding application in 2014. Members will represent interests of their respective agencies and provide guidance to policy makers on which solutions and designs are the most technically feasible. The TAC will advise the Metropolitan Council, incorporating input from the general public and policy makers.

**Meetings**

The group will meet five times in 2013, tentatively focusing on the following topics:

- April or May: Scope of work, proposed public process and committee structure, corridor work to date
- June/July: Existing conditions report, demographic and land use information, first draft of station designs
- August: Preliminary service planning, second draft of station designs, phase II scoping
- September/October: Estimated costs, maintenance needs, project timeline, ridership forecasts
- November: Final version of Project Plan Update, implementation roles

Meetings will be held at Metro Transit at 560 6th Avenue North in Minneapolis, and will be one to two hours in length.