Metro Transit Update

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Service Development

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Transit Planning & Projects

- Bus route changes
- American Boulevard BRT Planning
- Orange Line BRT Planning
  - American Boulevard Station and Park and Ride
TRANSIT SERVICE AS OF MAY 18, 2013:

Bus stops:  Bus Routes 4, 535:  Bus Routes 538:  Bus Routes 539, 542:
Rush hour only:  ————
12 corridors studied for arterial BRT

- Arterial Transitway Corridors Study completed April 2012
- Developed Arterial BRT concept for region
- Prioritized first corridors
The arterial BRT solution

- Faster service with less waiting
  Limited stop service
  + Frequent, all-day service
  + Signal timing & priority
  + Geometry changes
  + Off-board fare payment
  + All-door boarding

Metro Transit
a service of the Metropolitan Council
High-amenity stations that fit into the street

Distinctive Branding
Station Name
Real-Time "Next Bus" Information
Ticket Machine
Shelter
Roadway Lane Unchanged

Heaters & Lights
Destination Sign

Trash Receptacles
Bike Parking

Sidewalk Unchanged

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN
Actual station to be designed in 2013
American Boulevard Arterial BRT

Key Characteristics

- Frequent, all-day service over 14 miles, 19 stations
- $18 million to build, $3.3 million annually to operate
- Corridor Growth: +25,000 people, +40,000 jobs planned by 2030
American Boulevard Arterial BRT

Study Recommendations (April 2012)

• Develop critical connecting METRO services
• Explore connections to Hwy. 169/212 bus services
• Plan and accelerate land use growth
• **Build American BRT**
BRT on I-35W

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

Less Boarding Delay + Congestion-free Ride + All-day, Frequent Trips = Reliable Service
Build on Past Investments

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MnPass Lanes

46th Street
Improve Capacity of Existing Facilities

66th Street

Burnsville Transit Station

98th Street
Catalyze Planned Projects

494/35W Interchange

35W Lake Transit/Access Project
American Boulevard BRT Station

Criteria
- Transit Station
- Transit Operations
- Transit Users

Locations
- Station(s)
- Alignment
- Park and Ride
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

American Blvd Transit Station & Park & Ride

I-494/35W Project
- I-494/35W flyover
- Highway and Access improvements
## 2013 Goals

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Public Input

- **Policy Makers and Executive Staff** (coordinated with 35W Solutions Alliance)
  - City Councils and Planning Commissions
  - County Boards
  - MVTA Board
  - I-35W/Lake Policy Makers
  - I-35W/494 Policy Makers (?)

- **Public Input**
  - Transit rider focus groups and surveys
  - Targeted outreach at major destinations
  - General input through mail, phone, website, and social media

- **Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**
  - I-35W/Lake Transit Access Project TAC
  - Metro Transit Working Group
  - I-494/35W Vision Layout TAC
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