METRO Orange Line BRT Update

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Orange Line Station Progress in 2013

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Downtown: Seamless Connection to MARQ2
Lake Street: Providing Fast, Accessible Service

During peak hours, over 100 buses per hour will connect Lake Street to the heart of downtown in 7 minutes.
66th & 98th Street: Neighborhood-Scale Stations
76th & American: Development-Oriented Transit

- New connection under 494 for transit, bikes, and peds
- Stations along Knox Avenue
- New park & ride (location TBD)
- Uses existing ramps

[Map showing locations of 76th and American, Knox Avenue, Best Buy, Southtown, and I-35W]
76th & American: Development-Oriented Transit

- Implement future Arterial Bus Transitway along American Boulevard
- Create high quality public spaces
- Increase development intensity
- Add Office and Hotel Uses
- Create new streets and blocks
- Add residential uses
- Orient buildings along street
- Implement future bus rapid transit station

PENN AMERICAN DISTRICT PLAN
Burnsville Transit Station: Expanding Transit Capacity

Traveler’s Trail

BTS
Existing Destinations

HEART OF THE CITY DEVELOPMENT
Next Steps

• Project Plan Update draft
  – Refinement of LPA adopted in 2009
  – Release for public comment in April
  – Ask Council to approve mid-year

• Define Corridor Governance
  – Role for 35W Solutions Alliance as policy-maker committee

• Orange Line Environmental Process

• FTA Small Starts Project Development
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