METRO Orange Line
Draft Project Plan Update

Commuter Connection
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I-35W Corridor

• Minnesota’s busiest commuter highway
  – 210,000+ average vehicles
  – Bottleneck for freight and commuters

• Most heavily-traveled express bus corridor
  – 14,000 bus riders each weekday on 26 routes
  – Several stations already operational

• Orange Line builds on success
  – Improve access to jobs
  – Catalyze development
  – Better serve all-day, evening, weekend markets
Project Plan Update

• Background
  – Previous investments
  – Mode

• Station & Platform Locations

• Guideway
  – Routing
  – Right of way needs

• Technology & Branding

• Service Planning

• Budget
Lake Street

DURING PEAK HOURS, OVER 100 BUSES PER HOUR WILL CONNECT LAKE STREET TO THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN IN 7 MINUTES
Lake Street
Lake Street

Existing Stop
Lake Street
46th Street
66th Street
American Boulevard

17,000 RESIDENTS
13,400 JOBS

12,800 RESIDENTS
13,100 JOBS

4,600 RESIDENTS
8,100 JOBS

EXISTING ROUTE 535
KNOX AVENUE OPTION
I-35W OPTION

MORE ACCESS
FASTER SERVICE
76th Street & American Boulevard

STATIONS ALONG KNOX AVENUE

NEW CONNECTION UNDER 494 FOR TRANSIT, BIKES, AND PEDS

NEW PARK & RIDE (LOCATION TBD)

USES EXISTING RAMPS
98th Street

MONUMENT SIGN WITH VERTICAL LIGHT ELEMENT, TVM & DISPLAY MONITOR

SITE LIGHTING
NEW PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

NORTHBOUND PLATFORM
RETAINING WALLS SITTING WALLS

RETAINING WALLS SITTING WALLS
SOUTHBOUND PLATFORM

98TH STREET

35W

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Burnsville Transit Station

Traveler’s Trail

BTS
Guideway

NEW ROW & GUIDEWAY AT KNOX

SEAMLESS CONNECTION TO MARQ2 BUS LANES

MNPASS GUIDEWAY
Technology & Branding
Service Planning

• Upgrade and replace 535

• 10-minute peak, 15 minute off-peak and weekends

• 5 a.m. to midnight, 7 days/week

• 35-40 minute trip one way

• No short lines, branches, or deviations

• 3 redesigned connecting routes to replace 535 branches, provide better connecting service
Budget

- Total Capital Cost: $150M
- Local share participation to be identified
Engineering/Final Design in **2015 - 2016**

- **MARQ2**
- **LAKE**
- **46TH**
- **66TH**
- **AMERICAN**
- **98TH**
- **BURNSVILLE**
Construction from 2017 - 2019

- MARQ2
- LAKE
- 46TH
- 66TH
- AMERICAN
- 98TH
- BURNSVILLE
Begin Service in 2019

- MARQ2
- LAKE
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- AMERICAN
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