METRO Orange Line
CTIB Project Development
Funding Commitment

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Orange Line BRT Project

- LPA adopted in 2010
- Project Plan Update adopted in 2014
- 17 miles
  - Minneapolis (6 stations)
  - Richfield (2 stations)
  - Bloomington (2 stations)
  - Burnsville (1 station)
- Major accessibility improvements
- 2030 Daily Ridership: 20,000
  - 10,000 on BRT
  - 10,000 on 35W Express
Project Scope

• 11 Stations
  – 10 at-grade, 1 grade-separated
  – 6 Online, 1.5 Inline, 3.5 Offline

• Guideway
  – New Knox Avenue transitway
  – Downtown Access
  – Use MnPASS and transit-only shoulders

• Technology & Branding
  – All off-board fare collection

• Service & Fleet
  – 20 hours, 7 days/week
  – 3-door METRO BRT buses
Coordination

LEAD BY METRO TRANSIT

TOTAL ORANGE LINE PROJECT = $150M

- Project Development
- Fleet
- Ticket vending machines
- 66th Street Station
- 98th Street Station
- Burnsville Transit Station improvements
- Minor downtown station improvements
- Guideway improvements $30-40M

Lake Street Transit Station $50-60M

LEAD BY HENNEPIN COUNTY (TRANSITION TO MNDOT)

I-35W/Lake Transit Access Project
- Highway ramps
- Highway bridge replacement
- Bike/ped connections
- Concurrent construction

American Blvd Transit Station & Park & Ride $50-60M

LEAD BY MNDOT

I-494/35W Project
- I-494/35W flyover
- Highway and Access improvements
- Independent Project on Future Timeline

Coordination
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Small Starts Process under MAP 21

2013-2014
Pre-Project Development

2015-2016
Project Development

Late 2016
Expedited Grant Agreement (SSGA)

- FTA approval
- FTA evaluation, rating, and approval

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Orange Line Budget

- Total Capital Cost: $150M (2017 $)
- Annual Operating Cost: $6.6M (2019 $)
- Funds secured in 2014: $12M
- 2015 CTIB capital grant request: $3M
- Local share participation to be identified

- Builds on $20M in past 35W transit investment (Urban Partnership Agreement)
- Leverages additional $225M of coordinated local street and highway investments on rapid timeline

Capital Costs, in Millions

- **Federal Competitive/Discretionary,** $75
- **CTIB,** $45
- **State/Met Council,** $15
- **Local,** $15
- **Local,** $15

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Project Development Budget

- Total Cost: $10M
- $6M CTIB requested (60%)
- $4M local match secured
  - $2-3M 2014 State Appropriation/Bonds
  - Up to $2M Metro Transit funds committed
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Timeline

- 8/15  Applied for Small Starts Project Development
- 8/26  HCRRA adopts resolution supporting for $3M CTIB grant request
- 9/5   Applied for $3M CTIB Grant for 2015 PD activities
- 9/9   **FTA requires CTIB Funding Commitment to process Small Starts request**
- 9/16  Applied for $6M CTIB PD Funding Commitment for 2015-2016 PD activities
- 9/17  Introduced FTA requirement at CTIB meeting
- 10/14 Request HCRRA resolution supporting $6M CTIB PD Funding Commitment
- 10/15 Request CTIB approval of $6M CTIB PD Funding Commitment
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CTIB Requirements

1. Consistent with CTIB’s Program of Projects (adopted 7/16)
2. All other PD funding is committed
3. Commitment is necessary to secure 3rd party funding (commitment requested by FTA on 9/9)
4. Resolutions of support from each county
5. Risk Assessment is complete
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