METRO Orange Line- 2016 Capital Grant Request
Counties Transit Improvement Board
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METRO Orange Line

- I-35W: Minneapolis to Burnsville Phase I
- Mode: Highway Bus Rapid Transit
- In FTA Small Starts Project Development
- 14,000 Current Daily Transit Users (2014)
- 26,400 Daily Riders with Orange Line (2040)
FTA Small Starts Program

- 29 Active projects & counting
- $3.1 billion of projects cost
- $1.4 billion Small Starts federal funding sought
- Projects demonstrate readiness and resolve risks to receive FTA funding recommendations
- Non-FTA funding commitments best demonstrate readiness
Revised and Updated Risk Assessment

Being addressed during 2015-2016:

- 35W/Lake St environmental document & project schedule
- I-494 design details and right-of-way acquisition timing
- Southern terminal scope and phasing of future extensions

Ongoing:

- Scarcity and competition for:
  - Transit capital funding
  - Environmental document review
2016 CTIB Grant Project

Ongoing Project Development activities:

• Project staffing and expenses
• Environmental document
• Design/Engineering contracts
• Right-of-way acquisition
## Project Schedule & Major Milestones

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### NEPA
- Environmental Document

### PD & Engineering
- Complete FTA Requirements and mitigate project risk factors
- FTA Review and Grant Agreement Negotiation
- FTA Reporting and Oversight

### Construction
- Construction Activities

### Funding
- Obtain all non-Small Starts Commitments

### Revenue Service
- late 2019

#### Project Milestones in 2016 Prepare for 2017 SSGA and Construction Start:
- Environmental Clearance Q1-Q2 2016
- Right of Way Appraisals, Negotiation, Execution
- Secure all non-Small Starts funding: Q2 2016
- Project design and engineering across 2016 to reach 60% level
- Submit project information for FFY2018 President’s Budget consideration
Orange Line Funding

- Funds secured 2014-2015: $31M (20.6%)
- $10.7M 2016 CTIB Request (60%)
- $7.2M Match funding (40%)
  - $0.8M Met Council local/federal (5%)
  - $3.2M State (18%)
  - $3.1M Counties (HCRRA/DCRRA- 17%)
2016 Funding - Uses by Category

• $2.4M PD- Engineering Activities
  • 60% CTIB
  • 10% State + Council- Local
  • 30% Council- Federal
  • All match sources secured

• $15.49M PD- ROW Activities
  • 60% CTIB
  • 20% State (5% secured/15% requested)
  • 20% Local (17% secured/3% requested)
  • Land acquisition depends on $2.8M added match

2016 PD- Engineering

CTIB 60%

State & Met Council- Local (10%)

Met Council- Federal (30%)

2016 PD- ROW Acquisition

CTIB 60%

Counties-Secured 17%

Counties-Requested 3%

State-Requested 15%

State-Secured 5%
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