METRO Orange Line

2016 Funding Agreement Authorization

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Metro Transit
Southern Terminus Resolution (passed 1/5/2016):
Pursue Travelers Trail, add a 2\textsuperscript{nd} platform at Burnsville Pkwy

- Establishes station platforms at Nicollet Ave and at Burnsville Pkwy.
- I-35W Solutions Alliance passed support resolution 1/14/2016, serving as Orange Line Policy Advisory Board
- Metropolitan Council will adopt location into a Project Plan Update in 2016
- Defines scope for design and environmental project phases
- Ongoing collaboration through design with project partners
Orange Line Funding - Phase I

- Estimated capital cost: $150M (2017 $)
- Committed funding: $36.5M (24%)
- Funding shares
  - 50% Federal
  - 30% CTIB
  - 10% State
  - 10% Local
Local Funding Proposal- Phase I

- Developed jointly by staff at two counties
  - $12.78M - Hennepin (86% of local share)
  - $2.08M - Dakota (14% of local share)
- Based on corridor length and stations
- Use of funds in advance of FTA Commitment
  - Mitigate project risks prior to FTA evaluation
  - Increase FTA Small Starts financial rating
  - Advances time-sensitive coordinated projects
2016 Funding Request - Phase I

2016 Project Development Activities: $20 million

- Professional Services- Design/Engineering
  - Up to 60% CTIB funding
  - 40+% State, Metro Council
- Right-of-Way (ROW) Acquisition
  - 60% CTIB
  - 20% State
  - 20% Local: Regional Railroad Authorities (86% HCRRA, 14% DCRRA)
- Proposed 2016 DCRRA Amount: $433,720
- HCRRA, CTIB, and proposed DCRRA funds are conditional on proposed state match
Upcoming Funding Milestones

• Remaining local funding commitment
  • Help secure state and CTIB commitments
  • Needed for strong FTA application- preparing for summer 2016 submittal
  • FTA Financial Rating accounts for 50% of overall project rating

• Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB)
  • Included in CTIB Program of Projects
  • Spring/summer 2016 funding commitment (for FTA application)
  • $11 million committed in grants to-date

• 2016 State Legislature
  • $12.1 million requested
  • Full amount needed 2016 session for FTA application
  • Partial amount needed to support 2016 work program
Action Requested

- Authorization to execute an agreement with Metropolitan Council (Council) to provide Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority (Authority) funds for the METRO Orange Line Bus Rapid Transitway.

- Authorizes agreement to provide requested share for 2016 of $433,720 for corridor land acquisition activities
  - Contingent on CTIB, HCRRA, and Council/State Shares
  - Action on remaining $1,648,030 funding commitment to be considered at a future date