METRO Orange Line
Project Update
494 Corridor Commission
August 9, 2016
Orange Line Project Funding Plan

- Local commitments completed, contingent on State and CTIB contributions
- Requesting CTIB full project funding commitment ($45.2M) for action August 17
- Apply to FTA Small Starts by Sept. 2, 2016 for inclusion in President’s budget
  - Positive rating leads to FTA funding recommendation, match $ key to rating
  - Recommendation helps secure needed approvals (LONP) for joint construction w/ MnDOT

Anticipated Capital Sources, in Millions (secured/total, $MM)

- Federal $8.8/$75
- CTIB, $11.5/$45
- State/Met Council, $3.3/$15
- Local, $15/$15
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$360M of Upcoming 35W MnDOT Work

- Coordinated construction with MnDOT Projects, partnership with Hennepin County and Minneapolis
- June 2017 bid opening (letting)
  - Requires early 2017 construction agreement with MnDOT, prior to SSGA
  - Transit commitment requires FTA permission to encumber Orange Line matching funds
- Estimated $64M Orange Line scope in coordinated MnDOT construction
  - Includes 12th St ramp and Lake St Station and transit bridge, related work
- Separate contracting adds probable increased complexity, delay, and cost
Path to collaborative I-35W/Lake Street construction schedule requires funding progress prior to September 2 FTA deadline.

- **CTIB Local Funds**
  - Mid-August 2016
  - Needed to convey capital funding plan to FTA for simplified financial rating

- **Metro Transit: FTA Application**
  - Sept. 2, 2016
  - Needs 75%+ of matching funds for High FTA rating

- **FTA: FY18 New Starts Report**
  - Feb 2017 Release
  - OL Project rating
  - Recommends funds
  - Leads to ‘18 SSGA

- **LONP Approval**
  - Q1 2017
  - Requires Medium Project Rating
  - Allows 35W/Lake St. funding to MnDOT

- **MnDOT: 35W/Lake Street Project Letting**
  - June 2017
  - $64M commitment
  - Without LONP- Impacts to 2017 letting scope, schedule, and agreements certain.

- **7/2016 Matching Funds Status**
  - Currently 46%
  - CTIB +40%
  - State +14%
Small Starts – Anticipated Overall Project Rating

**Individual Criteria Ratings**

- **Medium (Automatic through warrants)**: 66.64%
- **High**: 50%
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**Summary Ratings**

- **Medium**: 50%

**Overall Rating**

Medium-High

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**Warrants**
automatic **medium** for mobility improvements, congestion relief, and cost-effectiveness & simplified environmental benefits approach

**Economic Development**
compiling & summarizing transit supportive plans & policies, development activity

**Land Use**
quantitative land use review complete, drafting qualitative land use review

**Financial**
Highly simplified evaluation if local funds secured, conditions met, High rating
# Project Schedule & Major Milestones

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- **Environmental Work**: 30% 60% 90%
- **PD & Engineering**: 30% 60% 90%
- **FTA Coordination**: Monitoring, reporting and disbursement of funds
- **Construction**: Construction Schedule dependent on final MnDOT 35W Construction Phasing/Schedule
- **Revenue Service**: Following Construction
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