METRO Orange Line Update
Transportation Committee
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12th Street Transit Ramp

- New access ramp and contraflow lane to Marquette/Second Avenues
- Obtaining municipal and MnDOT approvals
- Working on 60% design
Lake Street Station Update

At 60% design, preparing to begin final design this fall.

Existing Stop
66th Street Station - northbound
American Boulevard Stations
98th Street Station – night view
Small Starts – Anticipated Overall Project Rating

**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

**Individual Criteria Ratings**
- **Medium** (Automatic through warrants) 66.64%
- **High** 50%

**Summary Ratings**
- **Medium** 50%
- **High** 50%

**Overall Rating**
Medium-High

*Must be at least “Medium” for project to get “Medium” or better Overall Rating*
Orange Line Project Funding Plan

- CTIB committed $37.5M on August 17th
- Total committed funds $64.5M, 84% of non-Small Starts
- Remaining funding needs include:
  - $12.1M state share
  - $66.5M Small Starts Funding
  - $7.5M funding gap (source TBD)
- FTA Small Starts application proceeding for September 1, 2016 submittal