2016 Progress

• Submitted project information in September to the federal Small Starts grant program
• Orange Line NEPA review close to completion
  • Lake Street Station received Finding of No Significant Impact
  • Orange Line Documented Categorical Exclusion in final FTA review
• Secured up to an additional $39.63 million of funding in 2016
• Began engineering and completed 30% design
2017 CTIB Capital Grant Funding Requests

- $13.5M of 2017 project activities planned
  - $5M Project Development
    - $3M CTIB
    - $1.4M State (secured 2014)
    - $0.6M Federal
  - $8.5M construction activities under LONP
    - $5M CTIB
    - $2.6M HCRRA (approved 11/29/16)
    - $0.5M State (secured 2014)
    - $0.4M DCRRA (approved 11/15/16)
- $8M Total CTIB Capital Grant request

2017 Capital Grant Sources, in Millions

- CTIB, $8.0
- HCRRA, $2.6
- DCRRA, $0.4
- Federal/Met Council, $0.6
- State/Met Council, $1.9

59%
Critical Time for Coordinating Orange Line and MnDOT Work

- Partnership and collaboration for multiple projects on I-35W from 42nd Street to Downtown (3 Miles)
  - MnDOT/State
  - Metro Transit
  - Hennepin County
  - Dakota County
  - CTIB
  - City of Minneapolis
MnDOT Project Elements

- Converting NB priced shoulder to permanent MnPASS Lane from 26th St to 46th St
- Construct new MnPASS lane on SB 35W from 26th St to 46th St
- Construct Orange Line BRT station at Lake St
- Improve access from I-35W to Lake Street business district with two new exit ramps
  - NB Exit to 28th St
  - SB Exit to Lake St
- Chapter 152 Bridges – Braid Bridge and NB Flyover
- Rehabilitated pavement and bridges
  - I-35W from 46th Street to 11th Ave
  - TH65 from 26th St to 16th St
  - I-94 from Nicollet Ave to Park Ave
- New and rehabilitated noise barriers throughout project area
A Regional Partnership

• Design collaboration transit + roads
• Multi-party funding, including portion of Orange Line project
• Integrated into single construction contract for delivery by MnDOT
  • Reduces cost and complexity
  • Reduces durations and construction impacts
  • Benefits all users and partners
• Orange Line scope elements north and south of MnDOT project continue to progress toward implementation
Lake Street Station

Existing Stop
Lake Street Station

• Reduce congestion & remove existing bus weave across three lanes
  • Allow 700 bus trips per day to provide reliable, frequent service to the Lake Street Station

• Enhance regional equity & connections
  • Restores reliable transit access to Lake Street for all I-35W transit riders
  • Connect downtown residents to 8,000 jobs in the Lake Street Station area
  • Provide access all day, every day to thousands of south metro jobs via the METRO

• Provide a critical regional link
  • Direct connections from I-35W to local transit routes and planned BRT, Nicollet Avenue streetcar, and Midtown Rail
  • Transit agencies have reduced and eliminated service here due to inadequate facilities; access would be fully restored with new Lake Street Station
12th Street Transit Ramp
12th Street Transit Ramp

• Bidirectional transit-only ramp between Highway 65 and 12th Street
• Provides seamless, reliable connection for 700 bus trips daily
• Improves trip time and reliability for 13,000 existing daily I-35W transit riders
• Over 26,000 daily Orange Line and express riders will benefit from the investment by 2040
• Alleviates one of the worst congestion pinch points in the transit network
• Makes transit a desirable and competitive choice in the I-35W corridor
• Promotes access to Downtown Minneapolis destinations, jobs, and housing
Schedule to meet LONP and MnDOT partnership agreement

- November 15, 2016 – Secured 2017 funding agreement authorization from DCRRA
- November 29, 2016 – Secured 2017 funding agreement authorization from HCRRRA
- **December 7, 2016** – CTIB Orange Line project information item
- January/February 2017 – Local funding commitment revisions for MnDOT Partnership agreement
- **January 15, 2017** – CTIB LONP Request information item
- February 2017 – Approved federal LONP received by Metro Transit
- **February 15, 2017** – CTIB approves formal LONP pre-award expenditures
- February – March, 2017 – Metro Transit approves $54-61M MnDOT partnership agreement
- March 10, 2017 – Metropolitan Council executes partnership agreement with MnDOT
- March through June 2017 – MnDOT bid advertisement
- August 2017 – MNDOT awards project that includes two components of the Orange Line
Questions?

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