» 17-mile transitway in Small Starts Project Development

» Region’s busiest express bus corridor with 14,000 daily transit rides and over 200,000 auto vehicles/trucks

» 12 accessible transit stations with enhanced infrastructure with all-day, reliable, frequent service

» Access to 198,000 jobs and 121,000 residents, including 56,000 jobs outside of downtown Minneapolis

» $150.7 million project, all non-federal funding secured

» FTA issued Letter of No Prejudice approval for joint MnDOT construction up to $46.87 million

» Construction began 2017 in coordination with MnDOT projects, remainder to follow Small Starts grant

» $74.1 million requested from FTA for FY18

» Scheduled to open 2020-2021
The METRO Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project will use roadway improvements, upgraded transit stations and improved bus service to provide fast, frequent and reliable all-day transit service along I-35W.

Buses will travel on Marquette and 2nd Avenues in downtown Minneapolis. South of downtown, the Orange Line will provide frequent service to stations at Lake Street, 46th Street, 66th Street, 76th Street, American Boulevard, 98th Street, Nicollet Avenue and Burnsville Parkway.

As a part of the METRO system, the Orange Line will connect people across the region to job centers, including major corridor employers such as Best Buy, Health Partners, and Toro.