



*Rendering of Knox Avenue Transitway*

# Orange Line Construction Update

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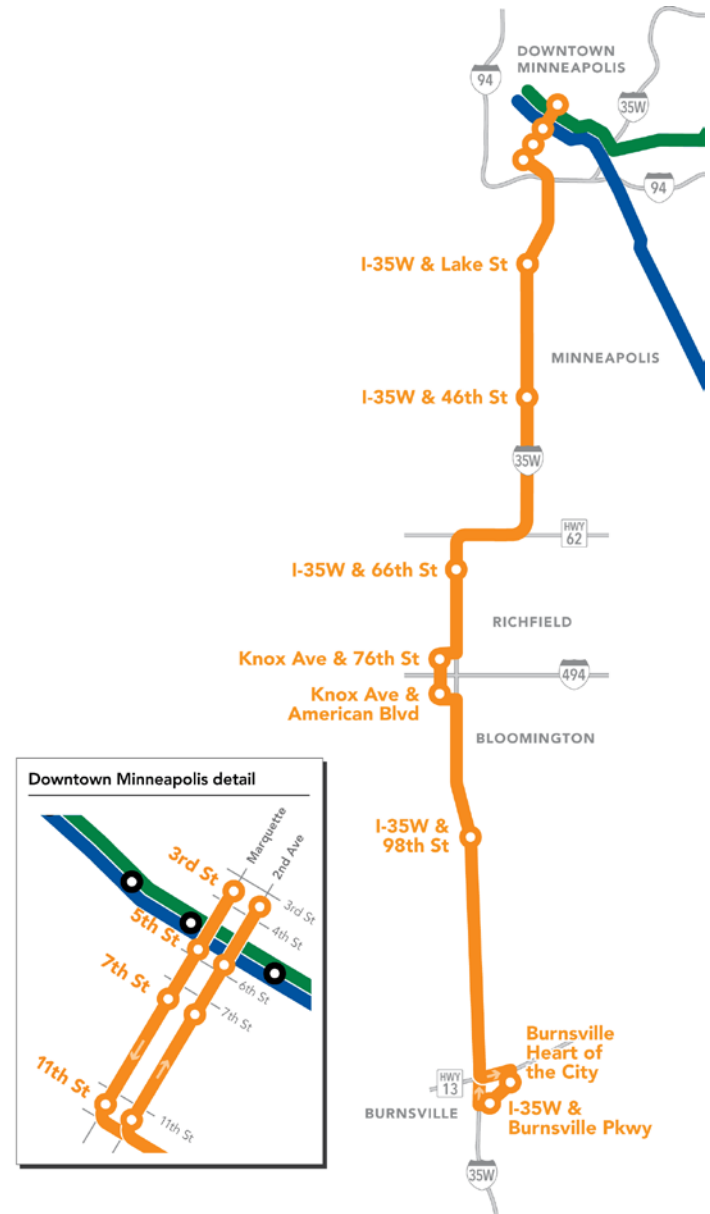
# Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

## Background

- 12 stations, 17 miles
- All-day, frequent station-to-station BRT and express bus service along I-35W
- Builds on precursor Route 535
- 26,000 daily rides projected by 2040 on I-35W buses
- Provides access to 56,000 jobs and 81,000 residents outside of downtown Minneapolis

## Project Status

- Fully funded
- Under construction
- Opening late 2021

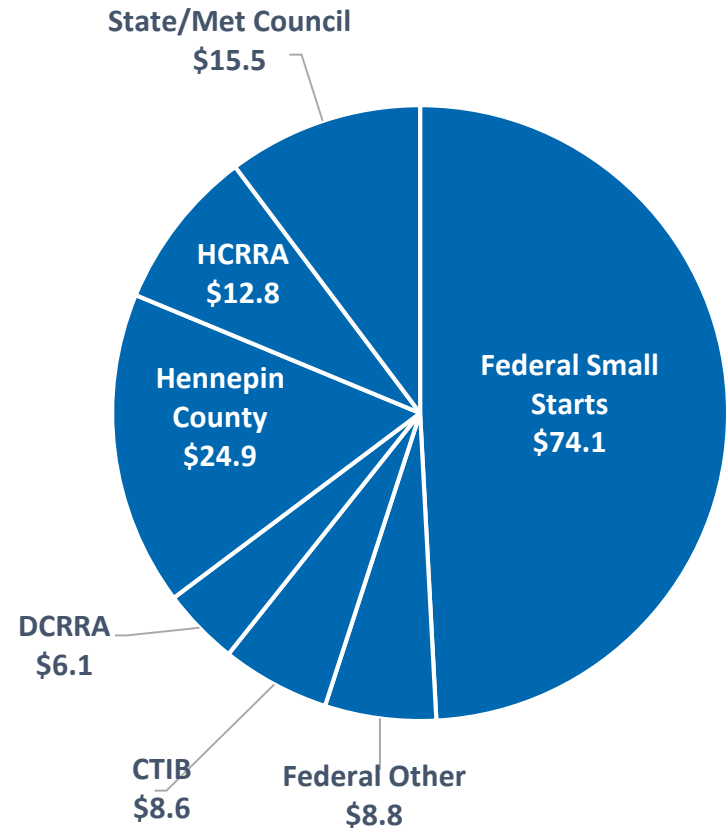




# Project Budget & Schedule

- All funds secured
- Total project cost stable at \$150.7 million
- Construction of Minneapolis components (35W@94 project) underway since 2017
  - Lake Street Station
  - 12<sup>th</sup> Street Ramp
- Construction of Knox Avenue Transitway under I-494 began in July 2019
- Construction of BRT Stations begins in Spring 2020
- Open BRT service in Late 2021

Capital Sources, in Millions



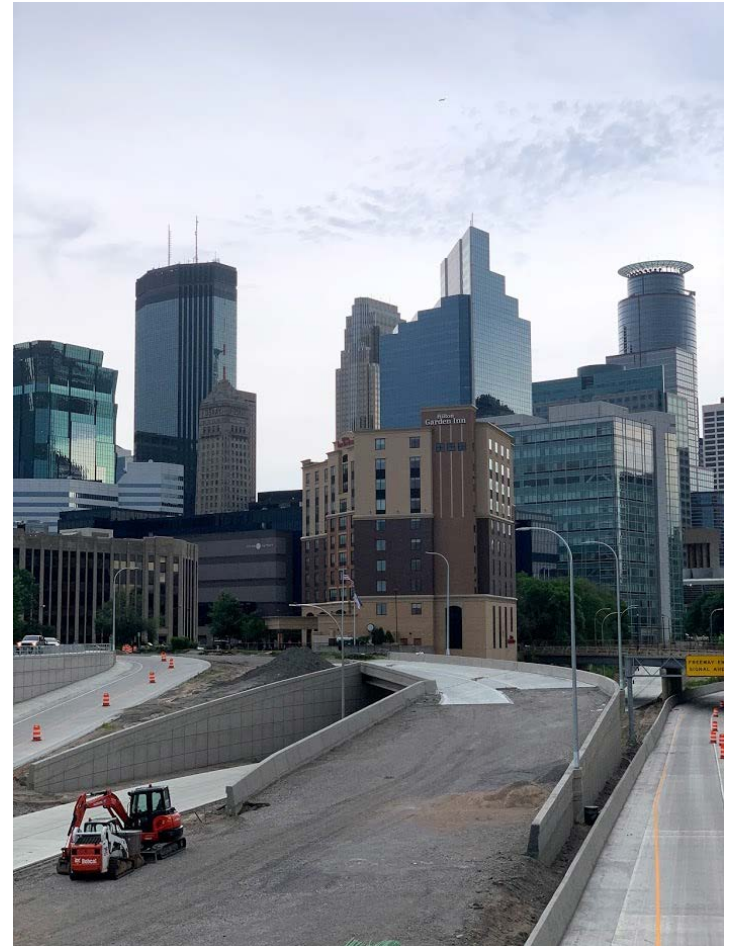
## July 17: Funding Ceremony and Knox Groundbreaking



# Construction Update

- 12<sup>th</sup> Street Ramp has taken shape at the south end of downtown
- Transit bridge at I-35W & Lake Street is now under construction
- Construction continues for the Knox Avenue transit underpass of I-494
  - 2019 activities included utility relocation under and near I-494 to enable underpass construction
  - 2020 construction focuses on north half of transit underpass
  - Highway ramp from SB I-35W to WB I-494 will be closed for roughly four months starting in April 2020

*12<sup>th</sup> Street Ramp construction*





# Rendering of I-35W & Lake Street Station



# Construction of I-35W & Lake Street Station

*Lake Street transit bridge work*





# Construction at Knox Avenue



*Utility installation on the North of I-494*

*42" watermain installation*





# Construction at Knox Avenue





# Six Month Look Ahead

- Continue major construction on 35W@94
- Complete utility relocation and begin transit underpass construction at Knox Avenue
- Begin Stations Construction
- Begin bus procurement
- Begin fare collection equipment procurement
- Continue outreach and construction communication
- Seek public input on the Orange Line Connecting Bus Study concept

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