

# Metro Transit: Building a Regional Transit System for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century







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## **Great People, Great Service**

- 3,170 employees
  - 1,500 bus operators
  - 120 rail operators
  - 600 mechanics, fleet support staff
- 37 percent people of color
- 200+ employees with more than 30 years of service













### **Fleet and Facilities**

- 900+ buses
- 86 light-rail vehicles
- 6 locomotives, 18 commuter rail cars
- Better Bus Stops program to enhance facilities in Areas of Concentrated Poverty



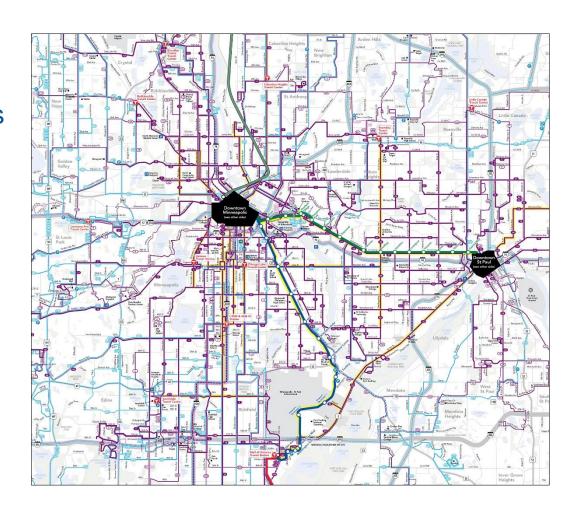






### **Service**

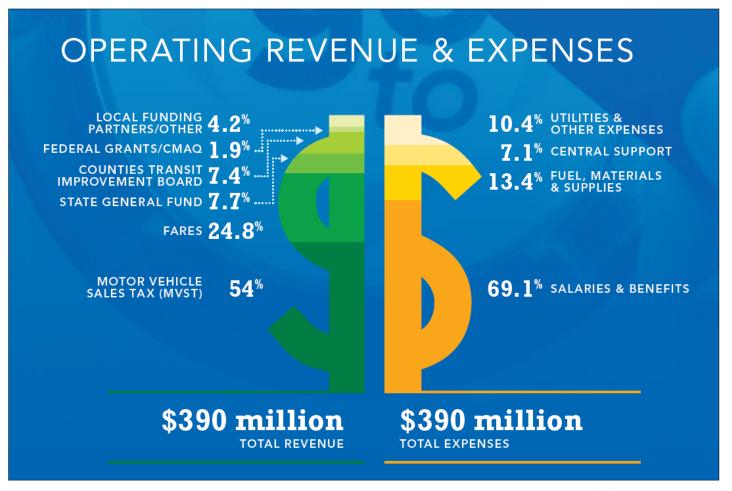
- 907 square miles
  - 90 cities, 7+ counties
- 129 bus routes
  - 58 local, 64 express
- 65+ Park & Rides
  - 15,500 spaces
- 12,500 bus stops
  - 900 shelters







## **Budget**







#### **Fares**

- \$1.75 base fare
  - No change since 2008
- Low Income Fare Pilot
- Jobseekers
- Student Pass
  - MPS + 40 other metroarea schools
  - 4M rides in 2015, +12%
- Metropass
  - 33K passes, 300+ employers
- U-Pass, College Pass



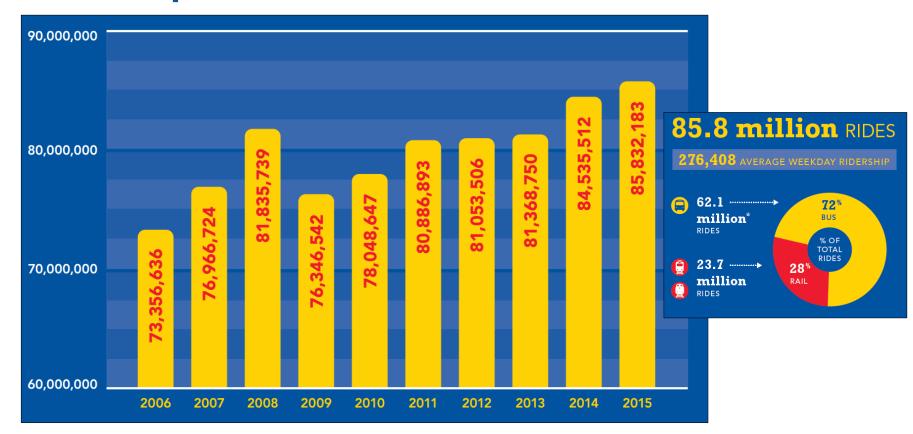








# Ridership

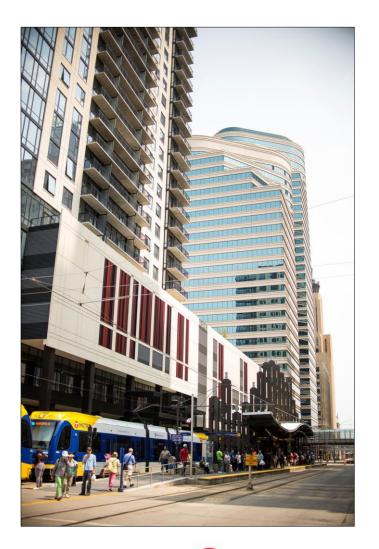






# **Light-rail ridership**

- METRO Blue Line
  - 10.6M rides in 2015 (record)
  - Avg. weekday ridership31K+
  - Surpassed 100M rides in Jan. 2015
- METRO Green Line
  - 12.4M rides in 2015
  - Avg. weekday ridership37K+
  - Central Corridor ridership doubled







# Who's Riding?

- Half of customers are Millennials (ages 18-34)
- 44% of riders are People of Color
- 73% of bus customers are traveling to work or school
- Half of bus riders don't have a driver's license
- 318,000 potential riders live within five blocks of transit

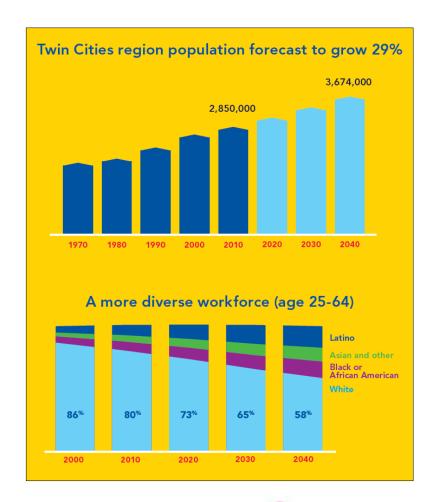






#### **Toward 2020**

- Attracting and retaining riders
- Expanding service
- Improving safety and reliability
- Increasing efficiency through data, tech
- Developing transitoriented communities
- Equity
- Sustainability

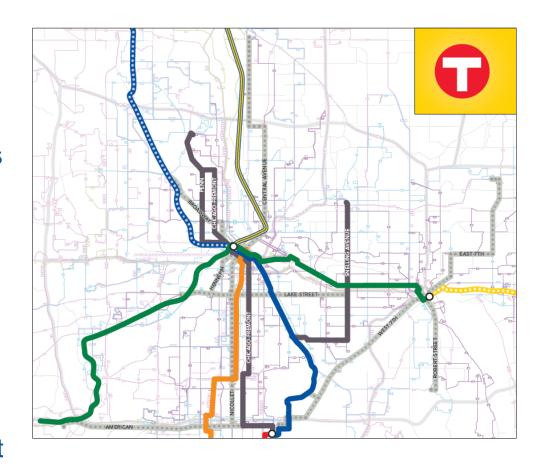






## **Bus Rapid Transit**

- 12 priority corridors
  - 400 stations, 100 miles
  - 160,000 weekday rides
  - Areas of Concentrated Poverty
- 25-30% faster service
- Enhanced stations
  - Off-board fare payment



Specialized vehicles

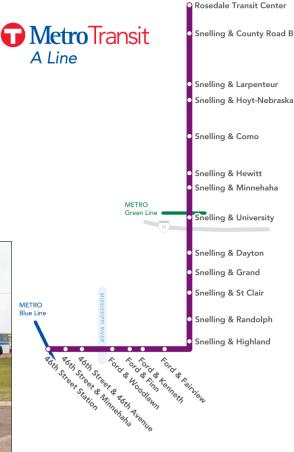




## **A Line**

- Opened June 11
- Connects LRT, key destinations
- 20 stations, half-mile spacing
- 8,700 avg. weekday rides



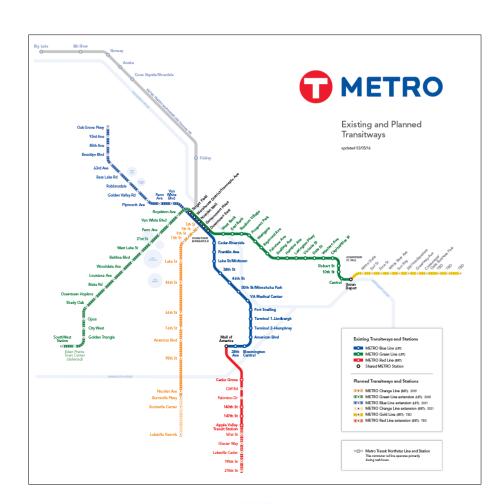






# **METRO System**

- Green Line Extension
  - 14.5 miles, 15 stations
  - Minneapolis, St. Louis Park,
     Hopkins, Eden Prairie
  - Service in 2020
  - 34,000 avg. weekday rides
- Blue Line Extension
  - 13 miles, 10 or 11 stations
  - Brooklyn Park, Crystal,
     Robbinsdale, Golden Valley,
     Minneapolis
  - Service in 2021
  - 27,000 avg. weekday rides







## **Metro Transit Police Department**

- 109 full-time, 89 parttime officers
  - +50% since 2011
  - 40% diverse
- Connecting with customer, community
  - 31K bus rides
  - Beats in N. Mpls, East
     Side, downtowns
  - Juvenile Diversion program

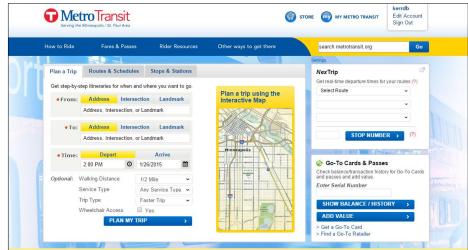


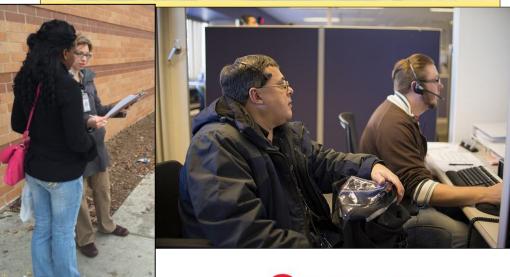




### **Transit Information**

- Mobile
- In-person
  - Transit Information Center
  - Customer Relations
  - Service Centers
- Outreach and Improvements for ESL community members
  - Nonprofit partnerships
  - Language Line
  - Translation services





# **Building a Diverse Workforce**

- Outreach events
- Bus Operator recruitment
- Metro Transit Technician (MTT) Program
- The Opportunity Bus









# **Integrating Equity into Metro Transit**



**Evette Perry,** BSW #2229 Bus Operator East Metro Garage



Mark Benedict
Rail Systems
Maintenance Director
Blue Line O & M



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Enhancing the way we do

members, customers and

outcomes community

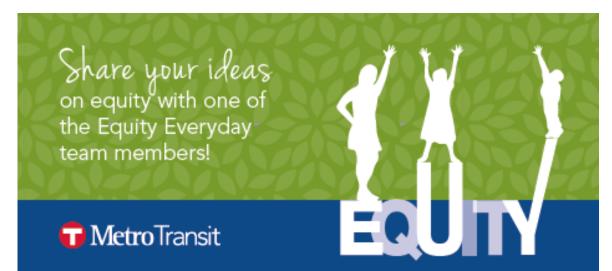
employees.

business to create equitable

**Linet Ogola**Principal Financial Analyst
FTH Office Building

# Continue comprehensive approach to equity

- Determine strengths, weaknesses and areas of opportunity related to equity
- Identify equity measures and gather data
- Establish method to evaluate and report upon progress
- Commit resources
- Implement action plan







# **Questions?**



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