Metro Transit Equity Initiatives

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Today’s Presentation

• Transit serving RCAPs today
  • Transit routes/weekday trips
  • Bus Fleet
  • Boardings/Stop
  • Shelter locations (light, heat)

• Future vision (RCAPs & Jobs)
  • Transitway Planning Process
  • Community engagement

• Project Development/Construction

• Equal Opportunity

• Safe & Secure
• 46 routes serve RCAPs

• Bus trips increases since 2010
  • 5% weekdays
  • 3% Saturdays
  • 13% Sundays
50,000 of our 260,000 system wide weekday boardings are in RCAPs
Bus Fleet

• Newer buses on RCAP routes (2011 Title VI)
• New generation of buses
  • 12% more efficient
  • 90% cleaner emissions than late 1990s
  • 85% improvement in reliability
  • Quieter inside and out
Existing Shelter Locations

Warranted Shelter Placement Rate

- Region: 52%
- Minneapolis: 54%
- St. Paul: 57%
- RCAP's: 54%

Warranted Shelter Count

- Region: 700
- Minneapolis: 300
- St. Paul: 100
- RCAP's: 100
2014-2015 Shelter Capital Activities

- 75-100 new shelter locations
  - RCAP focus
- 75-100 old shelters replaced

Amenities (e.g., light & heat)
Additional Shelters

Warranted Shelter Placement Rate

- Region: 52% (8%)
- Minneapolis: 54% (9%)
- St. Paul: 57% (13%)
- RCAP's: 54% (20%)

Warranted Shelter Count

- Region: 578
- Minneapolis: 326
- Saint Paul: 142
- RCAP's: 66
Shelter Amenity Improvements

- 2014 Ladders of Opportunity grant
  - $3 million application
  - Add features like solar powered light, heat, transit information
  - At 125-150 existing locations
  - 10+% towards community engagement
Transitway Planning

- Faster service to new destinations
- Improve frequency and span of service
- Improve connections & reliability
- Optimize efficiency
- Integrate facilities & future plans
- Community informed planning
2015 - 2020

- One Arterial BRT/year
  - A Line Snelling Ave BRT
  - B Line West 7th St BRT
  - C Line Penn Ave BRT
  - Two additional
- Orange Line BRT
- SW LRT
- Bottineau LRT
Community Engagement

- Increase staff resource
- Strengthen community relationships to inform planning
- Increase participation of underrepresented communities
- Promote learning from available communication tools and information
- Build plans that serve the needs of local residents
Project Development/Construction Goals

- Hire 32% women/minorities
- Target local labor
- Connecting transit to job opportunities
- Cultivate affordable housing opportunities at stations
- Partner with land owners and cities towards TOD
Equal Opportunity

- Local economic impact
  - Disadvantaged business enterprise goals
  - Outreach to DBE firms located in or near RCAP areas
  - Workforce diversity goals
  - Enhanced business and workforce capacity/development

- Future impact
  - Metro Transit apprenticeship programs targeting RCAP areas
  - Strengthening community and partnerships with educational and workforce institutions
Safe and Secure

- Strengthen the relationship community members
- Participate in community events
- Additional neighborhood foot patrols
- Partner with local police and sheriff
- Work with local advocates - MADDADs
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