

## **Regional Solicitation Grant Awards Update**

Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) – June 2022



# **Project Updates**

- BBG Modernization
- 169 Connector
- Orange Line Connector



## **BBG Modernization**

Phase I. Awarded in 2020 Buses and Bus Facilities Grant Program

• Federal Request: **\$2,800,000** 

Total Cost: \$3,500,000

Phase II, Awarded in 2020 Regional Solicitation

• Federal Request: **\$2,800,000** 

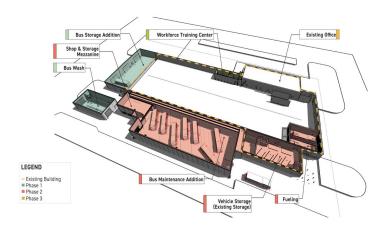
Total Cost: \$3,500,000

Phase III, Awarded in 2021 Buses and Bus Facilities Grant

• Federal Request: **\$4,960,000** 

Total Cost: \$6,200,000

Modernization to focus on state of good repair, safety/security enhancements, construction modernization, storage expansion, maintenance area improvements, sustainability innovations, and employee workforce/training center







### 169 Connector

Awarded in 2014 solicitation (Transit & TDM Projects)

• Federal Request: **\$1,272,684** 

• Total Cost: **\$1,590,855** 

- Service launched in September 2019
  - Shakopee Golden Triangle (peak-oriented)
  - Ridership growth in early 2020 ahead of pandemic
  - Suspended during COVID due to decreased rider demand
- MVTA currently reviewing options for modified service to better reflect needs in corridor considering pandemic and Green Line LRT delays



# **Orange Line Connector**

- Awarded in 2018 solicitation (Transit Expansion)
  - Federal Request: **\$2,744,000**
  - Total Cost: **\$3,430,000**
- New route (branded Orange LINK) began in November 2021 to coordinate with launch of METRO Orange Line
  - 30-minute frequency
  - Weekday only
- Provides a link for Burnsville residents to access METRO Orange Line and a direct connection to Burnsville Transit Station
- Monthly ridership has grown by 100% since January





