

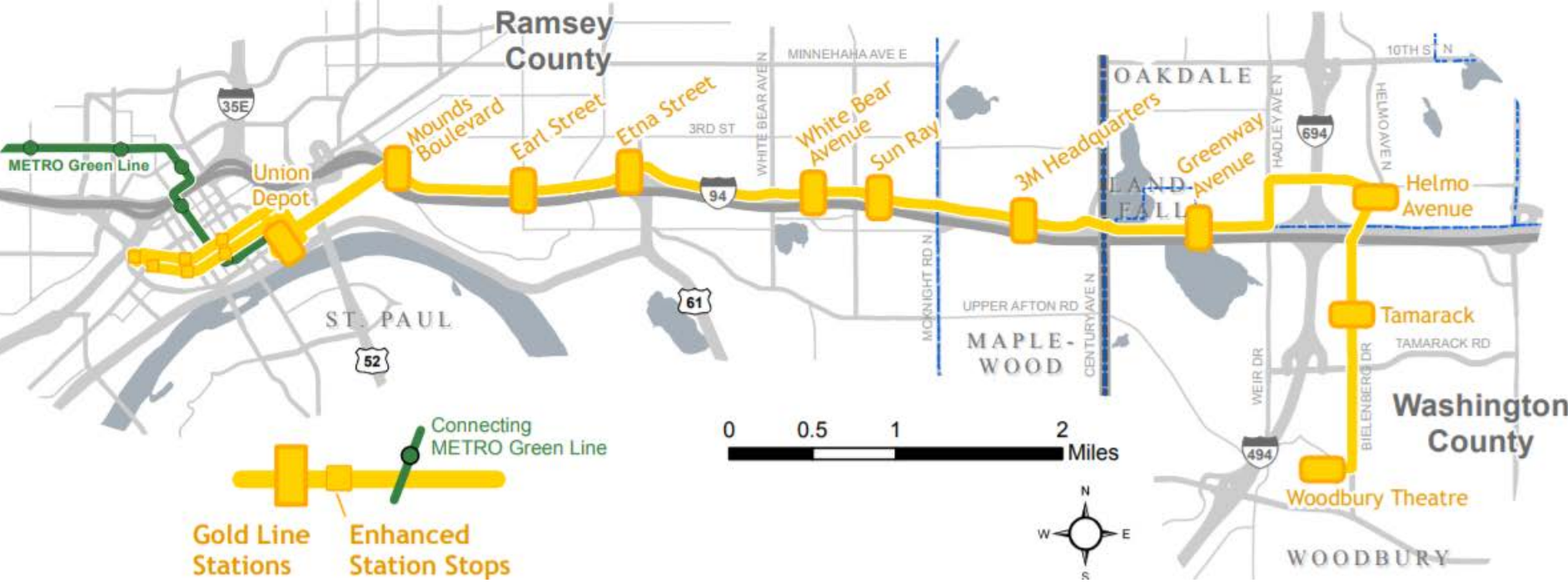


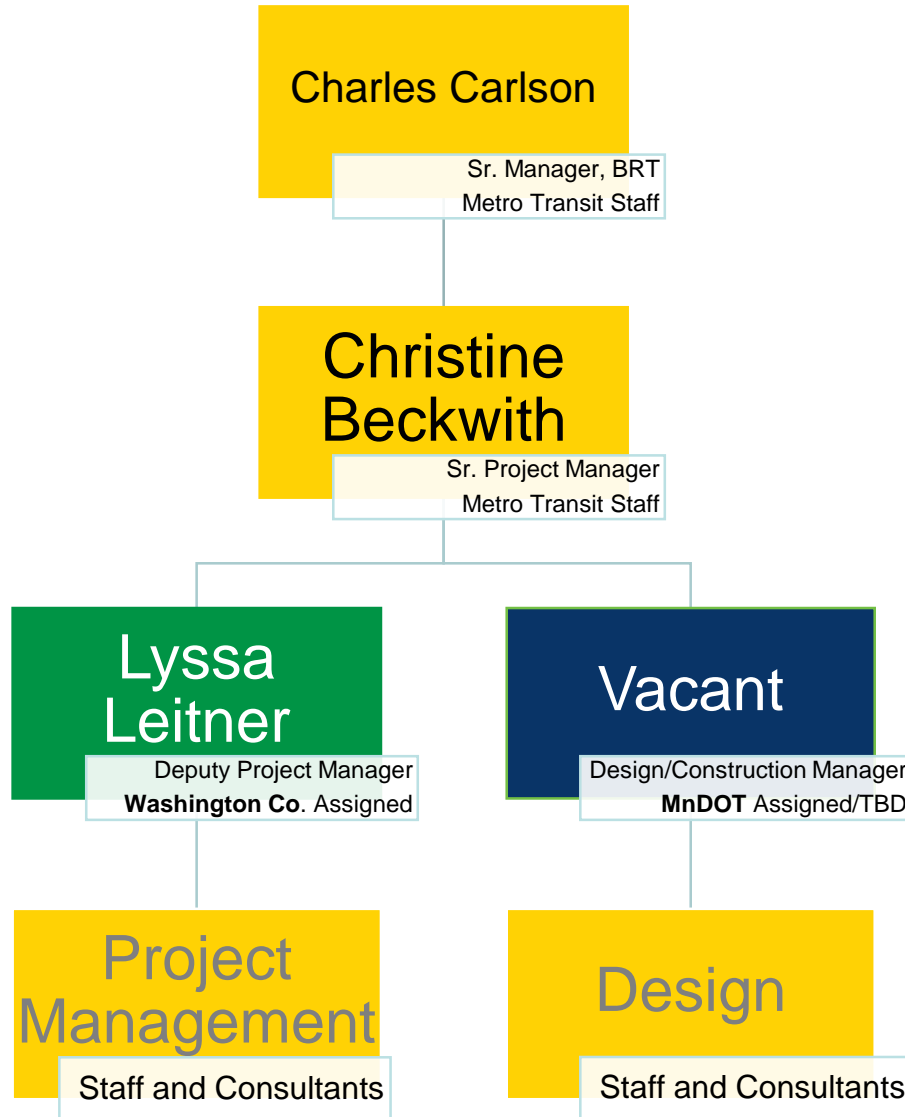
# METRO Gold Line BRT Project Update

Transportation Committee  
September 25, 2017

# Gold Line BRT Overview

- 8,000 Est. Daily Riders (2040)
- \$420M Est. Capital Cost (YOE)
- \$5.1M Annual Operating Cost
- Opening 2024
- Serving the East Metro:
  - 2 counties, 5 municipalities
  - 301,000 jobs (2040)
  - 522,000 people (2040)
  - 1/5 of zero car households in Twin Cities located in cities along route



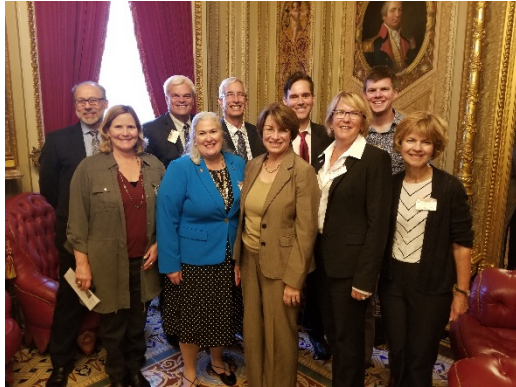


- New partnership to implement Gold Line project
- Assigned staff from partner agencies embedded within project office's key roles
- New contracting approaches
  - Project management contract
  - Reduces direct Council hires
  - Phases expertise and resources to project needs, by phase
  - Flexible to agency needs and can evolve with project
  - Proven approach in other non-local BRT and LRT projects

- Hired Project Manager Chris Beckwith 9/25
- Interim Gold Line Office established
  - Located in Council office space in St. Paul
  - Will host staff until full office ready to occupy
- Project office site search underway, focused on downtown St. Paul
- Professional services contract proposals
  - Project Management/Environmental Services
  - Design & Engineering Services Contract
- Ready to Project Development application
  
- Continued progress with FTA grant-funded local station area planning, led by Gold Line counties and cities

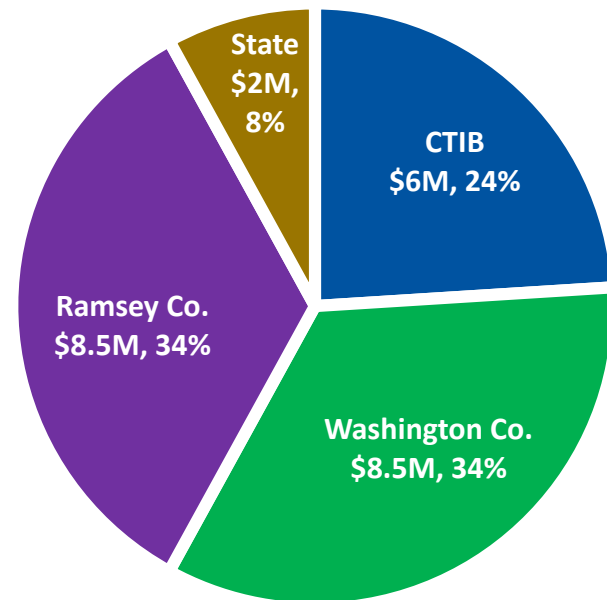


# September 6-7: Accompanied Gateway Corridor Commission Travel to Washington, DC



- Project Development (PD) is a federally defined phase of implementing a project
  - First recognition of project by FTA
  - Project expenditures during PD count toward local match of planned future federal grant
  - Specific activities during Project Development include adopting route/stations into region's plans, completing environmental work, and receiving a project rating (based on 30% design)
  - 2-year window to complete all PD activities and to apply and enter New Starts Engineering
- Project Development Funding
  - \$2 million state bonds awarded 2014
  - \$17M local funding agreement, Met Council, Ramsey, Washington Co.
  - \$6M CTIB via assignment agreements

## Project Development Funding



# Near-Term Project Schedule (Anticipated)



Anticipated Council Action Requests	Date
Authorization for Project Development funding agreements	Completed
Authorization to execute lease for Gold Line office space	October 2017
Authorization for office furnishings/technology equipment (TBD)	October 2017
Authorization for Project Management/Environmental Contract	Late October 2017
Authorization for Design/Engineering Services Contract	December 2017

Other Ongoing Activities	Date
Execute Project Development funding agreements	September 2017
Staff Recruitment and hiring	Fall 2017
Contractor evaluation, selection, and negotiations	Fall 2017
Project Development entry request	Fall 2017
Gold Line office space build-out and occupancy	Fall 2017 – Early 2018

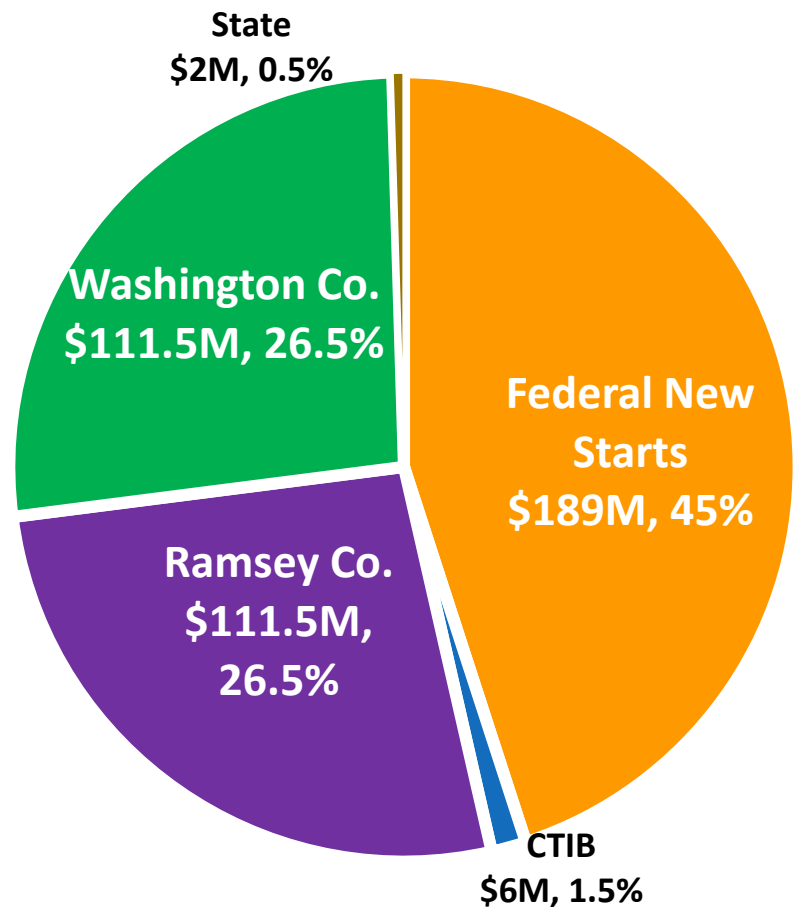


# Overall Project Milestones and Funding



Activity	Schedule
FTA New Starts Project Development (PD) Phase	Late 2017 –2019
New Starts Engineering Phase	2020 – 2021
FTA New Starts Full Funding Grant Agreement	Late 2021
Project Construction	Late 2021 – 2023
Open for Service	2024

Overall Funding (anticipated)





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