



I-35W & Lake Street

METRO Orange Line BRT

Items 2019-112 SW, 2019-140 SW, 2019-141 SW

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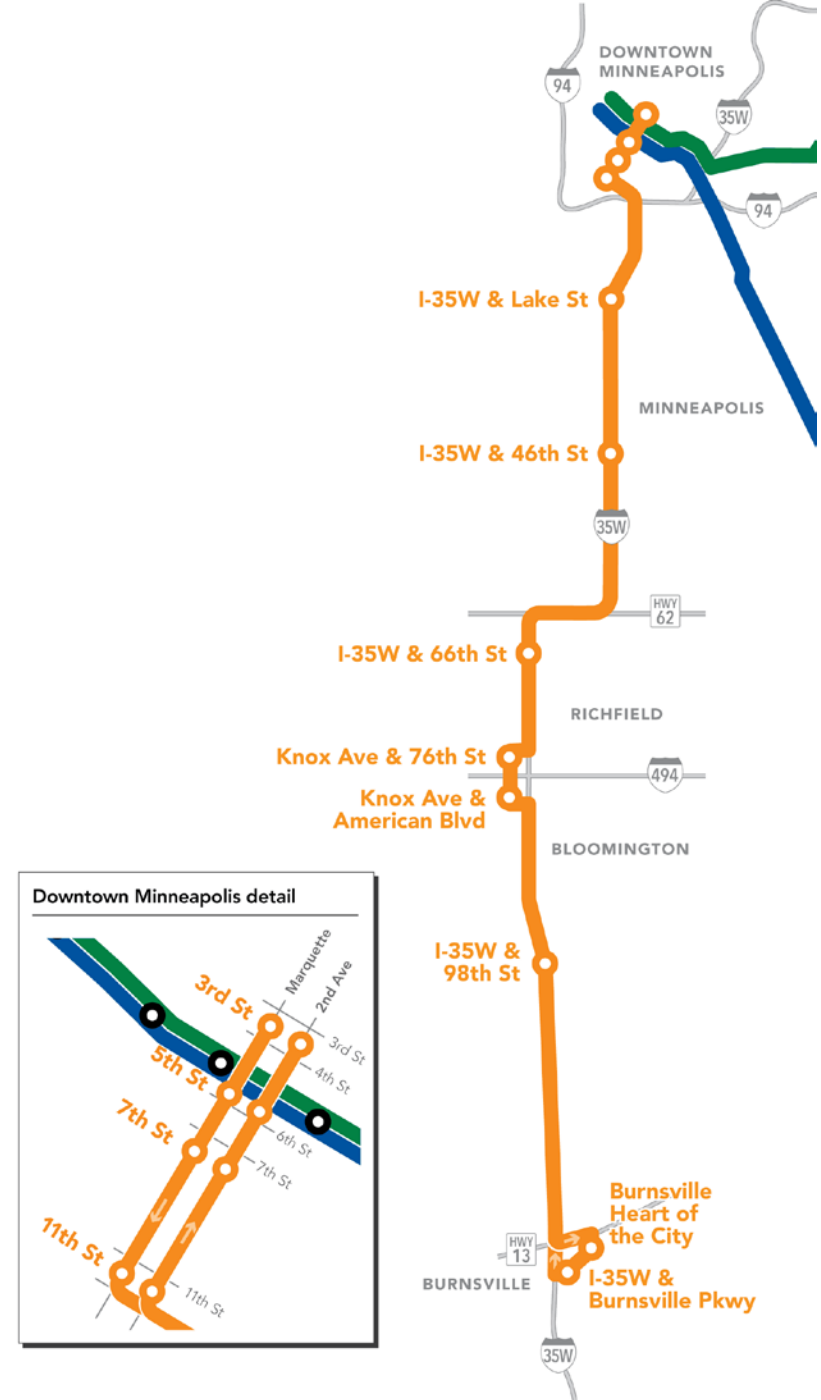
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Most heavily-traveled express bus corridor

- 14,000 existing bus riders each weekday on 26 routes
- Over 26,000 rides by 2040 w/ BRT
- 210,000 cars a day near Lake Street

Who are Orange Line riders?

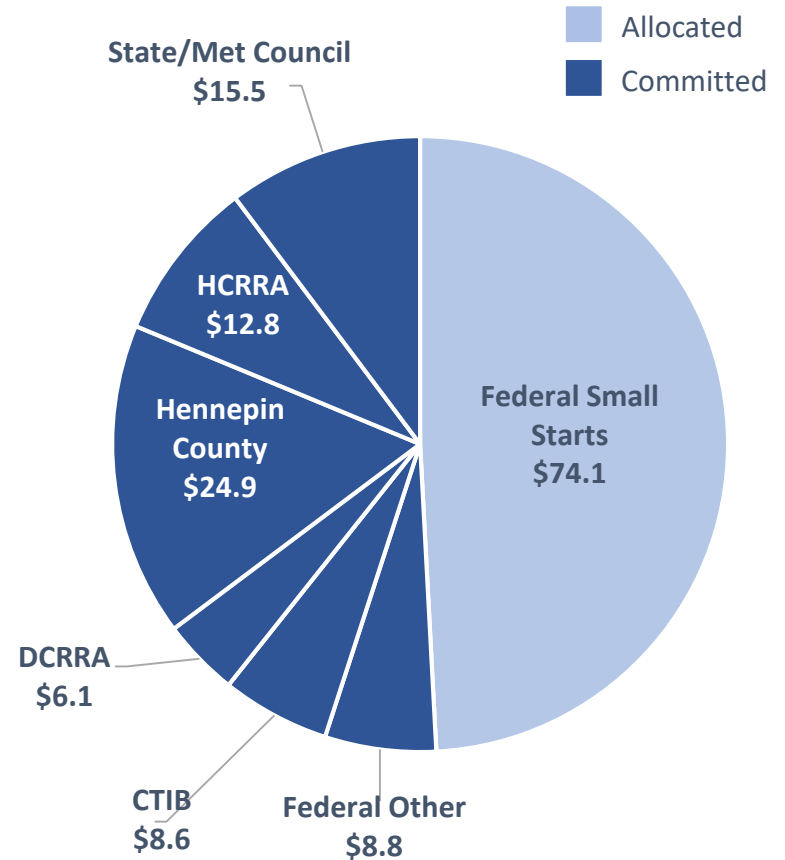
- Access to 56,000 jobs and 81,000 residents outside of downtown Minneapolis
- Better serves all-day, evening, weekend markets
- Better serves non-downtown trips, especially to the 494 corridor
- Builds on precursor Route 535



Project Budget

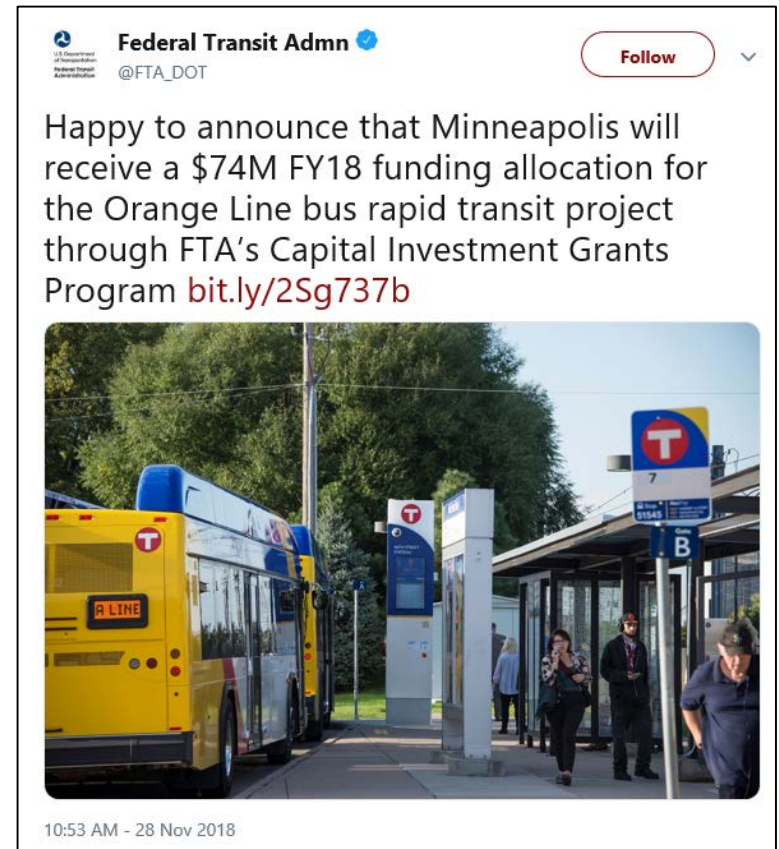
- All funds secured through formalized commitments or federal allocations
- Project Budget \$150.7M

Capital Sources, in Millions



The Road to a Small Starts Grant

- 2014: entered the Small Starts program
- 2015-2016: environmental work, design
- 2017: received first project rating, putting Orange Line in top tier projects nationally
- 2018: FTA invites project to apply for the grant, selects Orange Line to receive \$74M
- Apr 2019: Project completes all FTA reviews and Department of Labor certification
- February 2019: Council approval to receive Small Starts Grant, Authorized Capital Program expenditure approval upon award
- June 2019: Execution of \$74M grant will follow a required 10-day congressional notification by USDOT, per 49 CFR 5309(h)(7)(c)



Construction Status

- By this summer, Metro Transit anticipates 75% of Orange Line construction (by value) will be awarded
 - 35W@94 package awarded to Ames Lunda Schafer in 2017, led by MnDOT following federal approvals for early construction (LONP)
 - May 2: Bids received for Knox Avenue package
 - Future: 2019-2020 Advertise and award remaining stations package



Knox Avenue Transitway under I-494



- Connects Richfield and Bloomington through a new BRT underpass of I-494
- Cooperative construction with MnDOT, Planful design for future I-35W/I-494 Interchange

Business item 2019-112 SW

- Construction of Knox Avenue Underpass and associated utilities/roadway work
- Invitation for bids issued March 29, 2019
- Five bids received May 2, 2019
- Low bid by CS McCrossan of \$24,426,017.51
- Review of bids has determined low bid
 - Is responsive and reasonable
 - Exceeds 15% DBE participation goal with a 17% DBE commitment
- Council authorization required for construction projects >\$2,500,000
- Contract execution will follow Small Starts Grant receipt

Proposed Action 2019-112 SW

That the Metropolitan Council authorize award and execution of a construction contract with CS McCrossan in the amount of \$24,426,017.51, contingent upon execution of the Orange Line Small Starts Grant, for construction of the Orange Line I-494/Knox Avenue Transitway project.



Business items 2019-140 SW and 2019-141 SW

- Following dissolution of Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) in 2017, CTIB funding commitments were assumed by project partner counties
- Orange Line funding becomes available through new agreements or amendments as needed with partner counties
 - Annual agreements with Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority
 - Amendments to term and total funding with Hennepin County (via 2017 CTIB)
- In October 2018, Council authorized application for 2019 funding (item 2018-271) and through past capital program authorization 2017-159
- Proposed actions make additional county funds available to the Orange Line project

Proposed Actions

2019-140 SW

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an interagency agreement with Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority (DCRRA) for \$1,680,000 to fund METRO Orange Line project activities.

2019-141 SW

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Amendment 4 to Agreement 16I092 with CTIB/Hennepin County, increasing Hennepin County's participation by an additional \$15,421,812, and extending the grant activity period through June 30, 2020.

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