

## Transit BRT Program and New Market Guarantee Options

### Eligible project options for BRT program:

*Under a bus rapid transit program, any projects that are eligible under the bus rapid transit program would be ineligible to apply in the other transit funding categories.*

Option #1: Accept the TAB Policy Work Group recommendation to create a BRT program with a funding range of \$25 to \$28 million that includes arterial BRT projects and other highway BRT projects included in the Transportation Policy Plan. This option would exclude improvement projects on existing lines (which would be eligible under Transit Modernization or Expansion) and New Starts and Small Starts projects (which would also be eligible under Transit Expansion).

#### Eligible Projects:

- A Line extension
- D Line (Chicago-Fremont) Arterial BRT
- B Line (Lake St/Marshall Ave) Arterial BRT
- E Line (Hennepin Avenue) Arterial BRT
- American Boulevard Arterial BRT
- Central Avenue NE Arterial BRT
- East 7<sup>th</sup> Street Arterial BRT
- Nicollet Avenue Arterial BRT
- Robert Street Arterial BRT
- West Broadway Arterial BRT
- METRO Red Line extension
- METRO Orange Line extension
- Red Rock Highway BRT
- Highway 169 Highway BRT
- I-35W North Highway BRT
- I-394/Highway 55 Highway BRT
- Highway 36 Highway BRT

Option #2: Broaden the BRT program, as recommended by Transit Technical Work Group, to include all BRT projects in the Transportation Policy Plan (which would include improvements to existing lines and New and Small Starts projects) and increase the potential funding range to \$25 to \$31 million due to the broadened definition.

#### Eligible Projects:

All projects from Option #1 plus:

- A Line (Snelling Ave)
- C Line (Penn Ave)
- METRO Red Line
- METRO Orange Line
- METRO Gold Line Dedicated BRT
- Rush Line Dedicated BRT

### Bus rapid transit project selection process:

Proceed with project list option #1 or option #2 but also have TAB identify a process in the next two months for developing the BRT program recommendation by April 2020. The Transit Technical Work Group's input on the process would be considered during this stage, which was to form a technical committee and work cooperatively to develop BRT program funding options and a recommendation for

TAB's consideration. Accept the technical recommendation regarding the New Market guarantee associated with either option 1 or 2 BRT definition.

**New Market guarantee:**

Accept the Transit Technical Work Group recommendation on the definition of New Market guarantee to fund at least one project that is outside of market areas 1 and 2 for at least one end of the project.

Examples projects:

- New transit route
- Added service to an existing local route
- Added service to an existing express route
- New or expanded park-and-ride
- Upgraded customer facilities

**Transit Market Areas**

