



METRO Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit

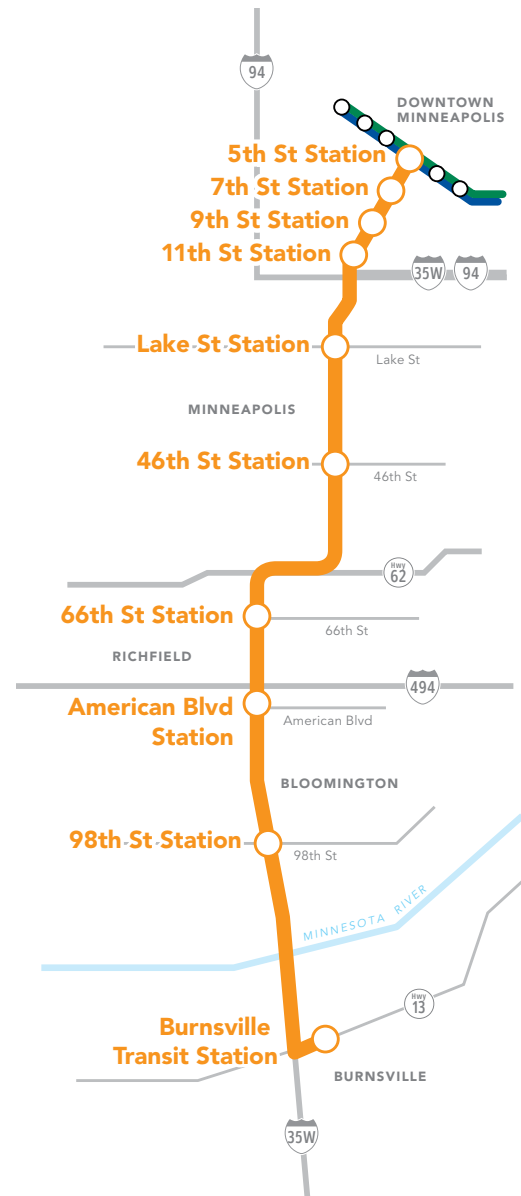
The METRO Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project will use roadway improvements, upgraded transit stations, and improved bus service to provide fast, frequent, and reliable all-day transit service along I-35W. The 16-mile corridor has been the most heavily traveled express bus corridor since the 1970s, with about 14,000 daily rides.

Buses will travel on Marquette and 2nd Avenues in downtown Minneapolis, utilizing congestion-free, transit-only lanes. South of downtown, the Orange Line will provide frequent, limited-stop service to upgraded stations at Lake Street, 46th Street, 66th Street, American Boulevard, 98th Street, and Burnsville Transit Station. The second phase of the project could extend service and improvements from Burnsville to Lakeville.

Major infrastructure improvements are planned for the Lake Street and American Boulevard stations. The design and construction of these improvements is being coordinated through the I-35W Lake Transit/Access Project and MnDOT's I-494/35W Vision Layout Project. All Orange Line stations will have upgrades in platform ticketing, information technology, and passenger amenities.

In 2013, Metro Transit will update the project plan for the corridor, engaging community members, employers, institutions, and other stakeholders. The purpose of this project plan update is to complete conceptual station design, estimate costs, and update ridership information.

Metro Transit will engage the public at existing community events and organizations. Some examples of this involvement may include conducting transit customer surveys and focus groups, speaking with neighborhood and business groups, and providing materials at destinations near planned stations.



- » 16-mile transitway
- » 10 transit stations with enhanced amenities
- » All-day, reliable, frequent service
- » Real-time information on platforms
- » Accessibility and pedestrian improvements
- » New park-and-ride at American Boulevard
- » Forecasted to open in 2019

If you would like to be involved with Orange Line planning, or are interested in hearing more about the project at your meeting or event, please contact to brtprojects@metrotransit.org, or call 612-349-7690.

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