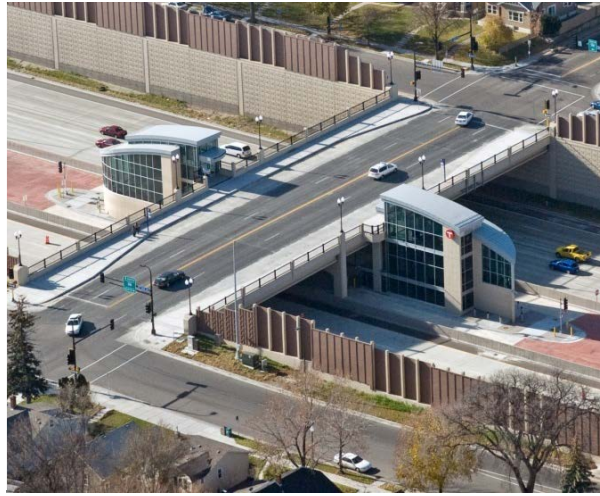


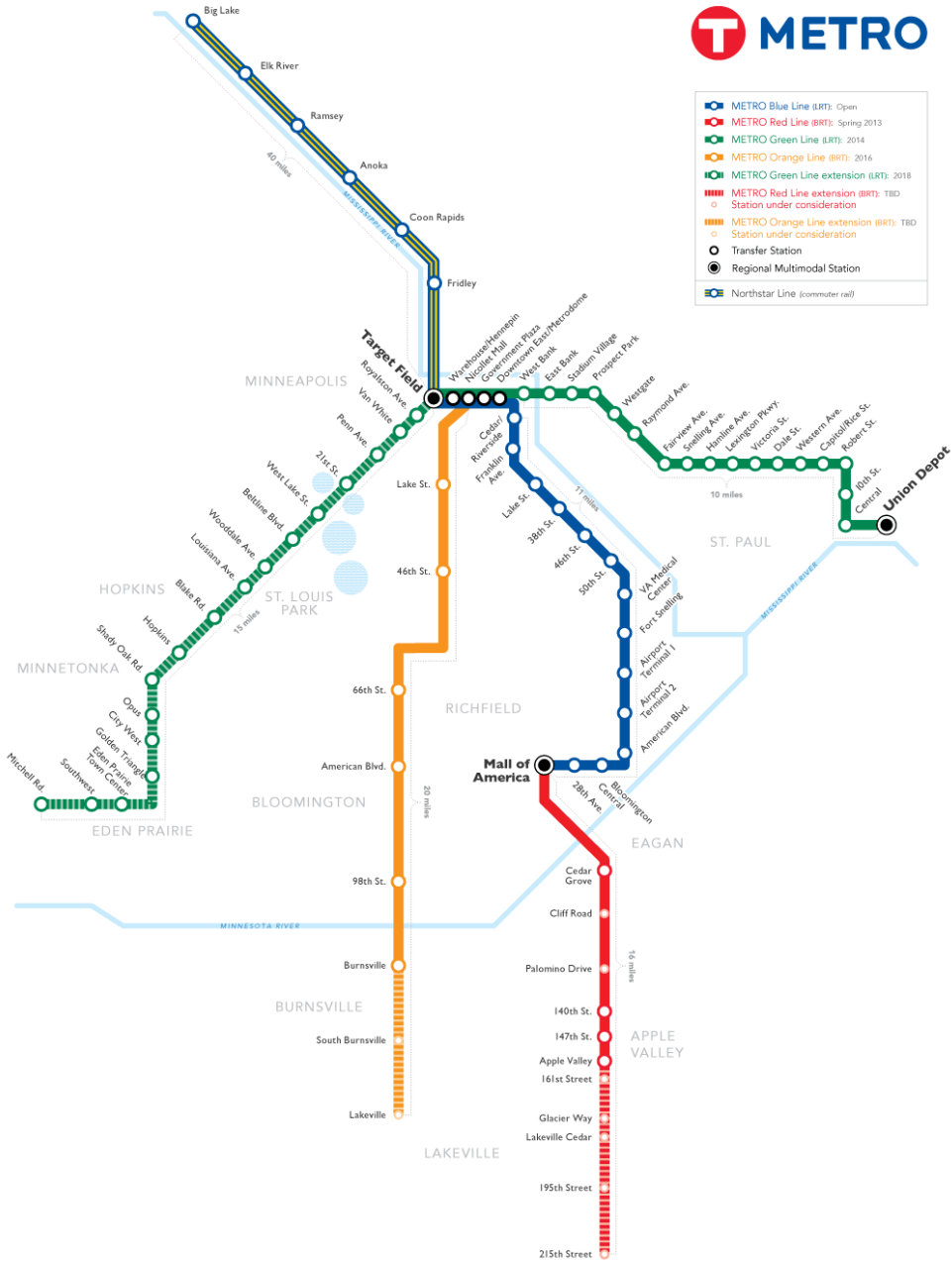
METRO Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit



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METRO

- METRO Blue Line (LRT): Open
- METRO Red Line (BRT): Spring 2013
- METRO Green Line (LRT): 2014
- METRO Orange Line (BRT): 2016
- METRO Green Line extension (LRT): 2018
- METRO Red Line extension (BRT): TBD
- Station under consideration
- METRO Orange Line extension (BRT): TBD
- Station under consideration
- Transfer Station
- Regional Multimodal Station
- Northstar Line (commuter rail)



- Improved Experience
 - Real Time Information
 - Better Accessibility
 - Improved stations and vehicles
- Reliable Service
 - Less boarding delay
 - Congestion-free ride
 - All day, frequent trips





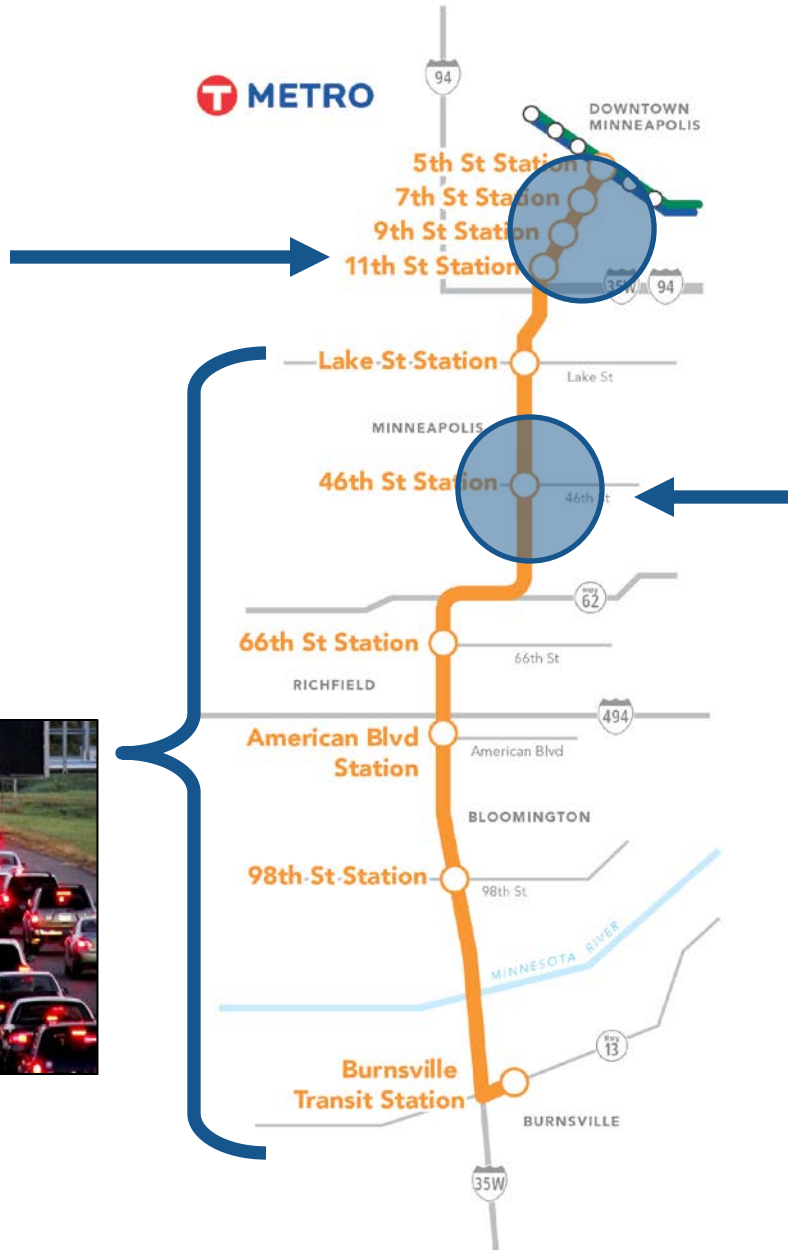
- Builds on decades of I-35W transit success
- Improve access to more jobs and new destinations
- Connect to METRO system
- Serves Minneapolis, Richfield, Bloomington, and Burnsville
- 16-mile corridor
- Phase II could extend to Lakeville



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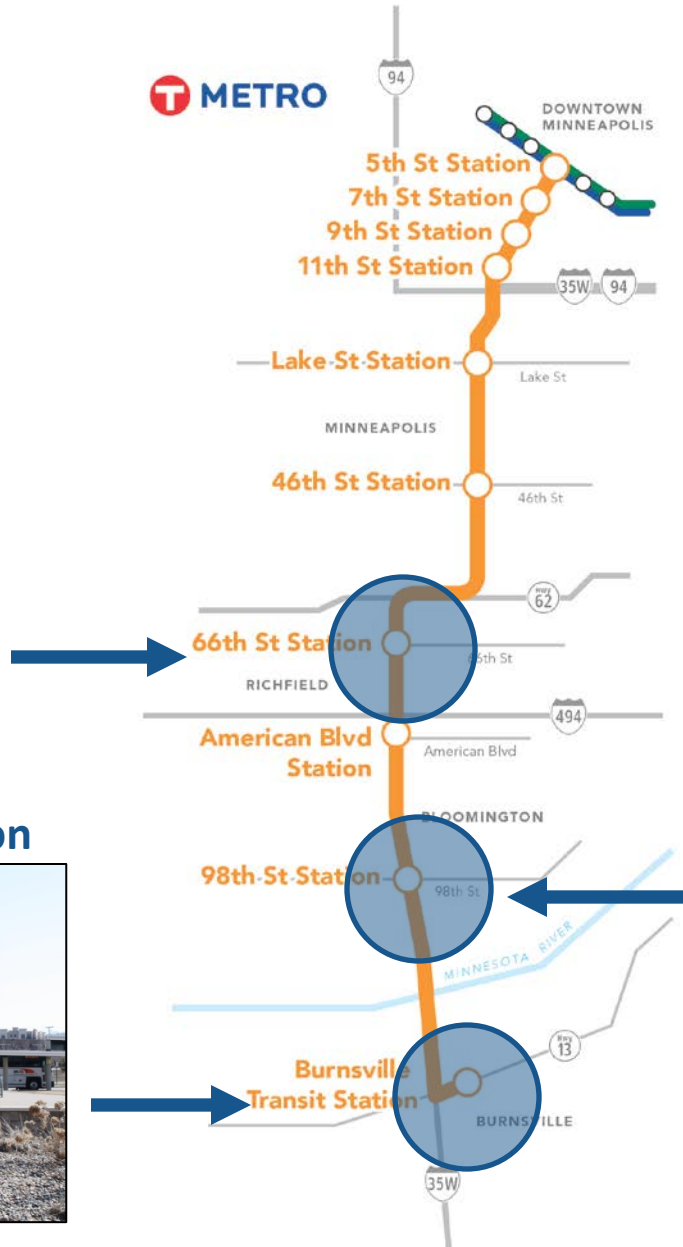
MnPass Lanes



Improve Capacity of Existing Facilities



66th Street



98th Street

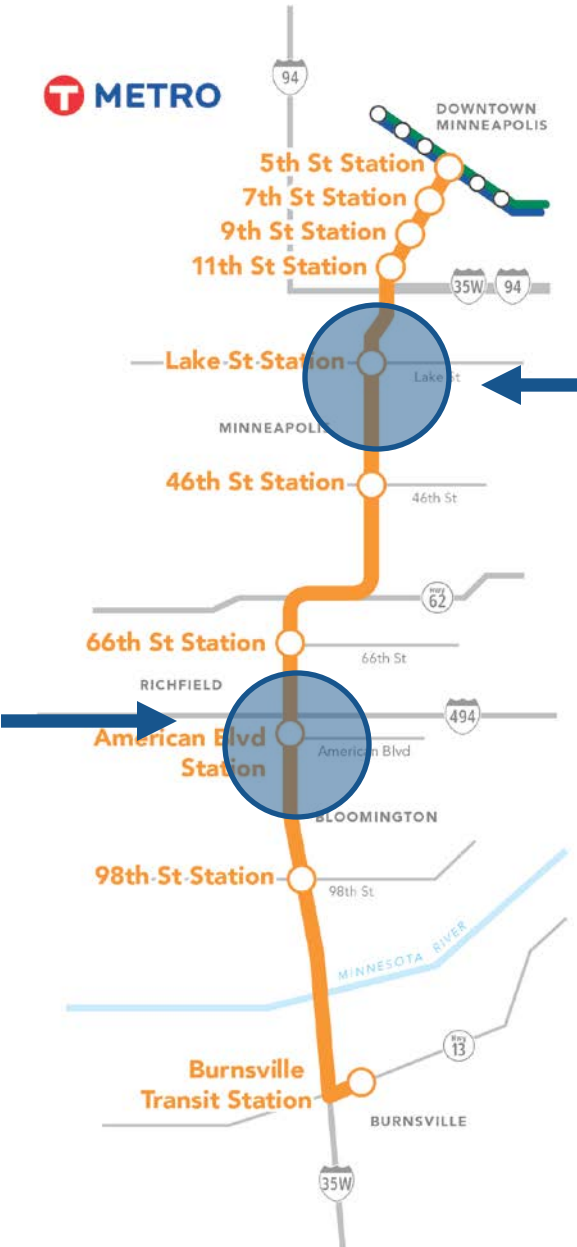


Burnsville Transit Station





494/35W Interchange

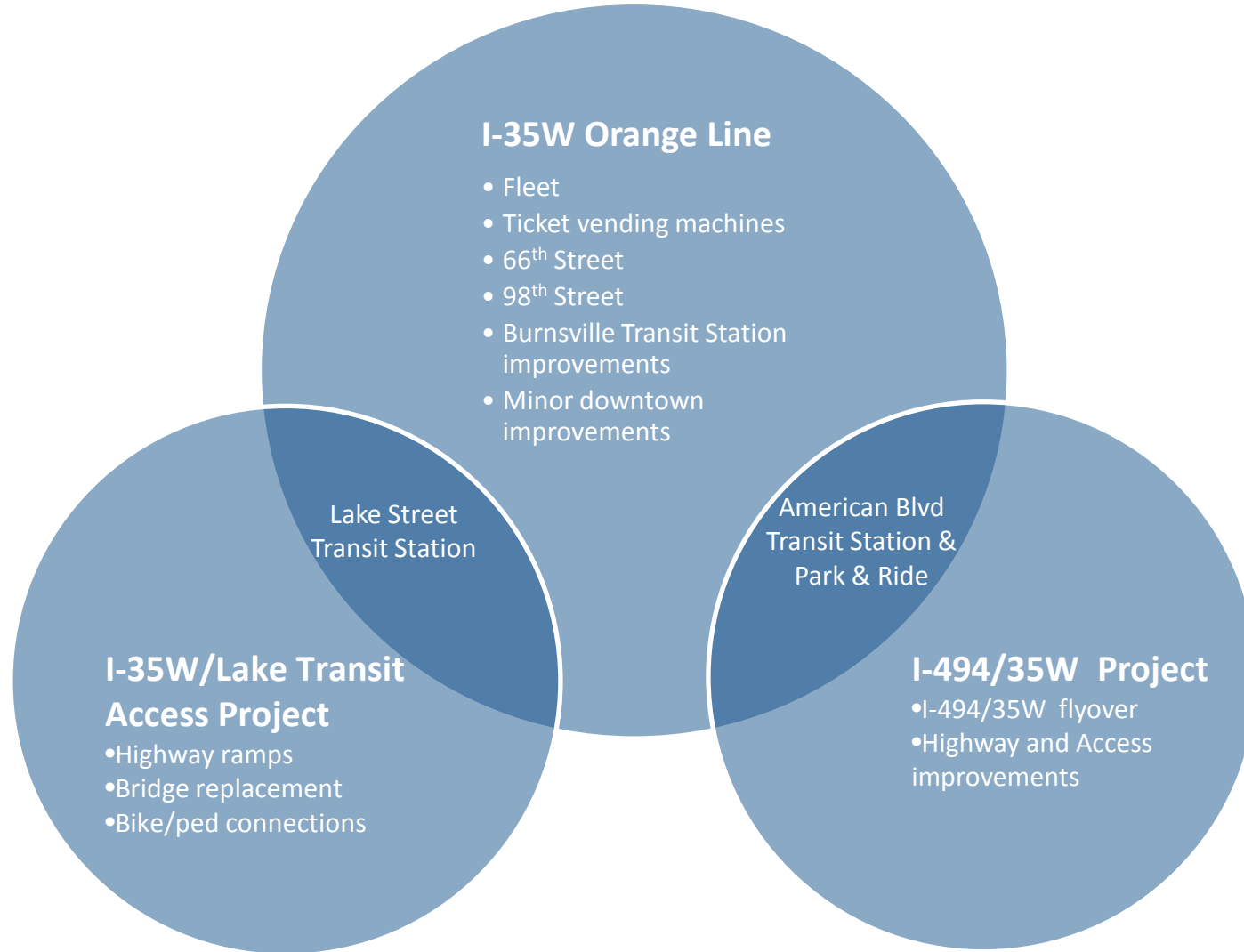


35W Lake Transit/Access Project



- New vehicles for station-to-station service
- Low floor, multi-door boarding
- New station-to-station service
- Explore transit advantages on 11th and 12th Streets in downtown



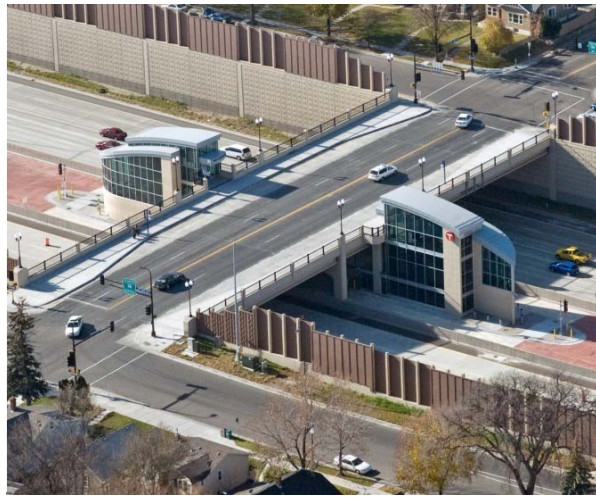


	2013 Goals
1	Document previous planning
2	Determine environmental (NEPA) path
3	Develop existing conditions report
4	Compile demographic & land use information
5	Review transit service planning
6	Forecast ridership
7	Create conceptual design for 66 th , 98 th & BTS
8	Develop project scope, budget & timeline
9	Define implementation roles & responsibilities
10	Scope Orange Line Phase II

Project Phase	Year
Develop Orange Line Project Plan Update	2013
Apply for Funding	2014
Public Input for Planning	2013 and 2014
Orange Line in Project Development	2014 and 2015
Complete Environmental Work	2014 and 2015
Orange Line Construction	2016 through 2018
Service Restructuring Plan	2016
Orange Line in Service (Phase I)	2019
Coordinate with Related Projects	Throughout

- 35W Solutions Alliance
- City Councils
- County Boards
- MVTA Board
- I-35W Lake Policy Makers
- Chambers of Commerce
- Neighborhood Organizations
- TMOs
- Business groups
- 35/Lake Project Advisory Committee
- 494/35W Technical Advisory Committee
- Orange Line Technical Advisory Committee
- Metropolitan Council TAC & TAAC
- Transit riders
- Targeted outreach at major destinations
- Web, print and social media

Questions?



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