



METRO Orange Line BRT Update

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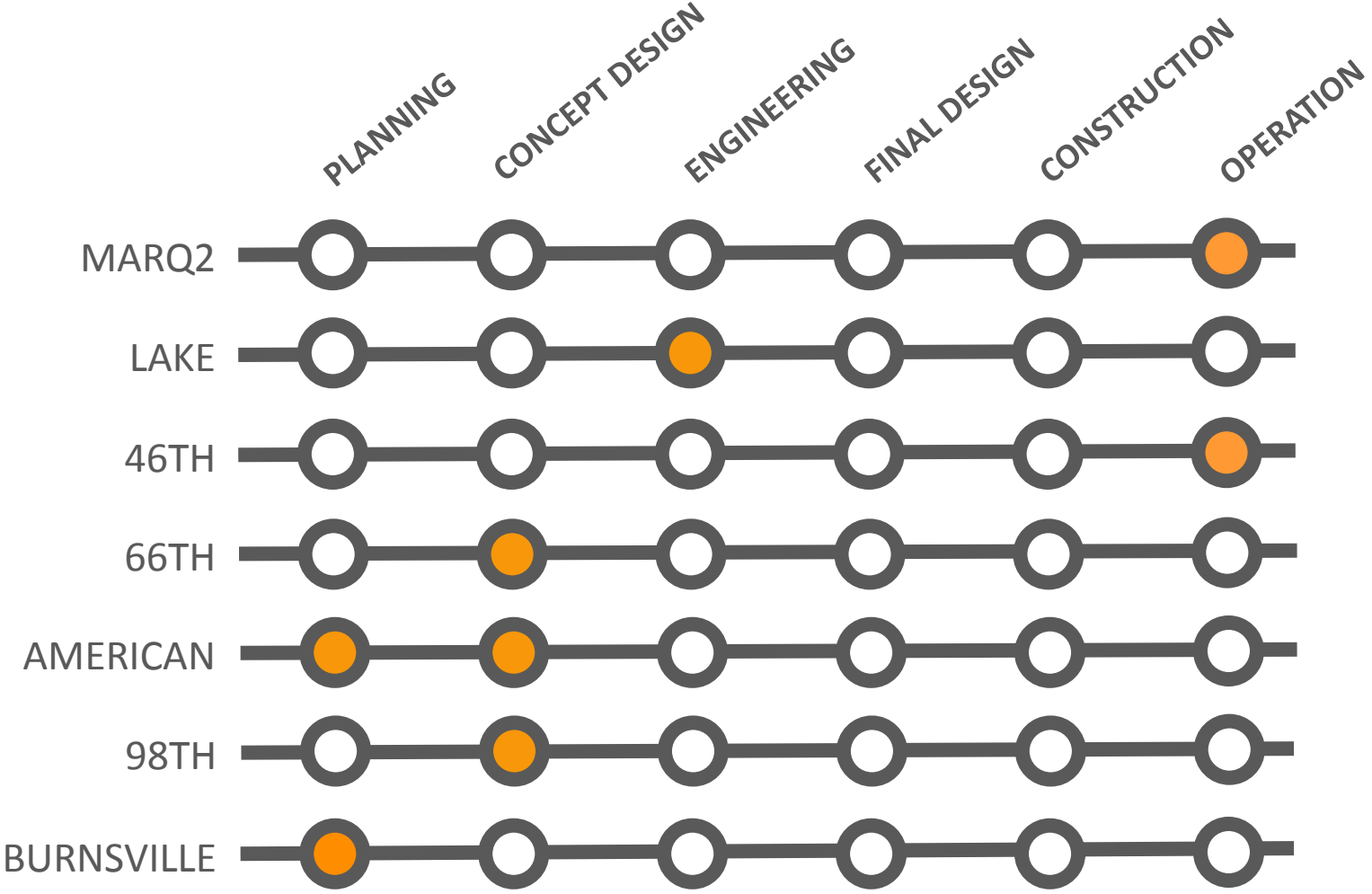
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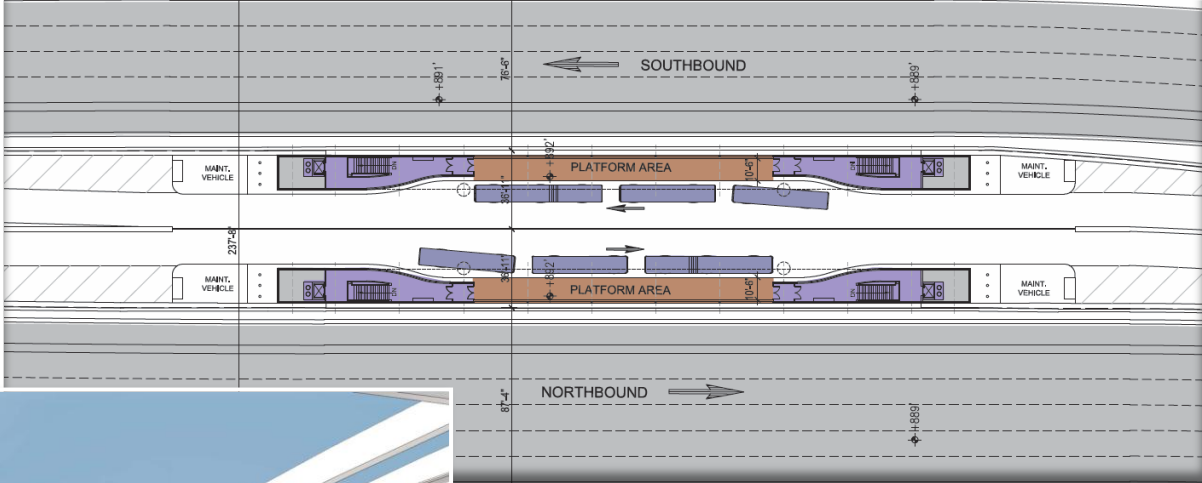
I-35W South Corridor

- **Minnesota's busiest commuter highway**
 - 210,000+ average vehicles at most congested point (Lake Street)
 - Daily bottleneck for freight and commuters
- **Most heavily-traveled express bus corridor**
 - 14,000 bus riders each weekday on 26 routes
 - Several stations already operational
- **Orange Line builds on success**
 - Improve access to jobs
 - Catalyze planned development
 - Better serve all-day, evening, and weekend markets

Orange Line Station Progress in 2013



Lake Street: Engineering



66th Street: Conceptual Design

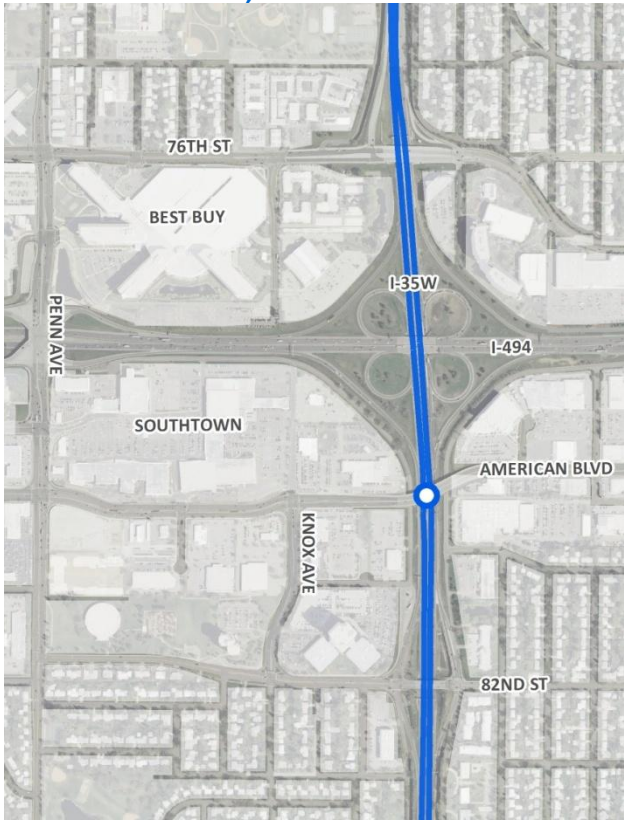


American Boulevard: Planning

17,000 RESIDENTS
13,400 JOBS

12,800 RESIDENTS
13,100 JOBS

4,600 RESIDENTS
8,100 JOBS



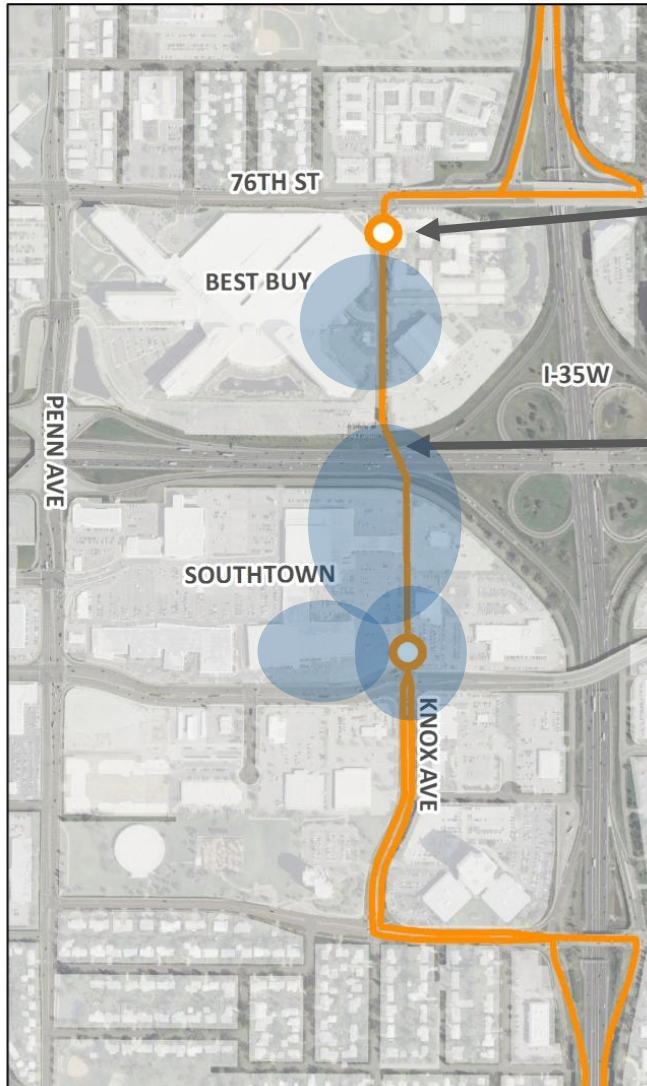
EXISTING ROUTE 535

KNOX AVENUE OPTION

I-35W OPTION



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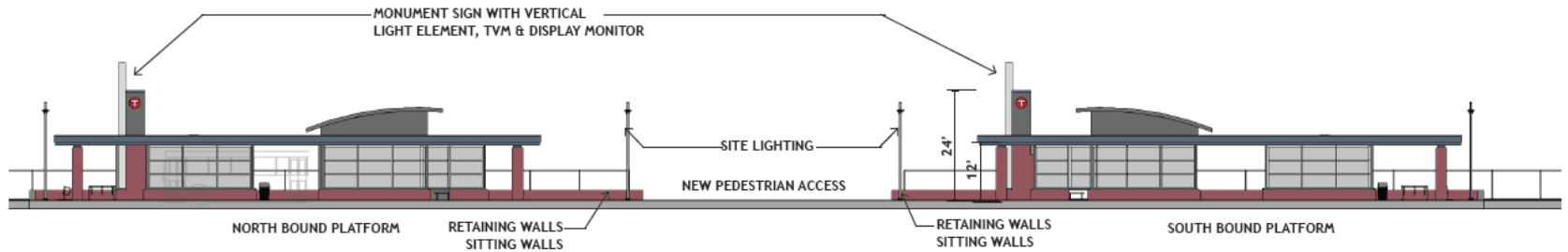
STATIONS ALONG KNOX AVENUE

NEW CONNECTION UNDER 494 FOR TRANSIT, BIKES, AND PEDS

NEW PARK & RIDE (LOCATION TBD)

USES EXISTING RAMPS

98th Street: Conceptual Design



Burnsville Transit Station: Operations/Expansion



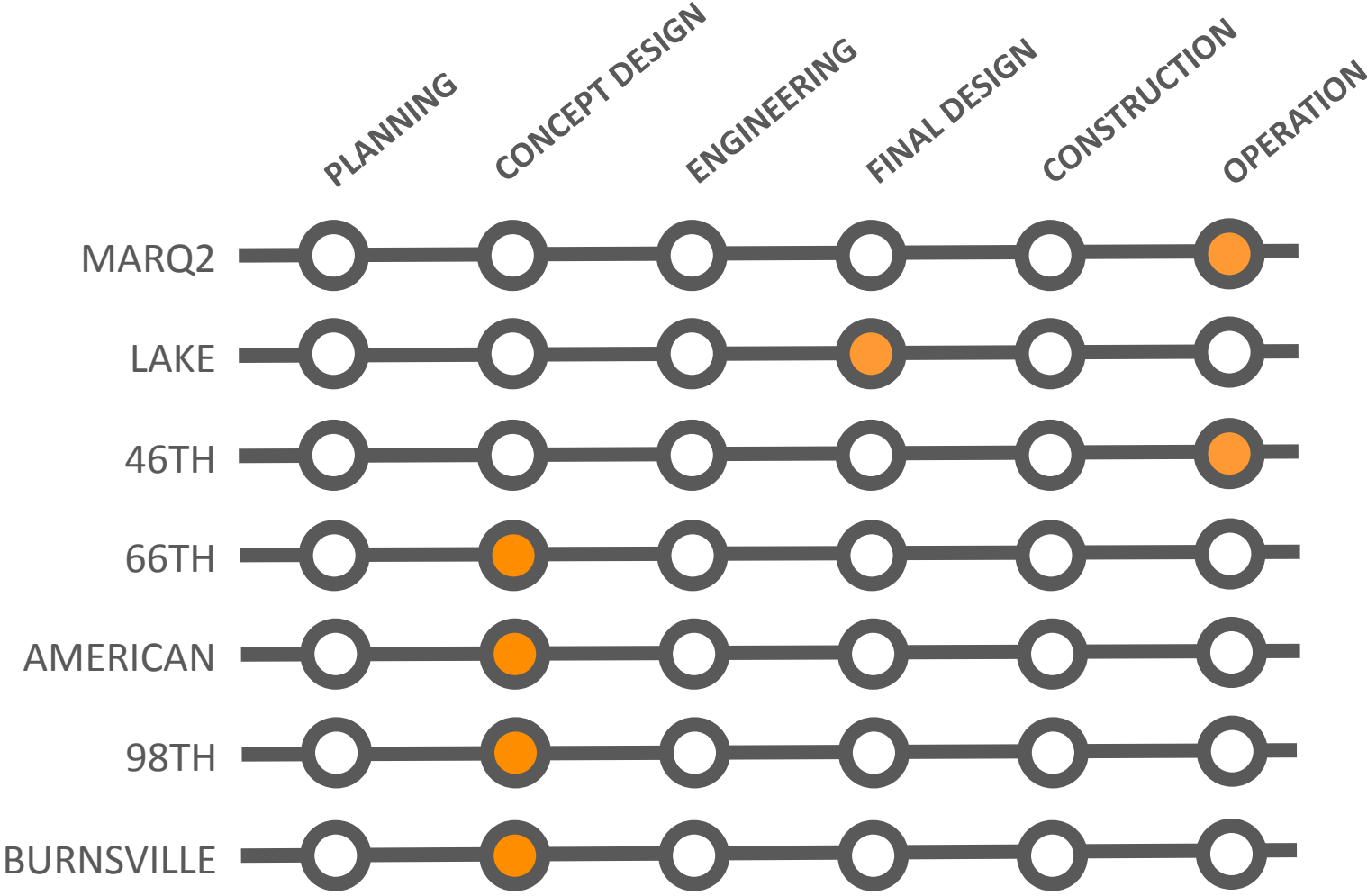
Existing Facilities



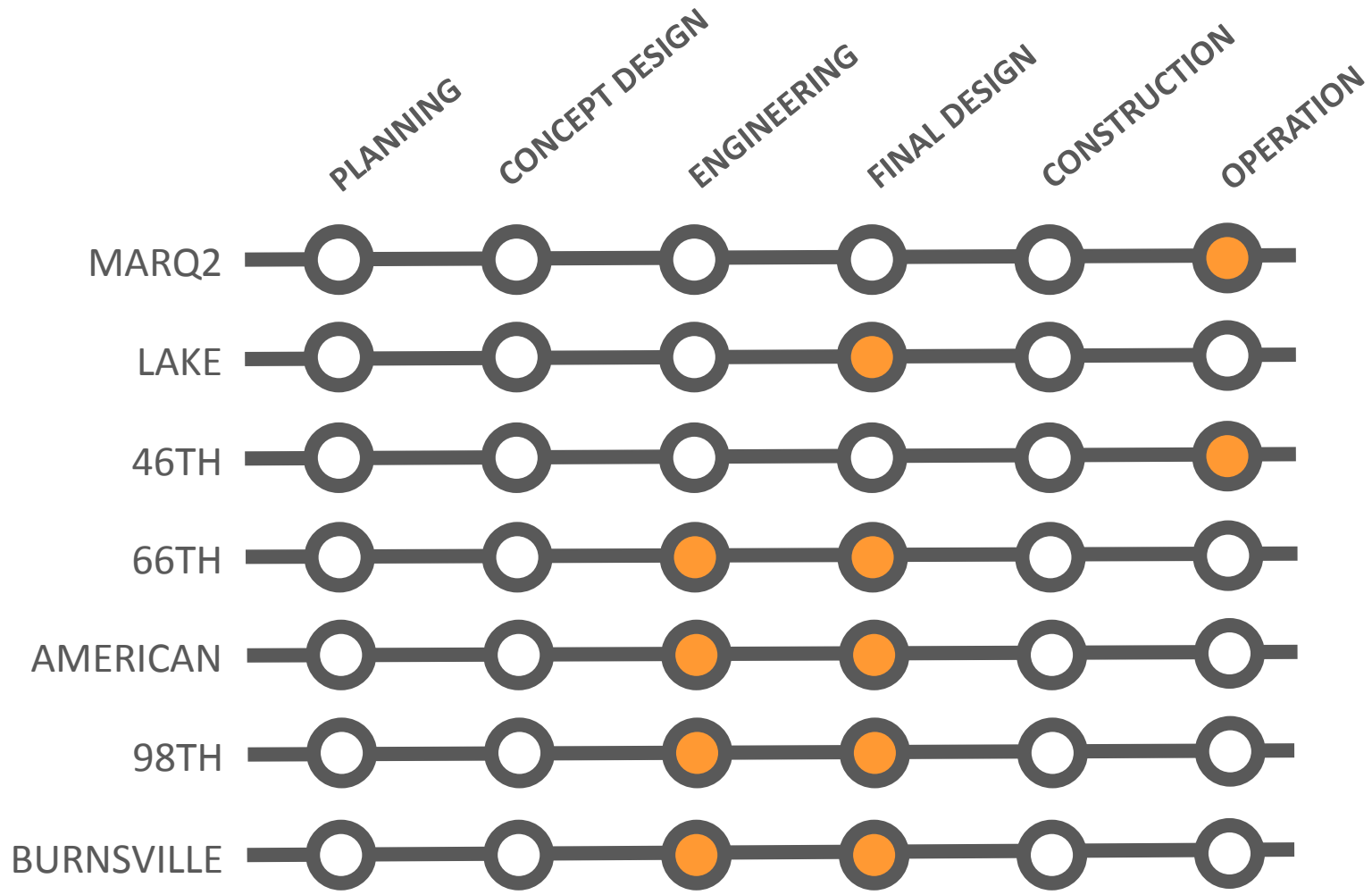
Existing Destinations



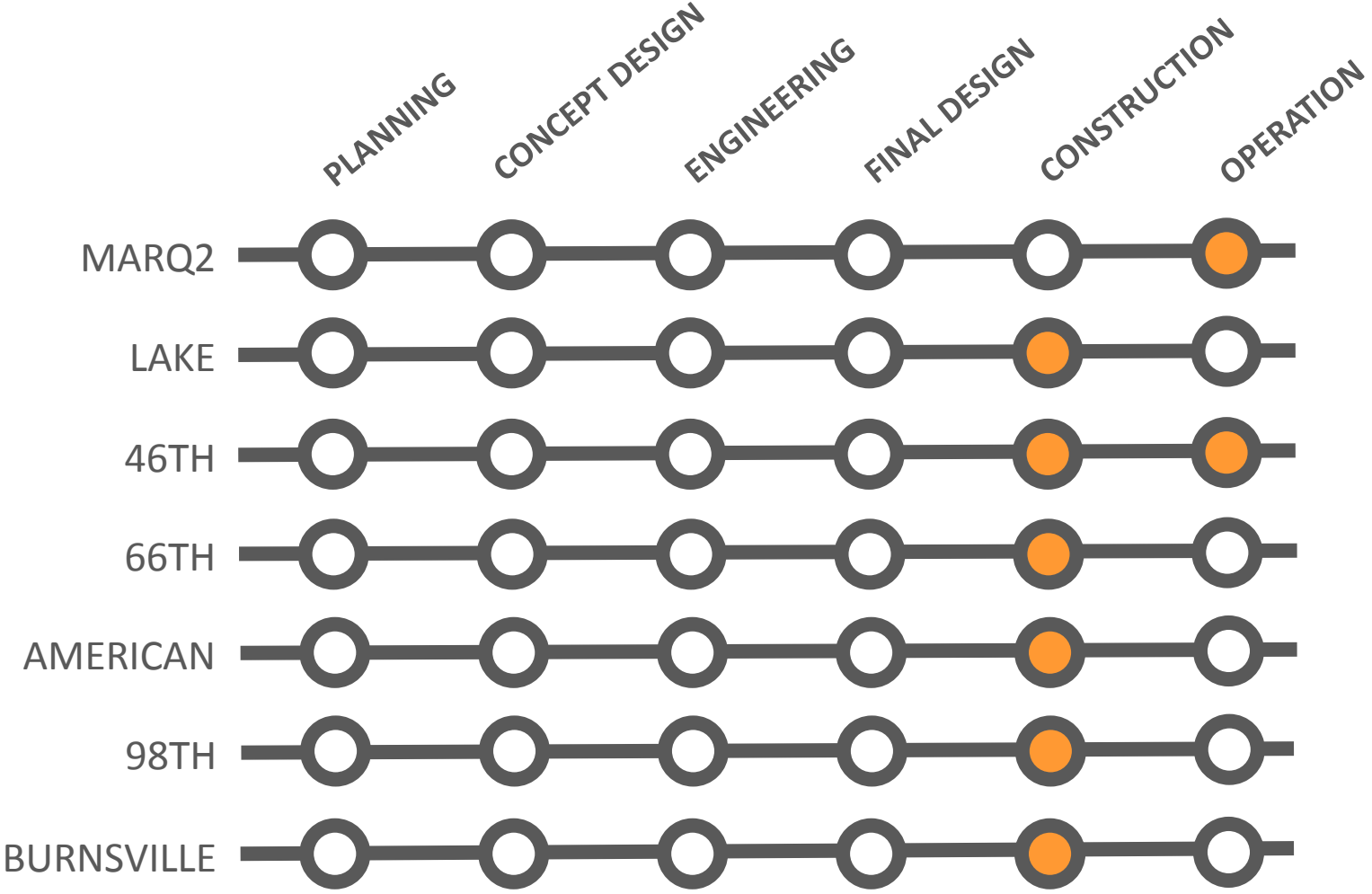
Project Development in 2014 - 2015



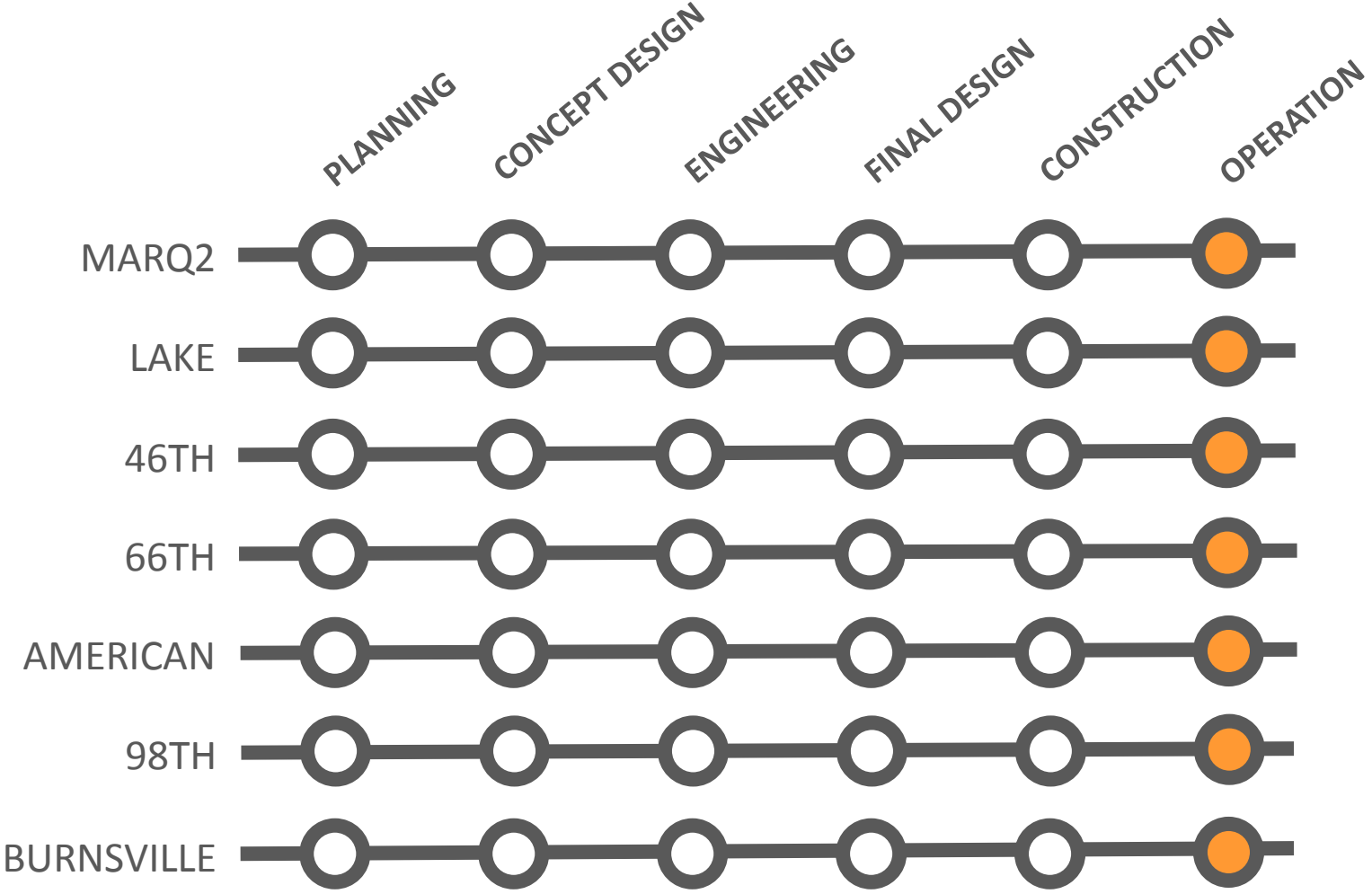
Engineering/Final Design in 2015 - 2016



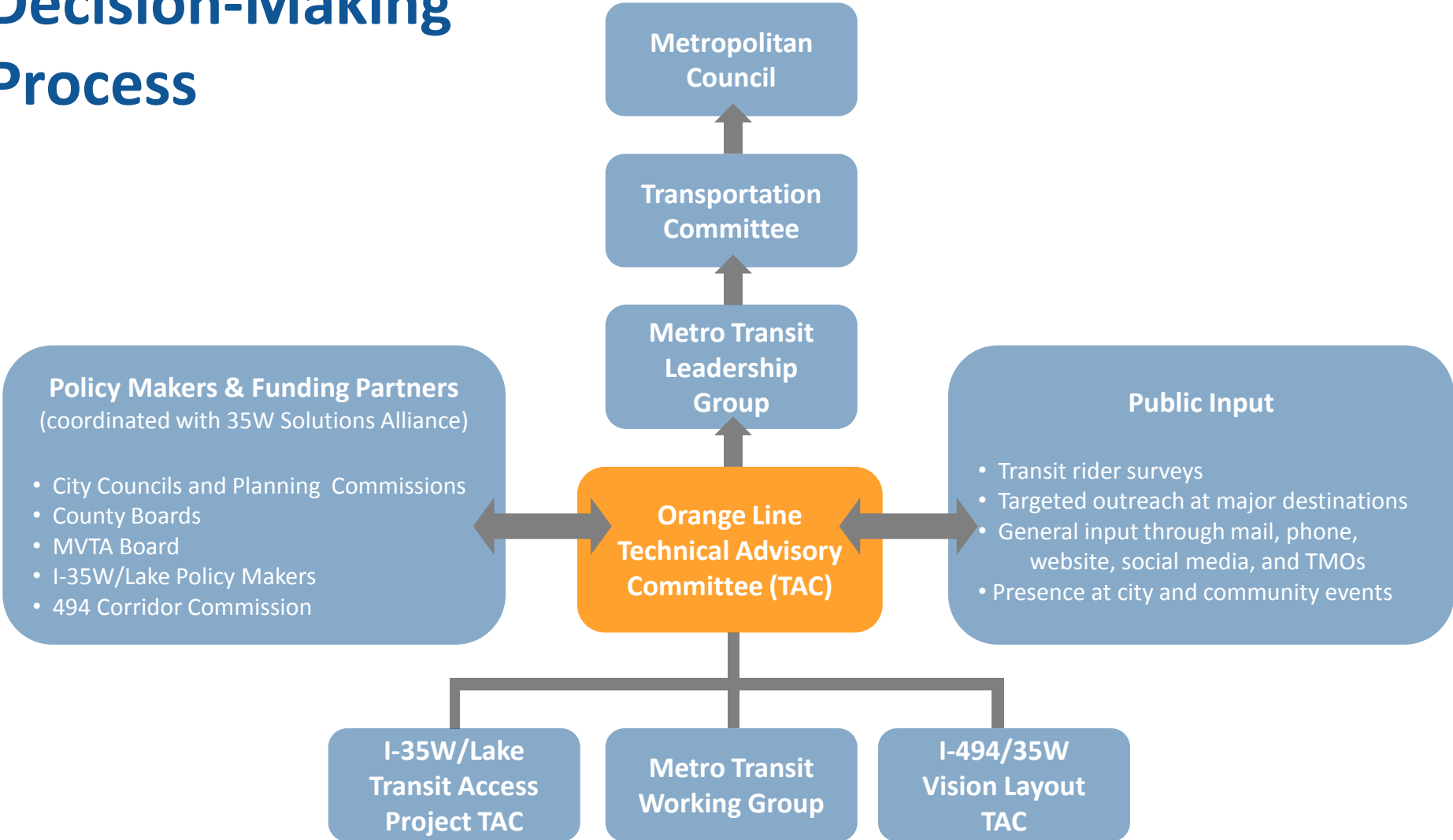
Construction from 2017 - 2019



Begin Service in 2019



Decision-Making Process



Public Engagement

- Existing community events
 - Concurrent planning & city projects
 - Chambers of Commerce
 - Commuter fairs
 - City Council & Planning Commission meetings
 - Neighborhood events & festivals



Public Engagement

- Existing Riders
 - 2013 Orange Line Rider Survey
- Web, Social Media, and News
 - E-newsletter, website, Twitter, facebook, local papers

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Community

Metro Transit gives update on faster bus service for Richfield, Bloomington

By Andrew Wig
August 7, 2013 at 3:32 pm

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Life for public transit users in Richfield and Bloomington could get easier by the end of the decade with new bus service set to run through the cities.

Metro Transit staff updated the Richfield City Council on the plans during a work session in July. As part of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system being rolled out, Richfield and Bloomington would get enhanced service via the "Orange Line," which would stretch from downtown Minneapolis to Burnsville – and potentially beyond – via Interstate 35W.

The new bus line, planned to be operational in 2019, will provide great riders with "ultra premium" services as part of an expansion on current services, said Charles M. Johnson, Metro Transit manager of the BRT initiative. Between BRT routes, limited-stop buses would run all day, every day, with intervals during non-peak hours and at 10-minute intervals during peak usage, Orange Line Project Manager Chris Johnson said.

*A huge component of this is just expanded service from downtown Minneapolis to Burnsville, and potentially beyond – via Interstate 35W.

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PROJECT UPDATE

Coming to I-35W: METRO Orange Line

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 transit service along I-35W. The 16-mile corridor is the most heavily-traveled express bus corridor in the region, with about 14,000 daily rides. On I-35W, many Orange Line improvements will also benefit other bus routes in the corridor. Downtown stations and 46th Street Station were implemented with roadway reconstruction in 2010, and are already served by I-35W express routes. The Orange Line will complement express routes by providing all-day bi-directional service, and connect customers to the larger METRO system. The project is expected to open in 2019.

What is Bus Rapid Transit?

BRT is a package of transit enhancements that lead to a faster trip and an improved customer experience. METRO Red Line, which opened in June 2013, is an example of this type of service.

- Fewer stops speed up travel and makes buses more reliable.
- Transit priority allows buses to move through traffic signals more quickly.

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board through all doors allow faster boarding.
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tion heating, security cameras and emergency call buttons,
ket machines, and covered bike parking.

Minnesota Valley Transit Authority shared a link.
November 14

Your Input is Needed! Next BRT Line is I-35W
Thursday, November 14, 2013 11:25 AM

Now that the METRO Red Line is up and operating along Cedar Avenue (and doing very well!), Metro Transit is collecting survey information to help them plan the next bus rapid transit line for I-35W (the METRO Orange Line). Given that this is a key corridor for MVTA riders, we encourage you to weigh in on the priorities for South Bloomington Transit Station (98th Street) and the preferred alignment for a station in the vicinity of I 35W/American Boulevard.

METRO Orange Line Information: <http://metrotransit.org/metro-orange-line>
METRO Orange Line Survey: <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=138360052623>

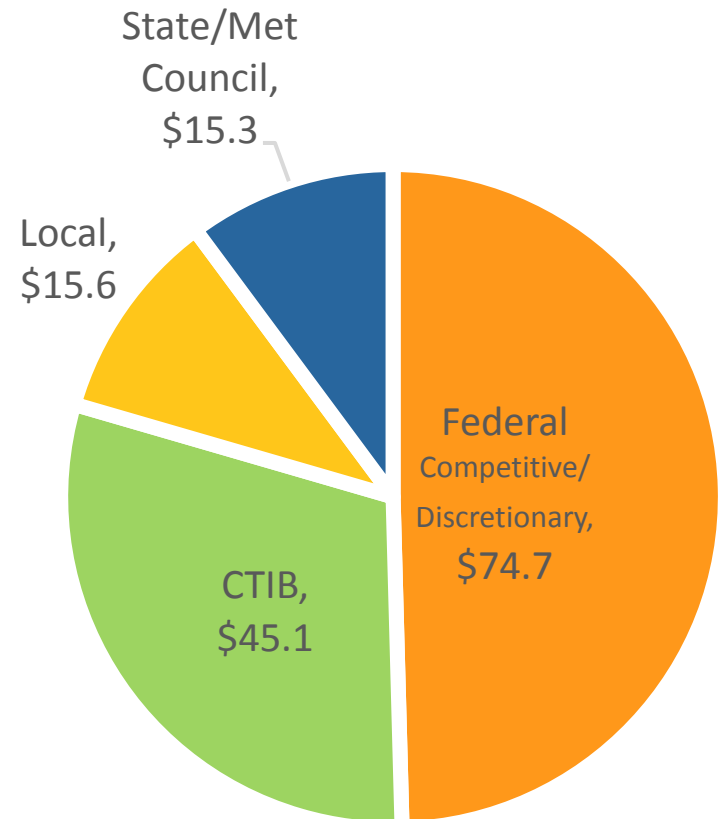
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The METRO Orange Line is a planned Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line between downtown Minneapolis and Burnsville. The Orange Line will use roadway

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Costs

- **Total Project Cost: \$150M**
- **Governor recommended in capital budget**
 - \$7M GO Bonds
 - Just under half of total state contribution
- **Local share participation to be identified**
 - Green Line model: split 10% local share between counties based on project length



Capital Costs, in Millions

Next Steps

- **Project Plan Update draft**
 - Refinement of LPA/2030 TPP Update adopted 2009
 - Release for public comment end Q1 2014
 - Adopt Q2 of 2014
- **Initiate Orange Line NEPA & apply to FTA Small Starts Project Development mid-2014**
- **Coordinating Orange Line Phase II scoping with Red Line Phase II planning**



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