



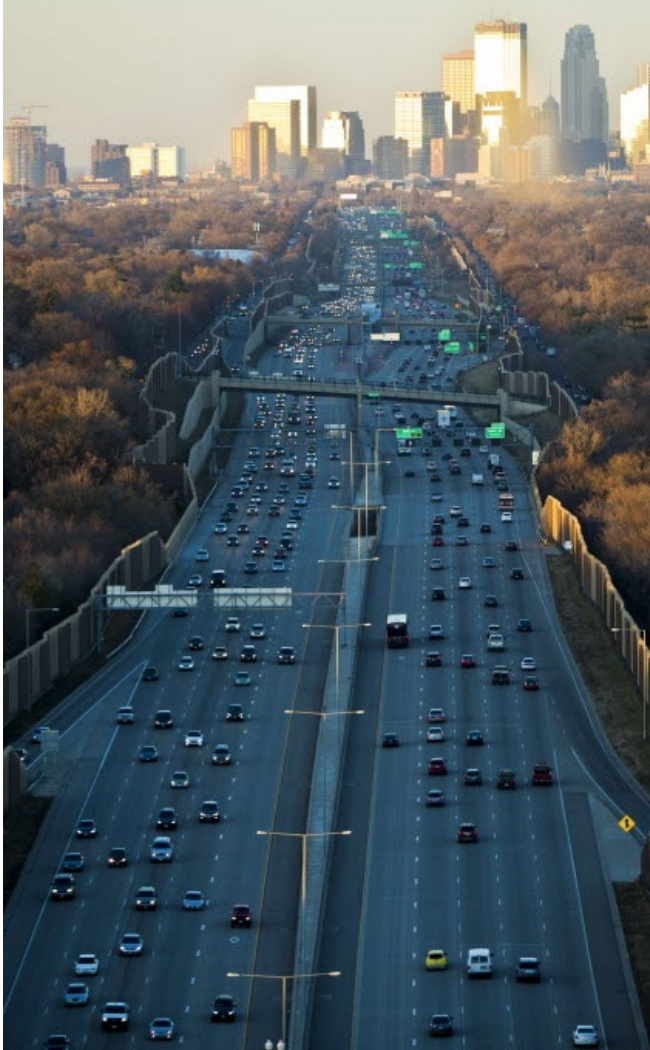
Welcome to METRO Orange Line

35W Solutions Alliance Corridor Tour
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I-35W Corridor

- **Most heavily-traveled express bus corridor**
 - 14,000 existing bus riders each weekday on 26 routes
 - Several stations already operational
- **Who are Orange Line riders?**
 - Improve access to 30,000 suburban jobs
 - Better serves all-day, evening, weekend markets
 - Better serves non-downtown trips, especially to the 494 corridor



Service

- Upgrade and replace Route 535
 - 2,000+ existing daily riders
- 10-minute peak
- 15-minute midday and weekends
- 5 a.m. to midnight, 7 days/week
- 55% faster than 535 through the I-494 area
- No short lines, branches, or deviations
- Improved connecting service for better suburb-to-suburb connections



Technology



Fleet





Burnsville Station (Platform location under study)

- Ames Center
- Heart of the City housing, retail, and jobs
- Burnsville Transit Station
- Nicollet Commons Park
- Connections to Mall of America, Burnsville Center, Burnsville High School
- Connections to MVTA and the South Metro

Heart of the City Destinations



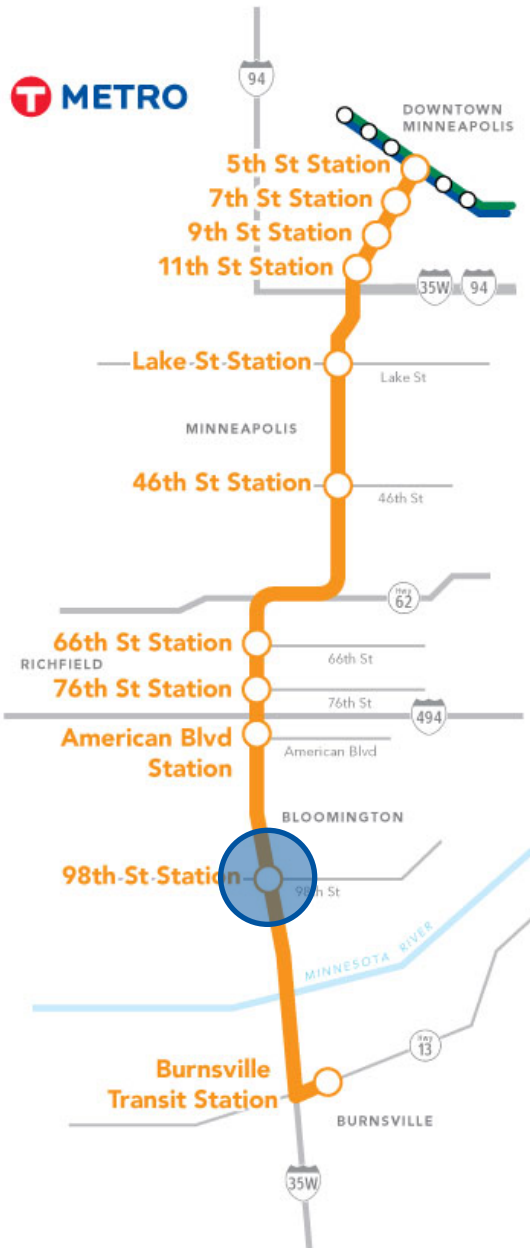
Burnsville Travelers Trail Concept



Why Not Build a Burnsville I-35W Online Station?

- Concept was developed & studied at Burnsville Pkwy
- \$60M for station elements, plus road costs
- Less riders than Heart of the City
- Widen freeway
- Need to reconstruct Hwy 13 interchange
- Need to reconstruct Burnsville Pkwy bridge
- Business impacts – ROW needed
- Poor pedestrian access
- No parking

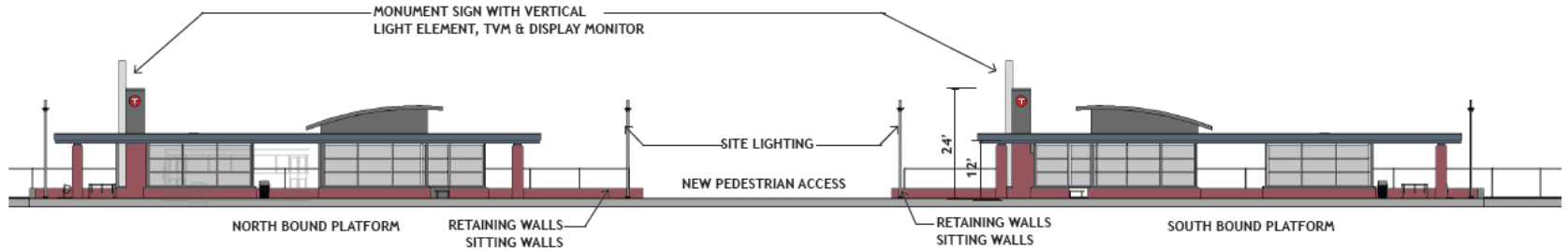




98th Street Station

- South Bloomington Transit Center
- Bloomington City Hall
- Bloomington Civic Center
- Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People (VEAP)
- Oxboro Shopping Center
- Kennedy High School
- Connections to Normandale College, Valley West, and Mall of America

98th Street





American Blvd Station

- Penn American District
- Gennesee apartments
- Southtown Shopping Center
- Fresh Thyme grocery store
- Southpointe Office Tower
- 494 Corridor office, hotels, & retail
- Knox Landing senior housing
- Connections to Mall of America, Normandale College, Normandale Lakes

Knox Avenue Benefits

- Enhances customer experience
- Puts transit where people want to be
- Integrated with development (Penn American Plan)
- Eliminates operational issues
- Reduces O& M costs
- Expands options for park and ride



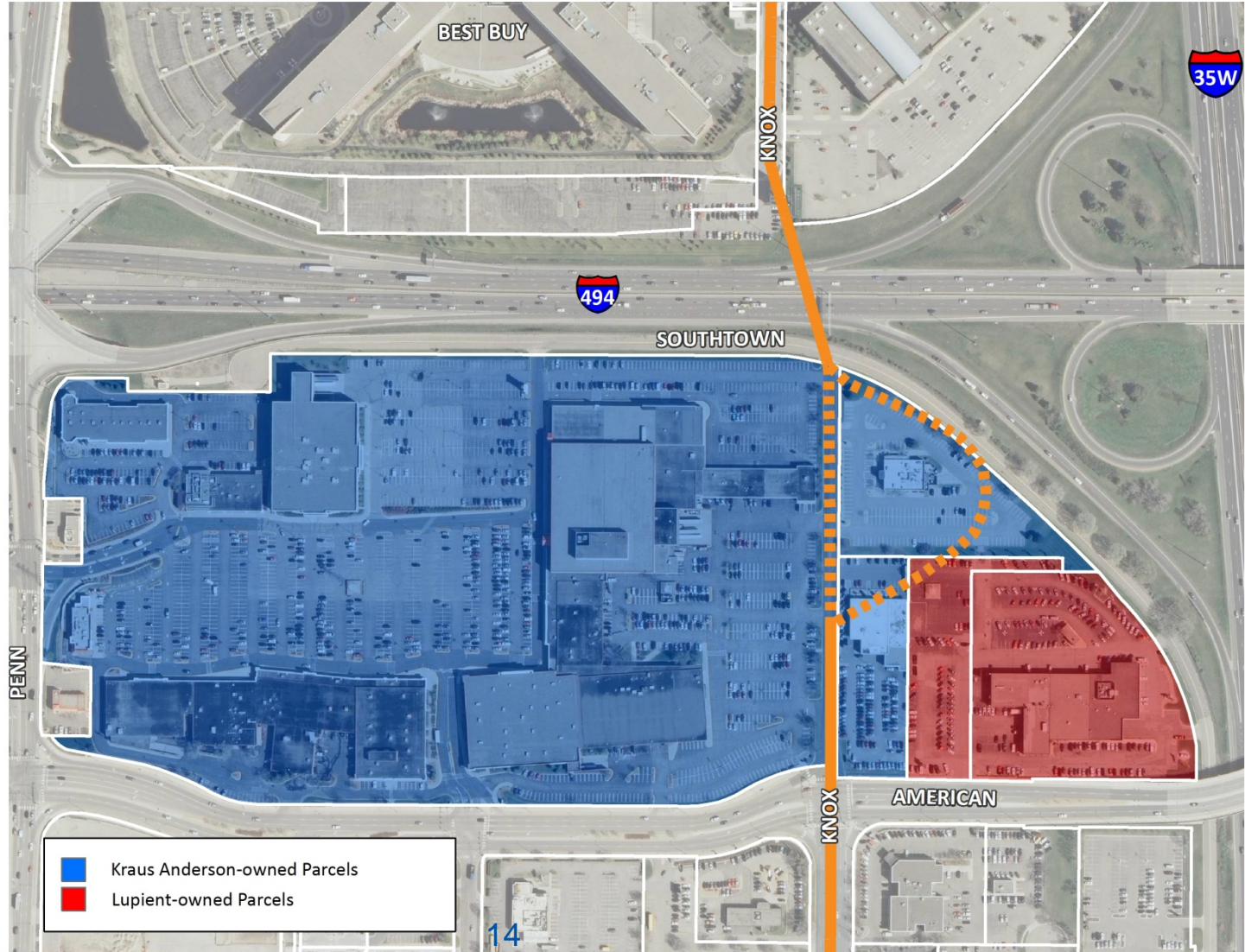
Existing Job Destinations



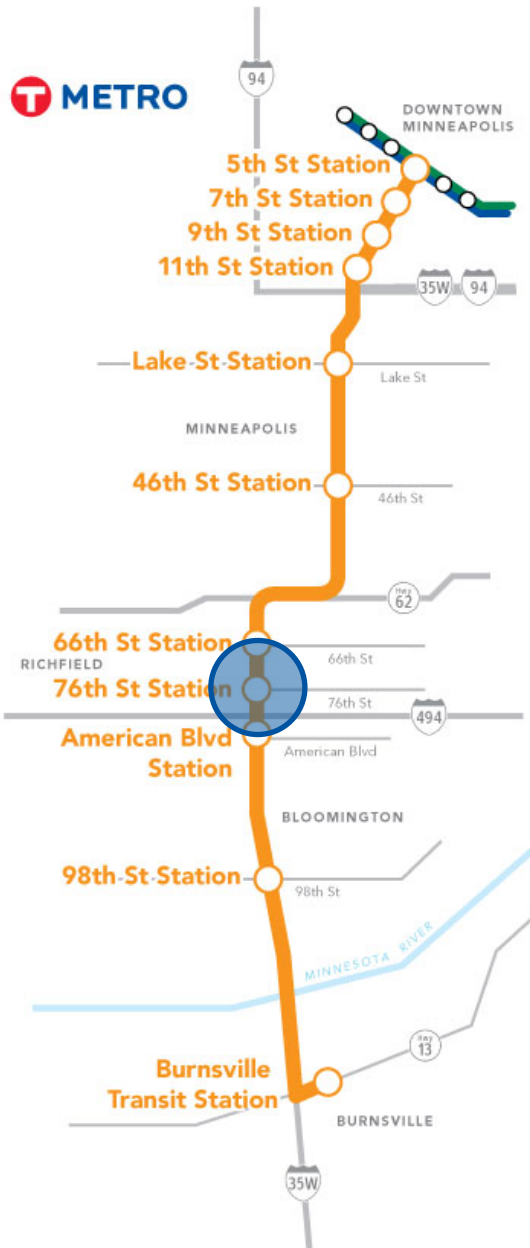
Adjacent TOD (under construction)



Knox Avenue: Orange Line Routing Options



- Kraus Anderson-owned Parcels
- Lupient-owned Parcels



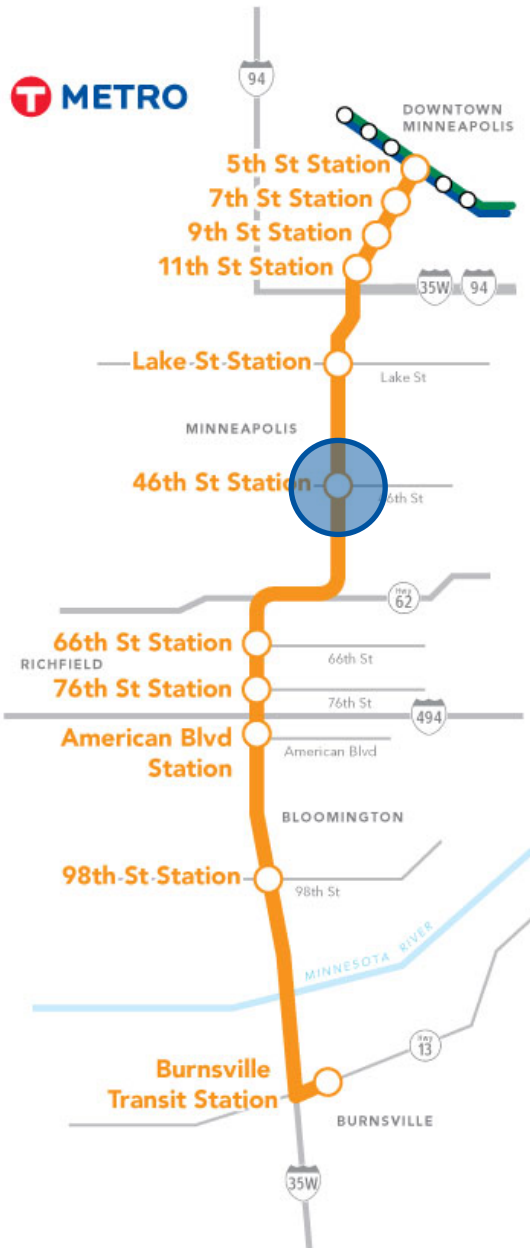
76th Street Station

- Best Buy world headquarters
- Meridian Crossings
- 77th and Lyndale retail hub
- Dense multifamily housing
- Minnesota School of Business
- Connections to Mall of America, Normandale Lakes, Normandale College, Centennial Lakes



66th Street Station

- 66th and Lyndale retail hub
- Dense multifamily housing at Lyndale
- Academy of Holy Angels
- Woodlake Nature Center & Richfield Lake
- Penn Central businesses
- Connections to Mall of America, VA Medical Center, Southdale Shopping Center, Fairview Southdale, West Shopping Center



46th Street Station

- Kingfield, Regina, Field, and Tangletown neighborhoods
- Nicollet Avenue businesses
- Connections to Washburn High School, Southwest High School, Blue Line, Highland Village, 50th & France



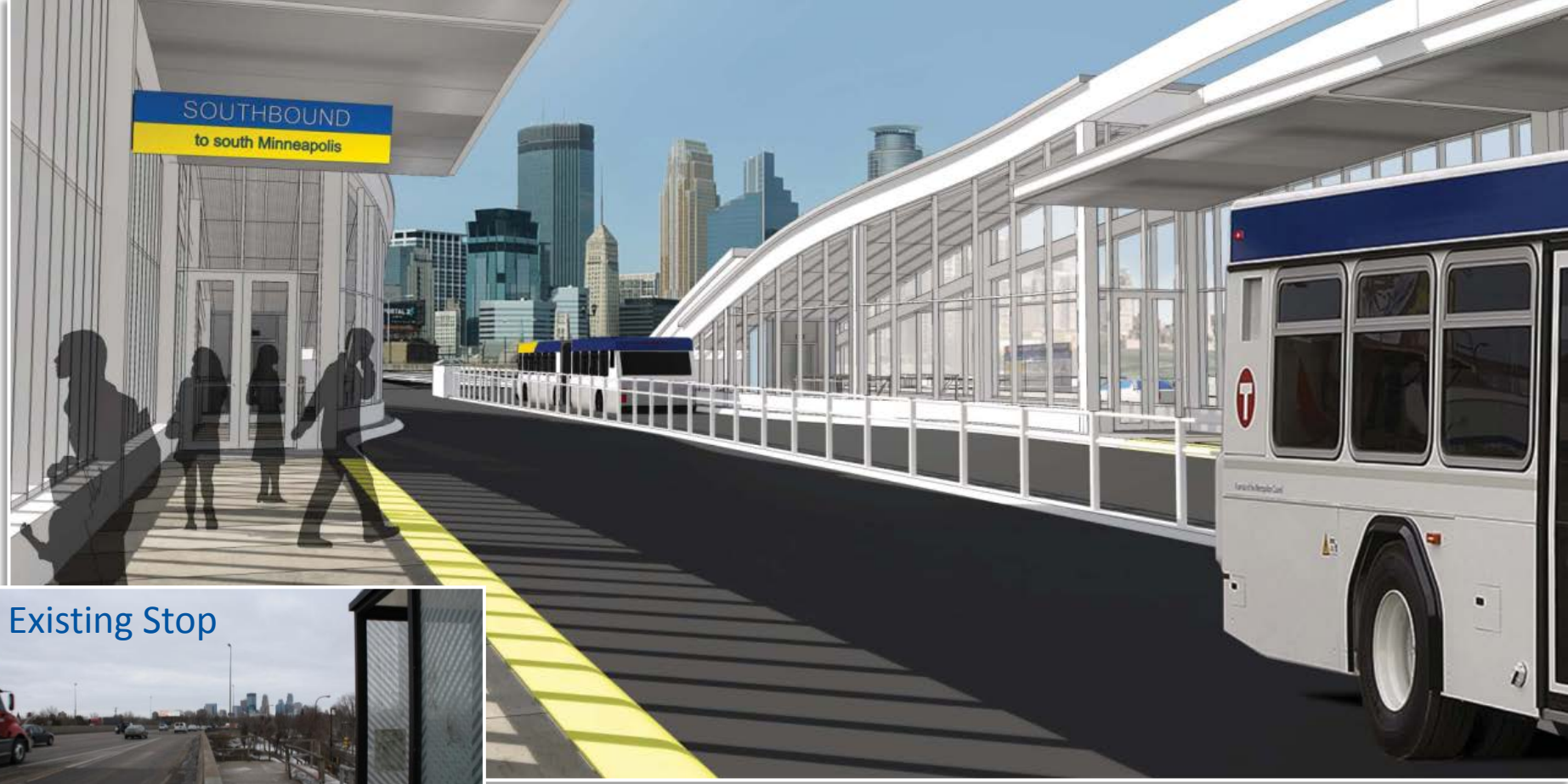
Lake Street Station

- Lake Street businesses
- Wells Fargo Home Mortgage
- Children's hospital
- Abbott Northwestern hospital
- Allina Health
- Cristo Rey High School
- Midtown Greenway
- Connections to Lake Street, Uptown, Saint Paul, Midtown Market, South High School



Lake Street Station

During peak hours, over 100 buses per hour will connect Lake Street to the heart of downtown in 7 minutes



Existing Stop

Lake Street Station





Downtown (MARQ2)

- Many major employers
- Connections to Blue Line, Green Line, and Northstar, Target Field, Target Center, Saint Paul, U of M

Downtown Stations (MARQ2)

