



# METRO Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit

Downtown Council

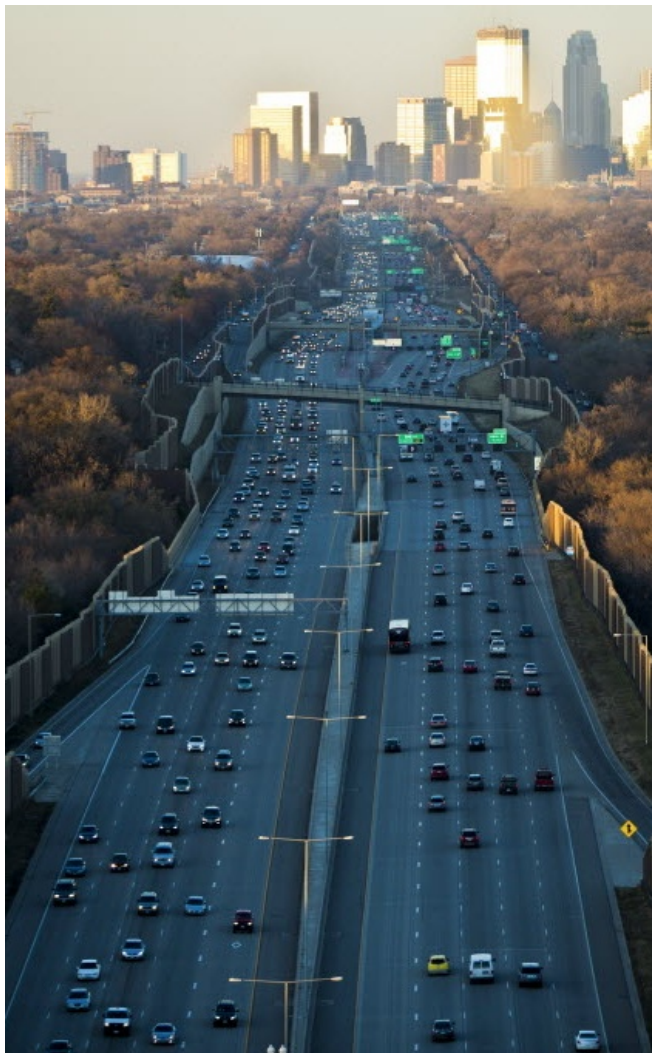
October 14, 2015

Brian Lamb, General Manager

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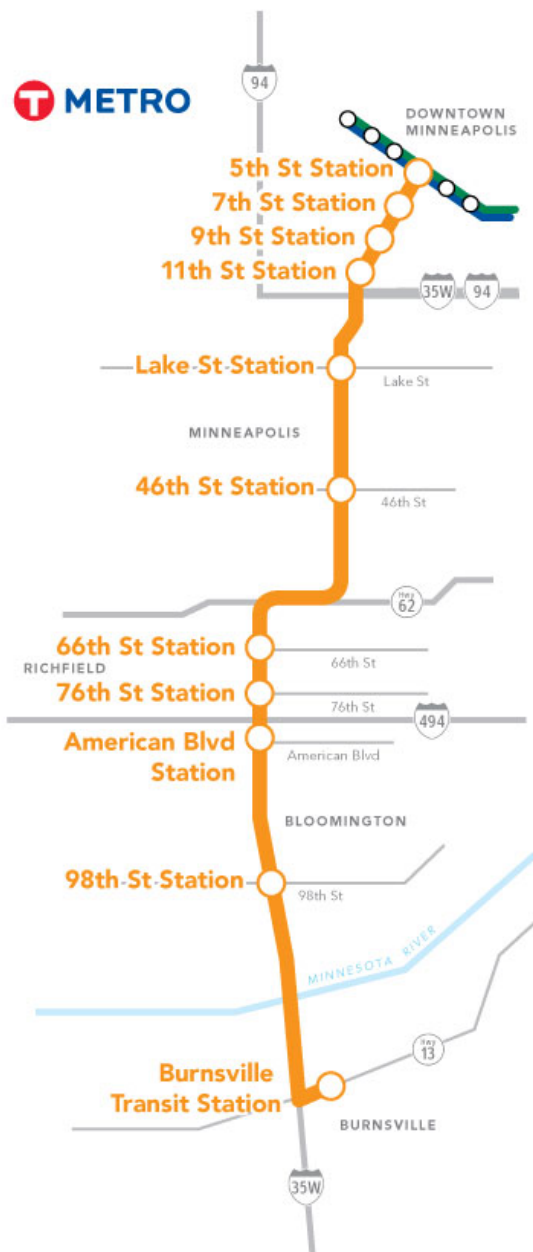
# I-35W Corridor

- **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

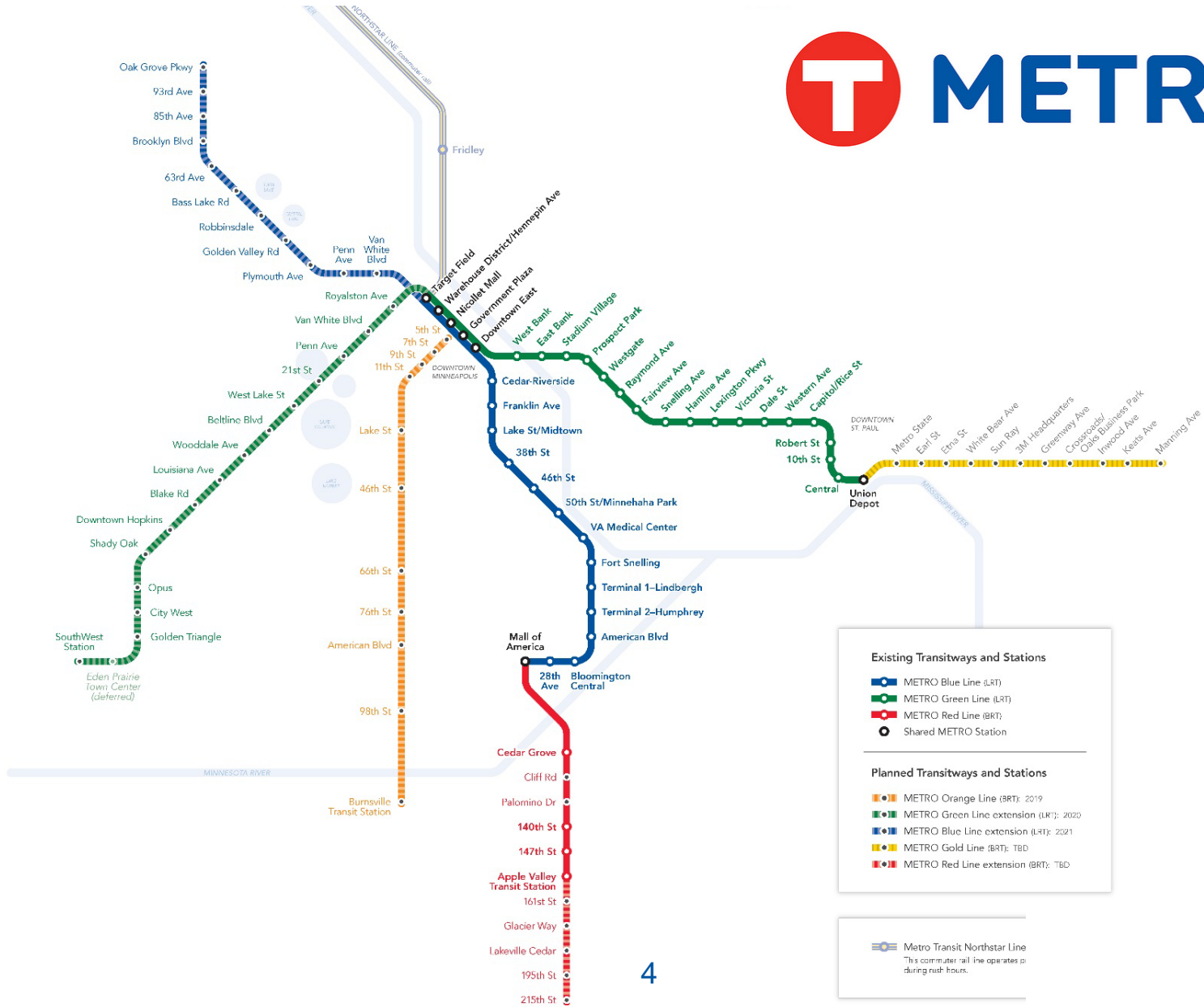


# METRO Orange Line

- 17 miles, 11 Stations
- Access, comfort, and technology improvements
- Complements existing express service
- 10-minute service during peak
- 15-minute service midday and night
- Service 20 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Construction starts in 2017
- Open for service in 2019



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# Expanded Technology



# Improved Fleet with All-Door Boarding





# Leveraging Previous Investments

- I-35W & 46th Street Station
- Downtown bus lanes (MARQ2)
- Bus-only shoulders
- MnPASS lanes
- New investments complete BRT vision
  - Lake Street Station
  - Knox Avenue transitway
  - Technology, amenities at existing stations
- Supports redevelopment and reinvestment planned at BRT stations



# Connecting Existing & Emerging Destinations

Richfield



Burnsville



Bloomington

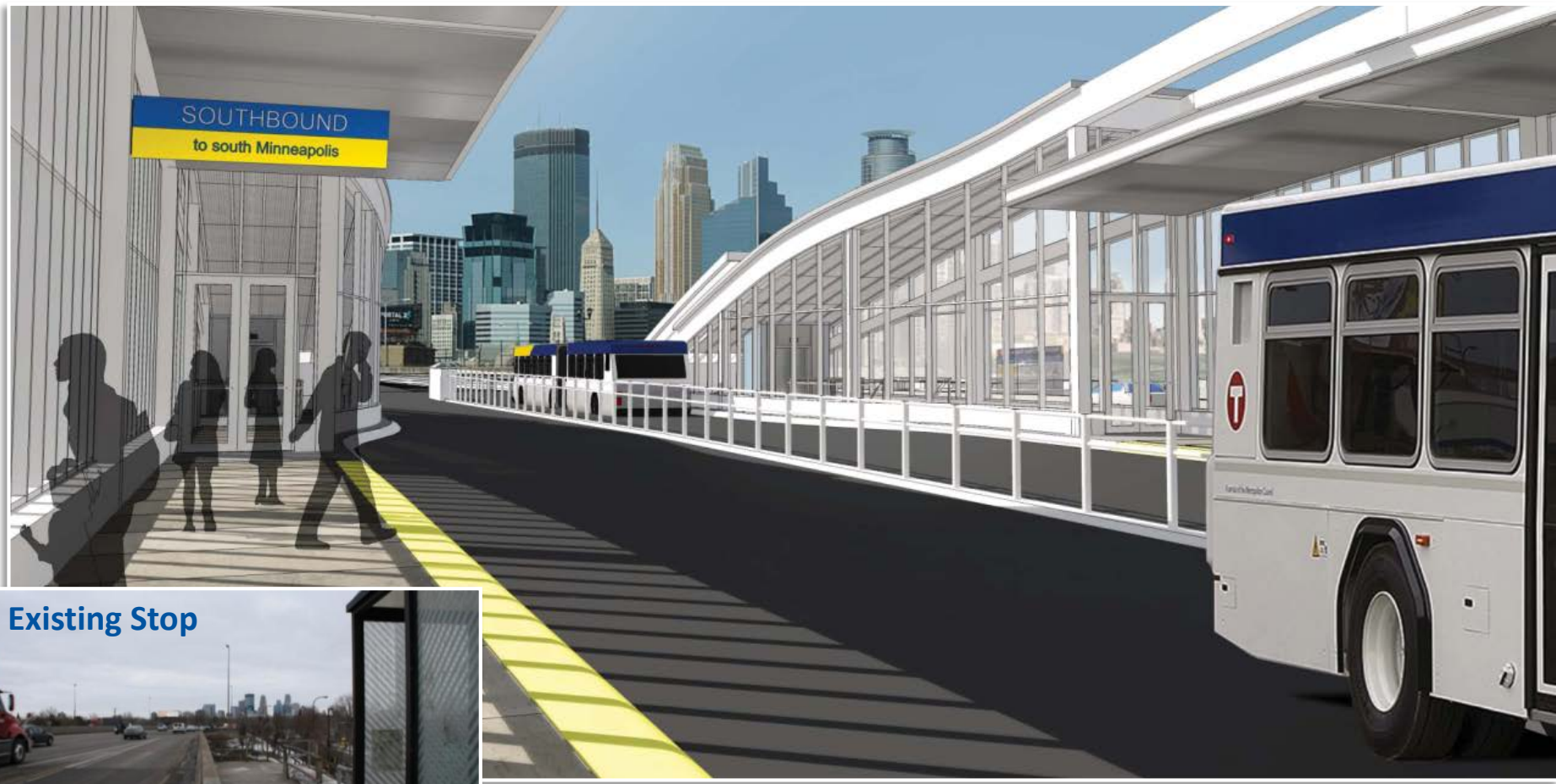






# Lake Street Station

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



Existing Stop

# Project Schedule

Nov. 2015: Beginning engineering this fall

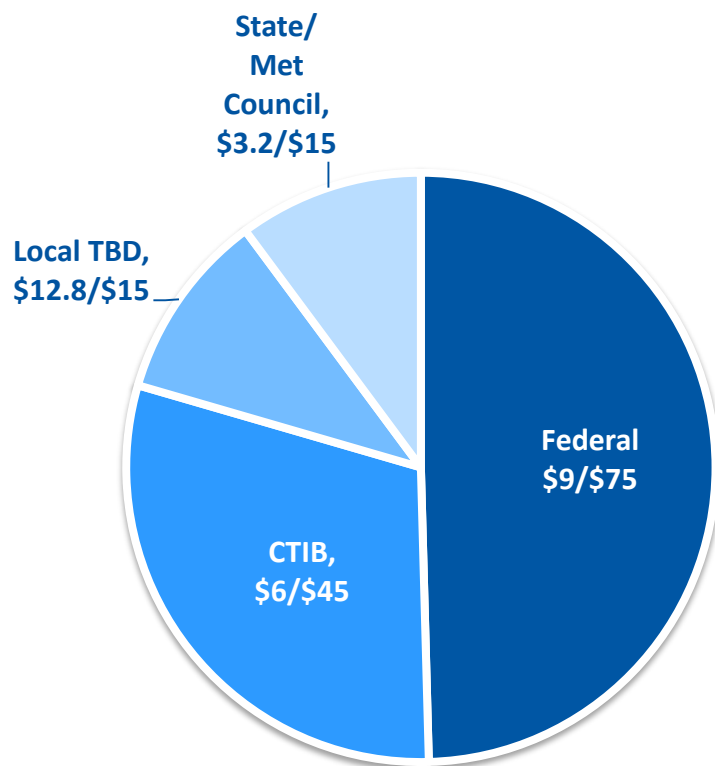


2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Project Engineering				
		Construction		



Late 2019: Opening timed with completion of Lake Street Transit Access Project

# Project Funding



**Anticipated Capital Sources,  
in Millions (secured/total, \$MM)**

- Estimated Capital Cost: \$150M (2017 \$)
- Funds secured: \$31M (20.6%)
- State share needed in 2016: \$12.1M





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