

#### **METRO Orange Line Update**

Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee January 25, 2017

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### Agenda

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- **1**. Orange Line background
- 2. Typical station platform
- 3. Operations of existing stops & stations
- 4. Small table discussions, 25 minutes each
  - Lake Street Station (Max & Derek)
  - 66<sup>th</sup> Street Station & 76<sup>th</sup> Street Station (Natalie & Rebecca)
  - 98<sup>th</sup> Street Station & Nicollet Avenue Station (Christina)
- 5. Report back & next steps



# **METRO Orange Line**

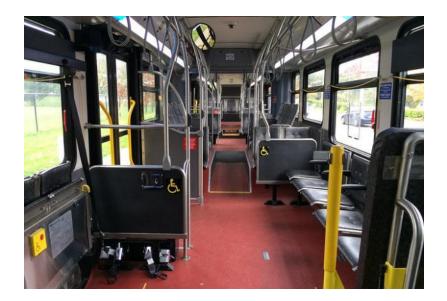


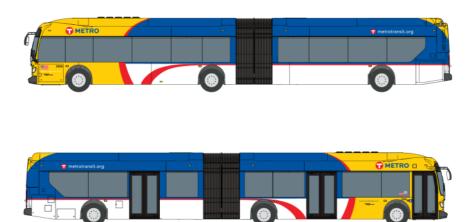
- Most heavily-traveled express bus corridor over 14,000 existing bus riders each weekday
- Improvements in access, comfort, and technology
- Better service for...
  - all-day, evening, and weekend markets
  - non-downtown trips
  - access to 30,000 suburban jobs



# **Orange Line Service**

- 17 miles, 12 Stations
- 10-minute service during peak
- 15-minute service midday and night
- Service 20 hours a day, 7 days a week
- 12 low-floor, 3-door METRO buses
- Design:
  - Completed 30% design
  - Reinitiated Lake Street design
- Construction starts in 2017
- Open for service in 2019

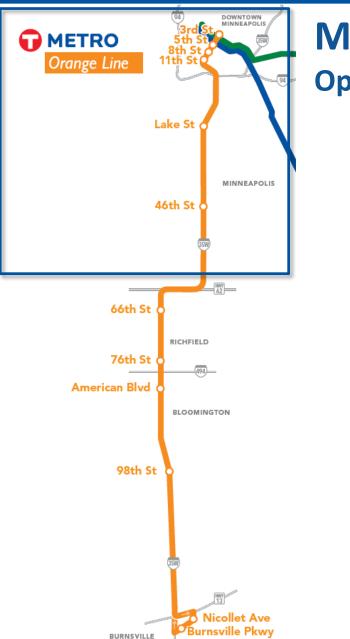








# **Operations & Policy Focus**



### **Minneapolis Stations** Operations & Policy Focus

- Integrating Orange Line into Marq2 operations
- Lake Street Station wayfinding & bus operations
- Improving wayfinding and signage at 46<sup>th</sup> Street Station



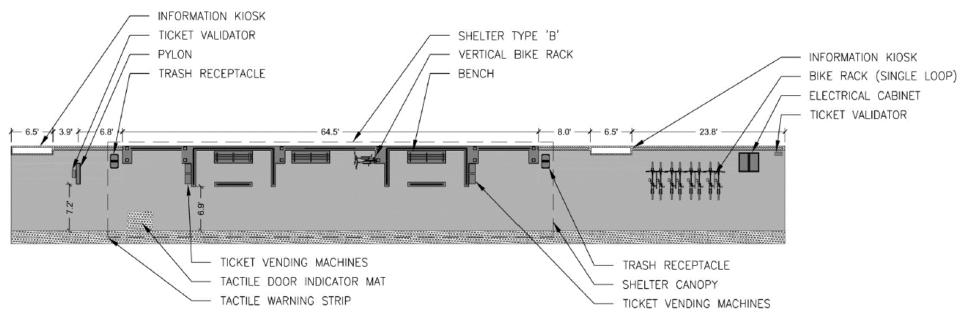
# **Design Focus**



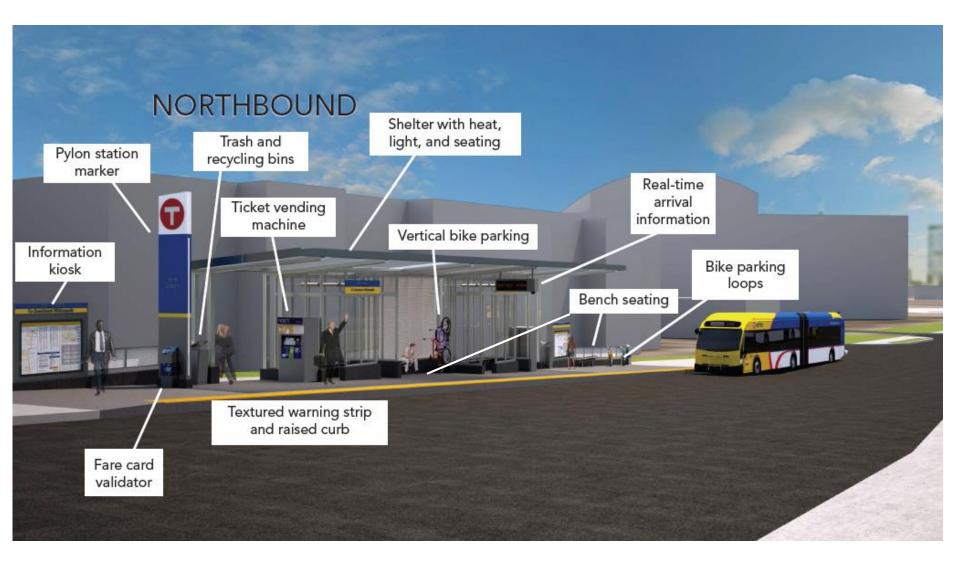
- Typical platform layout
- 66<sup>th</sup> Street Station Area & connections to local bus
- 76<sup>th</sup> Street Station Area & pedestrian connections
- 98<sup>th</sup> Street Station Area & connections to local bus
- Nicollet Avenue Station Site





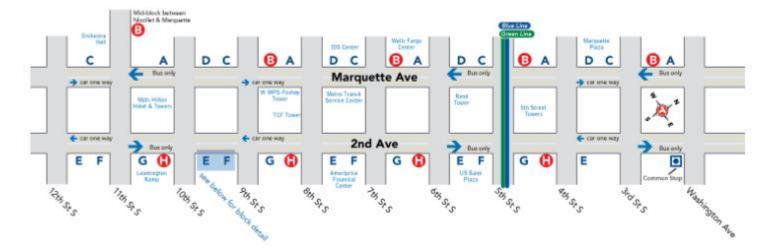








#### Marquette & 2<sup>nd</sup> (Marq2) Operations









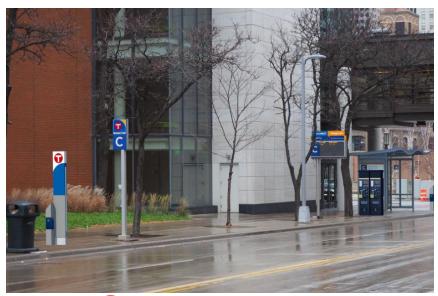
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#### **Orange Line on Marq2**

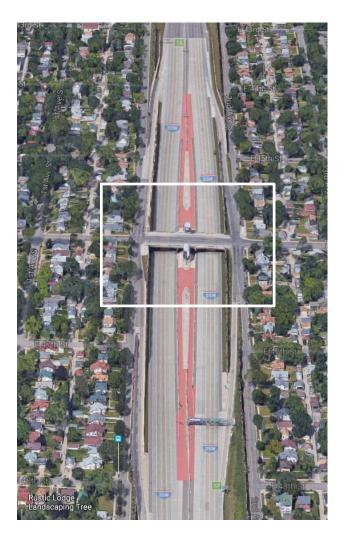




- C stop group on Marquette Avenue
- E stop group on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue
- Station upgrades: Orange Line station
  signage, ticket vending machine, fare card
  validator



#### 46<sup>th</sup> Street Station



- Existing two-story median station on I-35W
- Serves express routes on I-35W and local routes on 46<sup>th</sup> Street





#### **Orange Line at 46th Street Station**





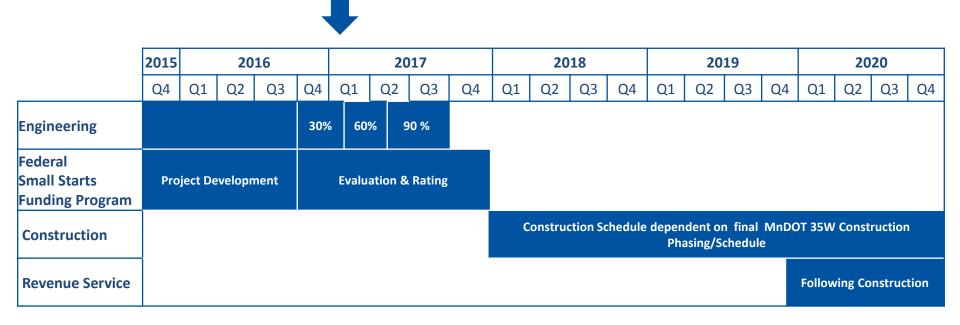
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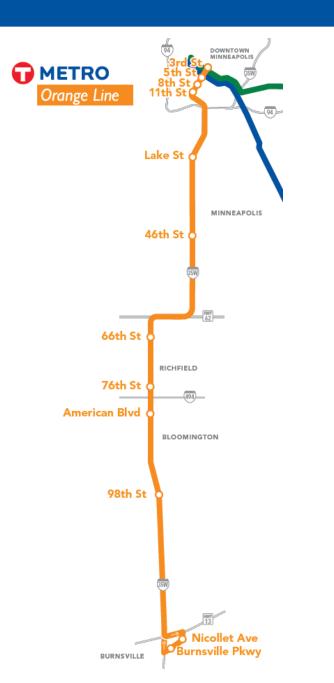
#### **Next Steps**

- Summary of design discussions
  - Outstanding questions
  - Follow up items
- Orange Line staff available for site visit to Marq2 or 46<sup>th</sup> Street Station
- Next Orange Line TAAC update March 2017









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