TRANSIT for Livable Communities
Our Mission

Transform Minnesota’s transportation system to strengthen community, improve health and opportunity for all people, foster a sound economy, and protect our natural resources.

TRANSIT  WALKING  BICYCLING  THOUGHTFUL DEVELOPMENT
Today’s Presentation

Met Council Transportation Policy Plan
Governor’s Plan to Implement

Senate Transportation Funding Proposal
Context & Urgency for Transportation
Transportation Policy Plan

Metropolitan Council
Plan Basics

- 30-year plan for all modes; two funding scenarios
- Inclusive of Metro Transit, Counties Transit Improvement Board, and suburban transit providers
- System plan to advance THRIVE MSP goals
- Requires city collaboration through local comprehensive planning
Transit Modes

• **Regular Route Bus**—base bus system.
• **Express Bus**—bus service with limited stops. Routes are longer, typically designed for commuters.
• **Bus Rapid Transit**—bus service similar to light rail on major road ways. METRO Red Line (highway BRT) opened 2013. Snelling A-BRT (arterial) opens in 2015.
• **Light Rail Transit**—dedicated rail service. METRO Blue Line and METRO Green Line.
• **Commuter Rail**—locomotive passenger service running on freight railroad tracks. Northstar.
• **Metro Mobility**—ADA required dial-a-ride bus service for individuals with a certified disability
Existing Transitways
Planned Transitways
Bus Service Improvement Plan
Planned Arterial Bus Rapid Transit System
Projected Ridership

Current System
• 100m rides in 2015
• Ridership up 30% in last 10 years
• 27% of ridership on 2 LRT lines

TPP Transit Buildout
• 500,000 more people within a 30-minute transit commute from work
• 180m ride projected in 2040
Current Revenue Builds

- Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension)
- Bottineau LRT (Blue Line Extension)
- Orange Line BRT (35W)
- Gold Line BRT (Gateway)
- 1 Arterial BRT lines (After A line)
- Limited funding for expansion and modernization of the bus system
Twin Cities Transit Funding

Governor Dayton
½ Cent Sales Tax Increase

17 New Transitways (w/ CTIB)
• Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension)
• Bottineau LRT (Blue Line Extension)
• Red Line BRT Extension
• Orange Line BRT (35W)
• Gold Line BRT (Gateway)
• Red Rock, Riverview, Robert Street (1 as LRT)
• Additional transitways under development

Bus System Growth
• 11 Arterial BRT lines (After A line)
• Expands regional bus system by almost 30% by 2025
• More routes, more frequent service, more coverage
• Modernized system using new technologies and realtime updates
• Adds 1000 more shelters, many with light and heat

$2.8 Billion Over 10 Years
Twin Cities Transit Funding

Minnesota Senate
¾ Cent Sales Tax Increase

Additional Revenue Enables:

• 1/10 to bicycle & pedestrian
• 1/8 to county discretion on transportation
• More stability to accelerate bus and rail expansion given uncertainty of state/federal match
Peer Region Comparison

DALLAS
1¢ sales tax for transit

DENVER
1¢ sales tax for transit

SEATTLE
1.8¢ sales tax for transit

TWIN CITIES
0.25¢ sales tax for transit
Context & Urgency

Transit for Livable Communities
Challenges & Opportunity

- Competing priorities
- Land use and transportation interface
- Bike, pedestrian, streetcar
- Real outcomes on equity and climate
Urgency for Action

- All modes create an effective system
- Only 15% of jobs have convenient transit access
- Affordable access to opportunity, economic competitiveness, health and environment
- Growing population, congestion management

Advocacy for funding transit expansion is ongoing
Questions?

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