

**Resolution
of the
City of Minneapolis**

By Reich

Supporting the development and implementation of the “Orange Line” Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service on I-35W from Burnsville to downtown Minneapolis.

WHEREAS, the City of Minneapolis supports the construction of a BRT station at Lake Street and I-35W as part of the *Transit-Access Project*, a cooperative effort between the City, Hennepin County, MnDOT, and Metro Transit; and

WHEREAS, the highest priority for the City on I-35W is to be a partner in regional efforts to increase the use of transit; and

WHEREAS, a BRT station has already been constructed at I-35W and 46th Street and is currently being used by express buses; and

WHEREAS, the METRO Orange Line is a planned component of the regional transit network that includes currently operating services on the METRO Red Line BRT, Blue Line LRT, and the Green Line LRT; and

WHEREAS, METRO Orange Line BRT is planned to enhance transit service frequency and access to both I-35W transit routes and crosstown local routes; and

WHEREAS, the City is actively participating in the development of the Orange Line BRT through membership on the project’s Technical Advisory Committee as well as the 35W Solutions Alliance, which is serving as the project’s Policy Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, *The 35W Solutions Alliance* is a Joint Powers Agreement whose members include the cities of Bloomington, Burnsville, Elko New Market, Lakeville, Minneapolis, Richfield, Savage and Dakota, Hennepin and Scott Counties. Ex-Officio members include the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Metropolitan Council, and Minnesota Valley Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council has prepared the *Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit Project Plan Update* for public comments; and

WHEREAS, receiving public comments on the Orange Line Project Plan provides an opportunity for Metro Transit and Metropolitan Council to better understand the preferences and needs for BRT in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the finalized document will be used to support local and federal funding applications, help determine a path for environmental processes, and refine and update the Metropolitan Council’s Regional Transportation Policy Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Minneapolis hereby supports the development and implementation of the Orange Line BRT project as outlined in the *Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit Project Plan Update*.