

CEDAR AVENUE TRANSITWAY UPDATE

Transportation Committee
June 11, 2012

Cedar Avenue Transitway

- Enhanced express facilities and service
- METRO Red Line
 - Stage I: All-day, frequent service between the Apple Valley Transit Station and the Mall of America
 - Construction through early 2013
 - Service operations starting in spring 2013

Project Development Process

Development Phase	Status
1. Feasibility Study	Completed: 1999-2001
2. Alternative Analysis /Conceptual Engineering	Completed: 2002-2004
3. Preliminary Engineering	Completed: 2006-2008
4. Final Design	Completed: 2008-2012
5. Construction	Current Phase: 2009-2013

Transitway Development

- Stage I: 2009 – 2013
- Stage II: 2013 – 2020
- Stage III: 2020 – 2030
- Stage I: \$112 million

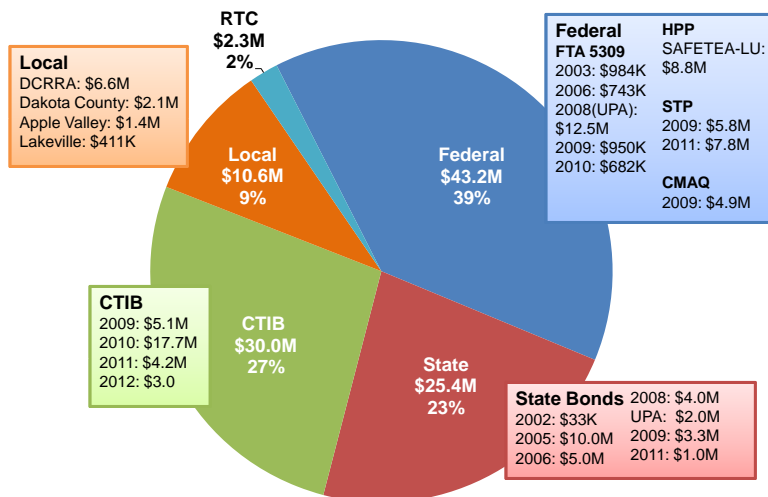
Total cost estimate: \$250 million



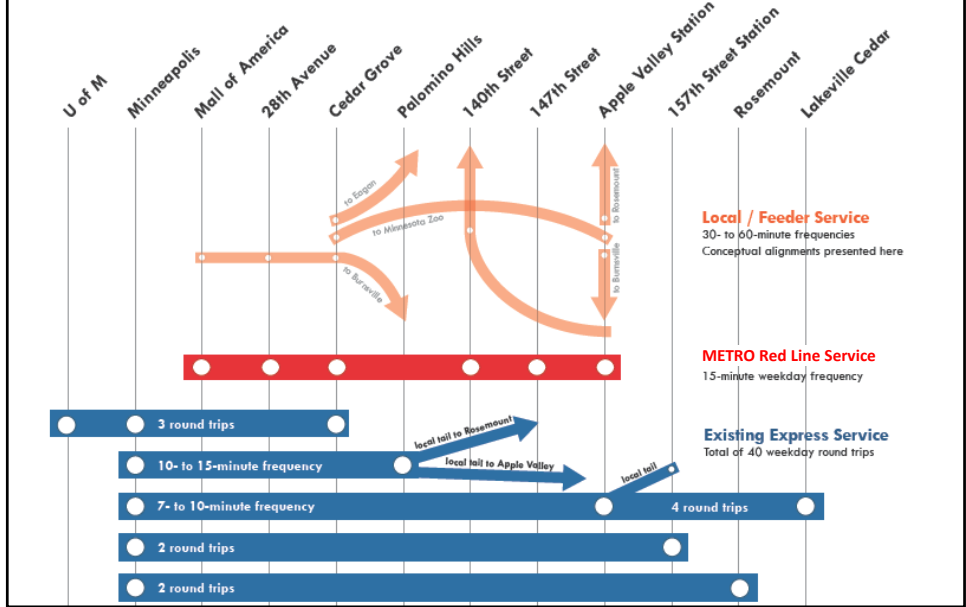
Stage I Capital Components

- Cedar Lakeville, Apply Valley, Cedar Grove park-and-ride facilities
- Bus-only shoulders
- METRO Red Line stations at 140th and 147th Streets
- Technology
- Buses

Stage 1 Capital Funding



Weekday Transitway Service



Red Line Vehicles



- Seven 40-ft NOVA low-floor vehicles for 2012 delivery

Stations

- A mix of walk-up stations and stations with park and ride facilities
- Build what is needed for opening day, expand as demand grows



Technology

- Real-time customer information at stations
- Transit signal priority to keep buses on time
- Ticket vending machines similar to light rail and Northstar



Next Steps

- Construct 140th and 147th Street stations
- Complete roadway work
- Install and test technology
- Construct maintenance and layover facilities
- Develop marketing and launch plan
- Outreach to communities
- Open for revenue service

Memorandum of Understanding

- Clarifies Stage 1 roles and responsibilities
- Council, Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority, Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA)

Council Roles

- Federal, state, and regional funding oversight
- Regional Transitway Guidelines consistency
- Designate service provider
- Service plan and operating budget approval
- CTIB operating funds application, management

Council Roles

- Service delivery aspects: fare enforcement, collection, reporting
- Lead on certain capital projects
- Marketing, branding, service start-up

DCRRA Roles

- Lead agency: planning and implementation
- Financial oversight: establish, maintain project budget
- Lead certain project components
- Delegate project components, with review and concurrence oversight
- Administer CTIB and DCRRA capital funds

MVTA Roles

- Lead service planning
- Lead bus procurement
- Contracted service provider (to be designated by Council)
- Lead capital projects as delegated