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### **Orange Line Burnsville Station Location**

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, Metro Transit, and Minnesota Valley Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Solutions Alliance supports efforts to facilitate traffic flow and capacity in the I-35W Corridor that includes funding, building, operating and maintaining a robust multimodal transportation system that reduces congestion, improves safety and promote economic growth; and

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

WHEREAS, the 35W Solutions Alliance serves as a policy advisory committee for the Orange Line project; and

WHEREAS, the Solutions Alliance passed a resolution on June 12, 2014 of support for the METRO Orange Line BRT project as outlined in the Orange Line Project Plan Update, which recommended further study of a Burnsville southern terminus location; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Metro Transit led a technical evaluation of possible station and terminus locations in close coordination with City of Burnsville, Dakota County, Minnesota Valley Transit Authority, and the Minnesota Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation determined that Travelers Trail site offers the better connection to Heart of the City destinations, ample existing parking, less delay for transit vehicles, good connectivity to existing routes, better adaptability for a Lakeville extension; and

WHEREAS, after this evaluation, local staff introduced a northbound-only platform option at Burnsville Parkway and 35W was studied to address concerns about lack of a station near 35W; and

WHEREAS, the Orange Line Technical Advisory Committee recommended two options: a station on the Travelers Trail site, or a station at both Travelers Trail plus a platform at Burnsville Parkway/35W; and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2016, the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority recommended the Travelers Trail plus the Burnsville Parkway station option to best meet the Authority's goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, MVTA staff has committed to evaluating and coordinating local service plans that best meet the needs of riders; and

WHEREAS, Metro Transit and the City of Burnsville will continue to work closely on pedestrian planning and sidewalk implementation to accommodate pedestrian mobility in these areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that *The 35W Solutions Alliance* recommends to the Metropolitan Council that the preferred Burnsville Station for the METRO Orange Line is a Travelers Trail Station on the southwest quadrant of Nicollet Avenue and Highway 13, plus a Burnsville Parkway inline platform at I-35W and Burnsville Parkway.

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