

University-Medical Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
Huntsville, Alabama
Small Starts Project Development
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The City of Huntsville (City) proposes to implement bus rapid transit (BRT) on an 8.9-mile corridor with 32 planned stations between Downtown Huntsville and the Village of Providence, running primarily on University Drive (U.S. Route 72). The project is being planned to serve several key employment and activity centers, including Huntsville Hospital, the University of Alabama in Huntsville, and the MidCity District. The City expects that the project will include level boarding stations, off-board fare payment, branded transit vehicles, semi-exclusive side-running BRT lanes, and queue jumps at intersections. The project's current estimated capital cost is \$49 million. The City is still considering how much Small Starts funding it will seek.

The City believes that the project would improve transit travel time and reliability, pedestrian safety and access to transit, and mobility for transit-dependent riders, including persons with disabilities and low-income residents. The City further seeks to broaden equitable access to employment, education, medical facilities, and recreation opportunities in this rapidly growing region.

The City anticipates selection of the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA), and its adoption in the region's fiscally constrained transportation plan in May 2023. Completion of the environmental review process is anticipated in 2025. The City anticipates receipt of a Small Starts Grant Agreement in late 2025, and initiation of revenue service in 2027.