

Hamilton Avenue Corridor BRT Project

Cincinnati, Ohio

Small Starts Project Development

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The Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) proposes to implement bus rapid transit (BRT) in an 11-mile corridor between downtown Cincinnati and the inner suburbs of North College Hill and Mount Healthy, that will operate in a combination of dedicated bus-only, bus and turn-only lanes, and mixed traffic. The proposed BRT project is anticipated to include up to 20 stations that will feature large shelters, real-time information and fare payment infrastructure, improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and a park-n-ride near the northern terminus. Bus priority treatments will be installed throughout the corridor including transit signal priority and queue jump lanes. SORTA anticipates that some portion of the proposed line will be shared with the Reading Road Corridor BRT, to be determined as design progresses. The project is being planned to connect high-density residential communities in northwest Cincinnati with academic, medical, recreational, and entertainment centers, as well as connection to multiple transit services in the central business district. The project's current estimated capital cost is \$143.6 million. SORTA is still considering how much Small Starts funding it will seek.

SORTA believes that the project would provide faster, more reliable, and more attractive bus transit service along a north-south corridor between the inner suburbs of North College Hill and Mount Healthy and downtown Cincinnati, improve mobility and connectivity, and support vibrant communities and economic development.

The SORTA Board selected BRT in the Project corridor as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) in February 2020 and the LPA was adopted in the region's fiscally constrained transportation plan in June 2020. Completion of the environmental review process is anticipated in Spring 2024. SORTA anticipates receipt of a Small Starts Grant Agreement in late 2025, and initiation of revenue service in 2027.



Winton Lake

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Hilltop Plaza

Mount Healthy

Mt Healthy

Hamilton Ave-Cross County

North College Hill Transit Center

North College Hill

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Reading

College Hill

College Hill

Roselawn

Hamilton Ave-Children's Hospital

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Bond Hill

Northside-Pullan

Northside

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Northside Transit Center

North Avondale

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Cincinnati State

Clifton Business District

Good Samaritan Hospital

University of Cincinnati

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Ohio River

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Lunken Airport

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