

Broward Commuter Rail South
Broward County, Florida
New Starts Project Development
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The information reflected in this profile was based on information provided by Broward County with its request for entry into Small Starts Project Development (PD) that was submitted to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in August 2022. In November 2024, Broward County informed FTA that the estimated capital cost had exceeded \$400 million, and FTA reclassified the project as a New Starts project. The information will be updated when the sponsor applies for an evaluation and rating.

Broward County proposes to implement commuter rail service along 11.5 miles of the existing Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway from the Brightline Aventura Station in Miami-Dade County to the Broward Health Medical Center in Fort Lauderdale. The proposed project includes three stations and parking facilities that are expected to be built within existing city, county, and/or FEC Railway properties along with corresponding improvements to the existing Hialeah Maintenance Facility in Miami-Dade County. Other elements include track, signaling, and safety and communication improvements along the corridor, as well as acquisition of rolling stock for the service. According to Broward County, the project plans to share the FEC Railway with freight trains and intercity passenger trains. The project's current estimated capital cost is \$297.0 million, with the amount of Capital Investment Grants funding requested to be determined.

The purpose of the project is to provide additional north-south transportation capacity and to serve existing and future population growth, including transit-dependent populations, while preserving and enhancing the environment and safety along the corridor.

Broward County selected a locally preferred alternative (LPA) in August 2022 and anticipates adoption of the LPA into the region's fiscally constrained long range transportation plan in mid-2023. Broward County anticipates completing the environmental review process in mid-2023 and receiving a Small Starts construction grant in 2025. The anticipated start of revenue service date is 2028.