

**Northwest BRT Project**  
**Columbus, Ohio**  
**Small Starts Project Development**  
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The Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) proposes to implement bus rapid transit (BRT) in the 8.5-mile Northwest corridor, running from Downtown Columbus to the Bethel Road Park and Ride, complete with 14 stations. COTA anticipates 76 percent of the route to be in a dedicated center median lane. The project's current estimated capital cost is \$145-180 million, and COTA has not yet determined how much it will seek from the CIG Small Starts program.

COTA anticipates the Project would meet the existing and long-term regional mobility and local accessibility needs for residents, businesses, and institutions within the project area. Additionally, the Project would deliver frequent transit service in a high-quality, transit-supportive environment to provide access to jobs and opportunities and align with Vision Zero goals to prioritize safety.

COTA selected the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) in November 2022, and it was adopted into the region's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan in May 2024. COTA anticipates completing the environmental review process in late 2027/early 2028, receiving a Small Starts construction grant in 2028, and beginning revenue service in 2031.

