

Central Broward Transit – Phase I Project
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
New Starts Project Development
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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), in coordination with Broward County Transit, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, City of Fort Lauderdale and the city's Downtown Development Authority, proposes to implement a 5.0-mile modern streetcar line from downtown Fort Lauderdale to the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention Center/Port Everglades area and the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. The project includes new stations, vehicles and traffic signal priority. The project would be integrated into the WAVE streetcar project, a Small Starts project in downtown Fort Lauderdale that is currently under development. Local officials have not identified a total capital cost estimate nor the amount of Federal funds that will be sought from the New Starts program.

Local officials believe that the project would improve east-west travel in the corridor where current transit service is primarily north-south and does not adequately address east-west travel movements. The corridor is currently undergoing increasing population and employment growth, but is geographically constrained and not able to expand roadways to accommodate this growth. Local officials also believe the project would enhance the corridor's economic development and redevelopment potential by providing more options for accessing the corridor.

In October 2012, local officials completed an alternatives analysis and selected a modern streetcar line as the locally preferred alternative (LPA) for the Central Broward Transit Study. The LPA has not been included in the region's fiscally-constrained long range transportation plan. In summer 2016, local officials plan to formally adopt the LPA into the region's fiscally-constrained long range transportation plan and complete the environmental review process with receipt of a Finding of No Significant Impact. Local officials plan to advance the project into Engineering in January 2017, receive a New Starts Full Funding Grant Agreement in June 2019 and begin revenue service in August 2022.