

St. Claude and Elysian Fields Streetcar Extensions
New Orleans, Louisiana
Small Starts Project Development
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The New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (NORTA) proposes to extend their existing streetcar network approximately 1.1 miles along St. Claude and Elysian Fields Avenues in the Marigny and St. Roch districts of New Orleans. The proposed project would connect the existing Riverfront Streetcar line to the existing Rampart-St. Claude streetcar line, and further extend service down St. Claude Avenue as far as Press Street. At present, five new stations are proposed. It is not yet known if the project will include additional streetcar vehicles. NORTA has not yet identified the capital cost of the project or the amount of Small Starts funding it will seek.

NORTA believes the project would improve mobility in close-in, mixed-income neighborhoods, stimulate economic development along the project corridor, assist with the continuing re-vitalization of adjacent neighborhoods still recovering from Hurricane Katrina, and support environmental sustainability by expanding non-automobile transportation options.

NORTA plans to select a locally preferred alternative (LPA), adopt it into the fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan and complete the environmental review process later in 2018. NORTA hopes to receive a Small Starts Grant Agreement in 2020, and start revenue service in 2023.

