

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, the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, the City of Fort Lauderdale and the 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 stations, vehicles and traffic signal priority. The project would be integrated into the WAVE streetcar project that is currently in Small Starts Project Development. Local officials have not identified a capital cost estimate or the amount of 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 increasing in population and employment growth, but is geographically constrained and not able to expand roadways to accommodate this growth. Local officials believe the project would enhance the corridor's economic development and redevelopment potential.

In October 2012, local officials completed an alternatives analysis and selected a modern streetcar line as the locally preferred alternative (LPA). The LPA is not yet included in the region's fiscally-constrained long range transportation plan, but is expected to be in late 2016. Local officials anticipate completing the environmental review process with receipt of a Finding of No Significant Impact in late 2016, entering Engineering in summer 2017, receiving a Full Funding Grant Agreement in June 2019, and starting revenue service in August 2022.