

Red and Blue Line Platform Extensions
Dallas, Texas
Core Capacity Project Development
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Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) proposes to upgrade and lengthen platforms at 28 of the 38 existing light rail stations on the Red and Blue lines, bringing all the stations in the system to the same operational standard. These improvements will enable full level-boarding with use of 3-car trains throughout the DART system, instead of the current limitation of 2-car trains on these lines. This critical improvement has been identified as the preferred way for DART to increase capacity to meet rising demand and crowding, since the constraints of the common routing through downtown Dallas make frequency improvements problematic.

The project's current estimated capital cost is \$188.4 million. This estimate includes work at the 28 station locations, as well as systems improvements along the entire line. No additional vehicles are included as part of this project. DART has not yet provided an estimate of the anticipated amount of Core Capacity funds to be requested from the Capital Investment Grant program.

DART selected a locally preferred alternative (LPA) in July 2014, and anticipates it being adopted into the fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan by the end of 2014. DART anticipates completing the environmental review process through a categorical exclusion in June 2015, entering Engineering shortly thereafter, receiving a Full Funding Grant Agreement in July 2016, and completing construction by December 2017.