

Project Timeline



The project will examine and adopt a locally preferred alternative for bus rapid transit from Summerville to downtown Charleston by soliciting input from regional stakeholders, the local community, general public, and public agencies and by conducting detailed environmental studies, completing conceptual design, evaluating alternatives for station and terminal start / end-point locations.

* Federal Transit Administration decision point
 Project timeline is estimated under the New Starts Capital Investment Grant program guidelines.
 ★ Major Milestones

LC | Lowcountry RT | Rapid Transit

Modern transportation to transform our region.

The Lowcountry Rapid Transit project is a proposed 23-mile bus rapid transit system between Charleston, North Charleston and Summerville that would provide reliable travel, connect communities, and energize economic opportunities along the corridor.

<p>3,772 New transit trips (from other modes)</p>	<p>18 Proposed Stations</p>	<p>23.1 Mile Corridor</p>	<p>16 Vehicles</p>
<p>6.5 million Annual mass transit trips (Including CARTA)</p>	<p>\$360 million (FY 2015) Total estimated planning-level construction costs</p>		<p>2 million Estimated Trips Per Year on the Line</p>
<p>\$5.9 million (FY 2015) Annual estimated planning-level operating costs</p>	<p>6,784 Daily Trips</p>		<p>60-Minute One-Way Trip</p>

Data via the BCDCOG i-26ALT study.

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Benefits

Characteristics of rail with the flexibility of a bus.

Network of Possibilities

- South Carolina's first mass transit project
- Connections to businesses with new customers from across the region
- Growth in employment clusters, affordable housing

High-Frequency & Improved Mobility

- Dedicated lanes for bus rapid transit; improved reliability
- Comfortable, convenient and modern; faster travel times for commuters
- Safer transportation environment and ADA compliant

Technologically-Advanced

- Stoplight signal priority and synchronization
- WiFi equipped and innovations to support autonomous vehicles
- Updated wayfinding signage and corridor lighting

Environmentally Conscious

- Affordable transportation alternative
- Clean fuels and potentially electric powered
- Air pollution emission reductions

Connected Communities

- Accessible and equitable link to community resources and affordable housing options
- Bike and pedestrian upgrades
- Increased physical activity for commuters

The Proposed Corridor

Proposed station locations indicated in this map, as well as start and end points, were identified by the i-26ALT study and will continue to be evaluated and refined.

An evaluation of the study area is underway to identify alignment alternatives, which will be presented to the public for comment in late spring.

