

Project Update as of May 1, 2021

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21.5 miles of regional transit like never before

The project reached a major public milestone this month with the launch of the final virtual public meeting in this phase of the project. The public is encouraged to visit the project website to review 3D visuals of the stations, route and overall bus rapid transit experience for a 30-day formal comment period (April 26-May 26). As of May 1 the project has had 1,184 visitors to the virtual public meeting.



Progress Underway with FTA

Over the next few weeks, we will be finalizing and submitting the required project management plans to the Federal Transit Administration, which will include schedule, scope, and budget, as well as detailed memos, models, station area plans and engagement records. Our coordination with FTA will continue to guide the direction of our project and we look forward to more direct involvement with the agency as we continue through this year.

April Highlights

- The Revised Vehicle Memo, Fare Review Memo, Traffic Report, Bike/Ped Memo and Bike/Ped Renderings are under review
- LCRT Steering Committee Meeting (in-person and virtual corridor walk through)
- Virtual Public Meeting Launch (recommended route and visualization)
- Internal Risk Workshop with Project Team and Stakeholders

Upcoming Priorities

- Submit 30% plans to SCDOT and BCDCOG for the remaining 2 of 6 area plans
- Discussion with FTA ridership staff on forecasts
- Submittal of FTA Readiness documents to FTA
- 30 day comment period for the Virtual Public Meeting (4/26-5/26)
- Submittal of Final Documented Categorical Exclusion to FTA

Internal Risk Workshop

The purpose of the Internal Risk Workshop was to bring together the client team, consultant team and key stakeholders to evaluate risks in order to thoroughly update capital cost estimates and schedule. From discussions and findings, the project team is working to update costs and schedule and will submit this information to the Federal Transit Administration in mid-May.

New Look, More Info

We recently redesigned and launched an enhanced project website to provide the community with easier to access project updates.

 www.lowcountryrapidtransit.com

Meetings & Community Events

Meeting	Date
Royal Missionary Baptist Church	4/1
CE Club of Charleston	4/1
TOD Subcommittee Meeting	4/9
Charleston Moves	4/12
TTC Cabinet	4/12
TOD Reynolds Ave Station Area Workshop	4/13
TOD Durant Ave Station Area Workshop	4/13
N. Charleston Housing Authority Steering Committee	4/15
TOD Summerville Virtual Public Workshop	4/19
CCL Live Event	4/20
TOD N. Charleston Virtual Public Workshop	4/20
N. Chs Councilmembers	4/21
City of Hanahan	4/22
Ten Mile Hill	4/22
CofC	4/26
Whipper Barony	4/26
Internal Risk Workshop	4/28

Scope & Schedule

We're still on track to apply for federal funds and will be submitting our application to the Federal Transit Administration and completing NEPA this summer.

Project Programming 2016-2019

- ★ Bus Rapid Transit Preferred Alternative Identified
- Half-cent sales tax referendum passed in Charleston County (2016)
- Agency Coordination
- Informal Scoping & NEPA Checklist
- Identify Funding & Schedule (LRTP)
- Existing Conditions Evaluation & Conceptual Design (10%)
- NEPA Class of Action & Initiate NEPA Scoping*
- Request Entry into Project Development*

Capital Investment Grants Program 2019-2023

We Are Here

★ Project Development

- FTA Project Development NTP
- Cultural resources report
- Define optimal alignment
- Public meetings for refined alternative, station locations
- Complete Section 106 consultation
- Obtain commitment of >30% non-CIG funding
- Public meetings for the NEPA alternative
- Submit Draft Categorical Exclusion to FTA
- Submit Final DCE

CURRENT PHASE

- Complete NEPA
- Adopt a Locally Preferred Alternative
- Complete 30% Design
- Must Receive Medium Rating for Project Justification & Financial Commitment Criteria* – September 2021
- ★ Engineering
- Significant Progress with Engineering
- Recommended for Construction Grant Agreement

Construction 2023-2026

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

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