

# Project Update as of September 8, 2021

LCRT is making progress toward breaking ground on South Carolina's first bus rapid transit system.

## Continuing to Reach Milestones

Last month, we announced that the project had reached three major milestones to move it closer to bringing world-class bus rapid transit to our region. This month, we're sharing updates that coincide with those milestones.



### **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation has been completed and signed by FTA.**

We're continuing to share this news with our stakeholders, and this document is now publicly available on our website for further review.



### **30% design plans are complete.**

These plans are also available online for review; we are continuing our outreach efforts to on-corridor businesses and neighborhoods to present and review these corridor plans.



### **Initial readiness documents have been submitted to FTA for inclusion in the President's Annual Report.**

FTA coordination continues and interviews with the Project Management Oversight Consultant (PMOC) have begun.

## Upcoming Priorities:

- Continued coordination with FTA on ridership model
- Continued coordination with PMOC
- Completion of draft IGA with project partners
- Completion of Municipal Agreements and other Third Party Agreements
- Completion of draft for TSP Conops
- Submittal of ratings package to FTA
- Request Entry into Engineering from FTA
- Continue Letters of Support Campaign with Stakeholders



## Meetings & Community Events

Date	Meeting	Type
8/5/2021	Shipwatch Square Coordination	Stakeholder Meeting
8/6/2021	FTA Virtual Tour	Stakeholder Meeting
8/10/2021	FTA Risk Workshop	Stakeholder Meeting
8/11/2021	FTA Risk Workshop	Stakeholder Meeting
8/12/2021	FTA Coordination STOPS Model	Stakeholder Meeting
8/17/2021	LCRT Outreach to Lowcountry Local First	Stakeholder Meeting
8/18/2021	LCRT Outreach to Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance	Stakeholder Meeting
8/18/2021	LCRT update w/VA	Community Event
8/19/2021	Shipwatch Square Coordination	Stakeholder Meeting
8/23/2021	LCRT presentation to Chicora Cherokee	Community Event
8/24/2021	FTA Coordination	Stakeholder Meeting
8/24/2021	LCRT Outreach at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church	Community Office Hours
8/24/2021	LCRT Outreach at Fairfield Inn and Suites	Community Office Hours
8/25/2021	LCRT Outreach to Charleston County Housing and Redevelopment Authority	Stakeholder Meeting
8/25/2021	LCRT Outreach at SC Works	Community Office Hours
8/26/2021	LCRT Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce - HR Professionals Meeting	Stakeholder Meeting
8/26/2021	LCRT outreach at Amtrak	Community Event
8/26/2021	LCRT outreach at CARTA SuperStop	Community Event
8/28/2021	LCRT update w/VA	Community Event
8/31/2021	LCRT/TOD presentation/bus tour with Charleston Chamber	Community Event



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## Scope & Schedule

### Local Planning 2014-2016

- ★ Pre-Project Development
- Comprehensive Operational Analysis
- Alternatives Analysis
- FTA Guidelines/Travel Demand Forecasting
- Public Engagement

### 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 2019-2024

- ★ 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

- ✓ Complete NEPA
- ✓ Adopt a Locally Preferred Alternative
- ✓ Complete 30% Design

**We Are Here**

● Must Receive Medium Rating for Project Justification & Financial Commitment Criteria\* — September 2021

- ★ Engineering
  - Significant Progress with Engineering
  - Recommended for Construction Grant Agreement

### Construction 2024-2027

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

CURRENT PHASE