



PROJECT UPDATE

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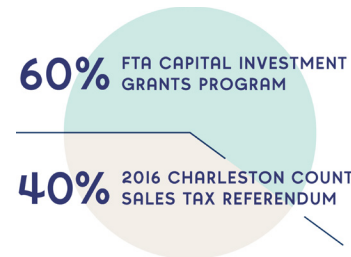
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Now Arriving: Engineering

Lowcountry Rapid Transit (LCRT) has received Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approval to enter the New Starts Engineering phase of the FTA Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Program. Advancing to the Engineering phase moves the project one step closer to full funding and completion.



The maximum Federal contribution to LCRT is now set at approximately \$375 million, or 60% of the current project cost.

With this Engineering approval, BCDCOG has automatic pre-award authority to incur various reimbursable project-related costs, including Engineering activities and vehicle purchases.

- LOCAL PLANNING** Completed 2016 | Pre-Project Development, Operational Analysis, Alternatives Analysis, Travel Demand Forecasting
- PROJECT PROGRAMMING** Completed 2019 | Preferred Alternative Identified, Agency Coordination, Scoping and NEPA, Funding and Schedule, Existing Conditions Evaluation, Conceptual Design (10%)
- PROJECT DEVELOPMENT** Completed 2022 | Complete NEPA, Complete 30% Design, Adopt a Locally Preferred Alternative, Refine Project Schedule and Budget, Financial Plan, FTA Rating and Readiness Review
- ENGINEERING** *We Are Here!* | Engineering Procurement, Final Design Plans, Information for Bid, FTA Rating and Readiness Evaluation, Full Funding Grant Agreement

From Our Leaders

“ The FTA is required to evaluate proposed projects against a number of criteria and ensure that prospective grant recipients demonstrate the technical, legal, and financial capability to implement the project. BCDCOG has met those thresholds, and we are pleased to make this announcement today.

Ron Mitchum, Executive Director, BCDCOG

Summer Outreach

We remain committed to active and ongoing engagement in the community.

The LCRT Outreach team visited 45+ locations this summer (June-August) to meet with communities and businesses along the corridor, including:

NIWC	6/1	Origin SC	7/5	Empire Engineering	7/21
Gadsden Green	6/7	Chow's Restaurant	7/5	Fairfield Inn and Suites	7/25
Reynolds Laundromat	6/22	Charleston Heights Vet Clinic	7/5	Otranto Library	7/26
Mr. Narwhal's Magnificent Snoballs	6/22	Quality Tax Service	7/7	SC Works	7/26
Wild Alabaster	6/23	Kings Auto Body	7/7	Amtrak	7/26
Southern Motor Company	6/23	Emerson & Hyatt Inc	7/7	Dart Library	7/27
Jamaican Grill	6/24	Atlas Executive Consulting LLC	7/7	Main Library	7/28
Pirl and Company	6/24	Everyone Drivez Auto Sales	7/15	Hagood Natural Gas Plant	7/28
OG Cutz	6/24	Ultra Select Medical	7/15	National Night Out	8/2
Fairfield Inn and Suites	6/27	RL Automart	7/15	North Charleston Business Expo	8/23
Charleston Farms	6/27	Hawk Services Towing and Recovering	7/15	Fairfield Inn & Suites	8/24
Otranto Library	6/28	Origin SC	7/18	Otranto Library	8/25
SC Works	6/28	W.M. Smith-McNeal Funeral Home	7/19	SC Works	8/25
Amtrak	6/29	Tim Bennett Chiropractor	7/19	Amtrak	8/25
Whatcha Like Gospel CDs and Boutique	6/30	Azelea Motors	7/20	Dart Library	8/26
GGM Auto Sales	6/30	Berlin's Restaurant Supply	7/20	Main Library	8/26
Sound Solutions	7/1	Geechie Garlic Crabs and Seafood	7/20	Whipper Barony Community	8/29
Salty Bottom Detail	7/1	Charleston Wholesale Florist	7/21		

Our beautiful state is the 10th fastest growing state in the nation with the Charleston metropolitan area being among the fastest-growing parts of South Carolina. The innovative Lowcountry Bus Rapid Transit project has the potential to improve the quality of life and reduce congestion for Charleston and North Charleston. SCDOT is proud to be a partner in this effort to make this line a reality.

Christie Hall, Secretary, SCDOT