

The SMART Program is advancing five rapid transit corridors of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP), implementing an expanded mass transit infrastructure in Miami-Dade County.



FACT SHEET
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OVERVIEW AND LIMITS

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is studying the implementation of Premium Rapid Transit along SR 968/Flagler Street. This study covers SR 968/ Flagler Street from approximately SR 821/HEFT to the Downtown Multimodal Terminal (at Government Center, NW 1st Avenue) and includes the portion of SR 9/SW 8th Street from SW 147th Avenue to SW 107th Avenue, SW 107th Avenue from SR 9/SW 8th Street to NW 12th Street, and NW 12th Street from approximately NW 122nd Avenue to NW 107th Avenue. The study is also looking at improvements to the local transit service, specifically Metrobus Routes 11 and 137. The study corridor is shown in the project map below.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six has worked closely with our transportation partners over the last few years to plan, analyze and design the Flagler Premium Rapid Transit identified as one of the Bus Express Rapid Transit (BERT) projects in the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan.

STUDY OBJECTIVES

This study will focus on providing multimodal improvements to accommodate premium rapid transit service along the arterials within the project limits. Premium transit modes such as Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) will be evaluated on exclusive transit lanes or transit lanes operating in mixed traffic.

WHAT IS PREMIUM RAPID TRANSIT?

Premium transit is a term applied to an enhanced system or other transit mode that provides faster, more frequent service and increased customer convenience in comparison to an ordinary bus line. BRT does not require any tracks and provides the flexibility of bus and the efficiency of rail.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Comprehensive public outreach is being conducted as part of this study. Public outreach consists of formal and informal meetings with the public, governmental agencies, elected officials, municipal staff, local transportation providers and other interested parties. As a member of the community, your involvement is vital.

PROJECT GOALS

- » Enhance mobility choices by offering alternate transportation options with competitive travel times
- » Enhance transit service and better connections with existing Metrorail and Metrobus routes
- » Provide better transit access to major activity centers including, but not limited to Transit Centers, Education Facilities, Hospitals, Major Shopping Malls, Recreational Attractions, and Major Employment Centers
- » Increase potential for economic development and employment opportunities



MAP LEGEND

- Flagler Street Corridor
- ★ Activity Center
- Metrorail
- T Transit Terminal
- +—+— Railroad

PROJECT UPDATE

In January 2021, the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Governing Board adopted Resolution #07-2021 supporting FDOT's curbside Business Access Transit (BAT) Lane on the easternmost segment of the project corridor - Flagler Street and SW 1 Street from 24 Avenue to 6 Avenue.

Based on the TPO Resolution of support for a specific segment of the recommended alternative, FDOT with the support of transportation agency partners placed the overall Flagler Street Premium Transit PD&E Study on hold.

In March 2022, FDOT initiated the design and implementation of the Demonstration Project based on the TPO Resolution #13-2022. FDOT will evaluate operations and benefits of the Demonstration Project and report project performance outcomes to TPO Board.

In April 2023, TPO Resolution #19-2023, urged FDOT to consider conversion of travel lanes for Business Access Transit Lanes along the entire Flagler Corridor.

In November 2023, FDOT restarted the Flagler PD&E Study.

In January 2024, the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) unanimously requested to place the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Flagler Street Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study in abeyance and use the funds to initiate a study to evaluate an elevated fixed guideway system along Flagler Street from Downtown to Florida International University (FIU) in a manner that provides direct or intermodal connectivity to the existing transit system. Pursuant to this request, FDOT has placed the project on hold.

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