

Wake Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) - Western Corridor Project
City of Raleigh, North Carolina
Small Starts Project Development
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The City of Raleigh proposes to implement a corridor-based bus rapid transit (BRT) project, the Wake BRT: Western Corridor Project (Project). It will extend approximately 12 miles between Downtown Raleigh and Downtown Cary, North Carolina. The Project will include frequent, bi-directional service, up to 19 weather-protected BRT Stations, and transit signal priority at signalized intersections. The Project includes the purchase of 10 compressed natural gas (CNG) buses. The corridor serves major employment and activity centers such as downtown Raleigh, North Carolina State University, Dorothea Dix Park, Pullen Park, and the new Carolina Yards and Fenton mixed-use developments in Town of Cary. The City of Raleigh believes that the Project's improved transit service and customer experience will address existing travel demand, facilitate ridership growth, and support local planning efforts to enhance the quality of life for residents of the region. The Project's current estimated capital cost is \$180 million. The City of Raleigh is still determining the amount of Small Starts funds it will seek.

Wake County residents passed a ballot measure to fund the Wake Transit Plan in November 2016, of which the Western Corridor is one of four BRT corridors. The City selected the Locally Preferred Alternative in August 2020, and it was adopted the regional Long-Range Transportation Plan in November 2020. The City anticipates completing the environmental review in mid-2022, receiving a Small Starts construction grant in late 2022, and initiating revenue service in 2026.