The City of Raleigh (City) proposes to implement a five (5) mile BRT between Downtown Raleigh and Purser Drive in the Town of Garner. The Project would include improvements such as transit signal priority (TSP) at signalized intersections, up to six (6) new weather-protected BRT stations with branding, off-board fare payment, level vehicle boarding, real-time bus arrival information, and ADA accessibility. The sponsor also plans to purchase seven (7) compressed natural gas (CNG) buses to support bus operations in the corridor. The Project’s current estimated capital cost is between $93 million and $126 million. The City of Raleigh is still determining the amount of Small Starts funds it will seek but, anticipates requesting at least 49 percent of the capital costs in CIG funding.

The purpose of the project is to improve transit service and the customer experience along the project corridor. By addressing existing and projected population and travel demand, the sponsor believes the project will create the infrastructure necessary to allow transit vehicles to bypass major congestion points, improving travel times and connectivity, and facilitating ridership growth.

The City of Raleigh selected a locally preferred alternative in April 2021, which was adopted into the region’s fiscally constrained long-range plan in June 2021. The City expects to complete the environmental review by May 2023, receive a Small Starts grant agreement by November 2024, and begin revenue operations in 2027.