The Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) proposes to implement commuter rail service along the existing Florida East Coast Railway rail line between Downtown Miami and the City of Aventura in northeast Miami-Dade County. DTPW plans to implement the service with five stations and improvements to the existing rail infrastructure. The project is planned to include Park-and-Ride facilities, a vehicle maintenance facility, and the purchase of rolling stock. The project’s capital cost estimate is $414 million. The sponsor expects to seek $207 million in New Starts funds.

The sponsor indicates that the purpose of the project is to increase regional mobility and reduce congestion. Additionally, the sponsor anticipates the project will improve connectivity to the regional transit system and access to major destinations. Upon implementation, the project may decrease vehicular crashes and reduce air emissions.

DTPW selected the locally preferred alternative in March 2021. The DTPW anticipates completion of the environmental review process by February 2022, adoption of the locally preferred alternative into the fiscally constrained long-range plan by April 2022, and entering Engineering by late 2022. The sponsor anticipates receiving a Full Funding Grant Agreement in 2023, with revenue service commencing in 2025.