

Southwest First Coast Flyer Bus Rapid Transit Project
Jacksonville, Florida
Small Starts Project Development
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The Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA), in coordination with the City of Jacksonville and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), proposes to implement a 12.9-mile bus rapid transit (BRT) line from the Convention Center in downtown Jacksonville, via Florida State College-Jacksonville (Kent Campus), to Orange Park Mall in Clayton County. JTA expects the project will include 13 new stations, traffic signal priority at 24 intersections, real-time bus arrival information at stations, 11 queue jump lanes and the purchase of 14 40-foot compressed natural gas buses. The project would be integrated into JTA's Downtown BRT line that is currently under construction. A portion of the proposed project would operate in a one-mile long dedicated bus lane that was constructed as part of a separate FDOT roadway resurfacing project. The project's current estimated capital cost is \$19.0 million. JTA expects to seek \$9.5 million from the Small Starts program.

JTA believes that the project would reduce transit travel times, improve corridor mobility and enhance regional connectivity by providing better access to educational and employment opportunities to downtown Jacksonville and throughout the Jacksonville metropolitan area.

In November 2005, JTA completed an alternatives analysis study and selected BRT as the locally preferred alternative for the Southwest Corridor. The project was included in the region's fiscally constrained long range transportation plan in November 2014. JTA expects to complete the environmental review process with receipt of a Documented Categorical Exclusion in summer 2015, receive a Small Starts Grant Agreement in November 2016, and start revenue operations in November 2017.