

First Coast Flyer Southwest Corridor BRT
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. A portion of the proposed project would operate in a one-mile 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. The project was included in the region's fiscally constrained long range transportation plan in November 2014. The project entered Small Starts Project Development in April 2015. JTA completed the environmental review process with receipt of a Documented Categorical Exclusion in April 2015. JTA expects to receive a Small Starts Grant Agreement in early 2018, and start revenue operations in early 2019.