

## **Orange Line Phase 2: North Corridor Metrorail Extension**

**Miami, Florida**

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Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) is proposing the construction of a 9.2-mile Metrorail extension along Northwest 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue between the existing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Metrorail station and the Broward County line. The project includes seven stations, seven park-and-ride lots providing a total of 3,900 spaces, and 28 railcars. Peak period Metrorail service along the North Corridor would operate at 6.5-minute frequencies. The North Corridor Metrorail Extension is considered locally as Phase 2 of a regional rail expansion program, which also includes the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) currently under construction and the proposed East-West Metrorail Extension to Florida International University.

A major investment along Northwest 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue has been in preliminary engineering (PE) for over 10 years. The financial plan MDT submitted to FTA in November 2008 included \$5.9 billion from revenue sources that do not currently exist. A viable strategy for funding MDT's current and proposed capital and operating expenses has not been presented to FTA during the past year. If a robust financial plan is not provided to FTA by September 2010, the North Corridor project will be removed from the New Starts program.

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