

Participate in the Public Meeting

The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) will hold a Public Meeting for the Boca Raton II Tri-Rail Station Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study. The recommended location and design features for a second Tri-Rail station in Boca Raton near Glades Road and Military Trail will be presented to the public.

WHEN & WHERE:

Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 6 P.M
Spanish River Library, 1501 NW Spanish River Blvd,
2nd Floor, Boca Raton, FL 33431

PROJECT OBJECTIVE

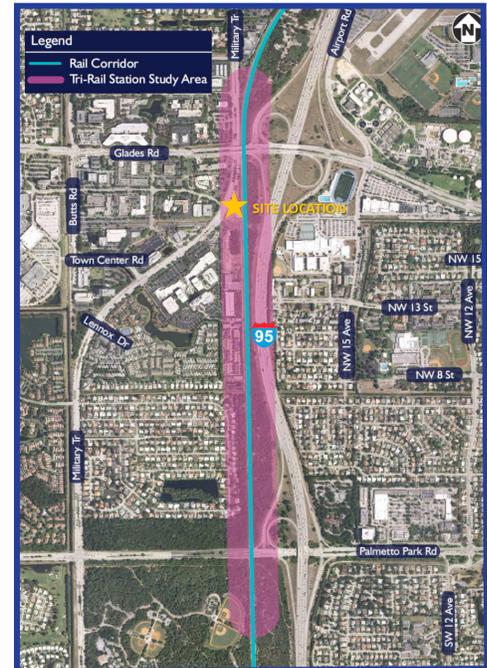
As the existing Boca Raton Tri-Rail station has one of the highest ridership volumes of all Tri-Rail stations, this study evaluated alternatives for a second Boca station located between just north of Glades Road and south of Palmetto Park Road. The objective is to improve accessibility to the Tri-Rail system and better serve the underutilized markets of downtown Boca Raton, local colleges and universities, area businesses and growing resident population.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

SFRTA operates the Tri-Rail regional commuter rail system within the South Florida Rail Corridor (SFRC) from Mangonia Park to the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC), through Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade Counties. The approximately 72-mile Tri-Rail system has 18 stations (6 in Palm Beach County, 7 in Broward County, and 5 in Miami-Dade County) along its length and presently has an average weekday ridership of approximately 14,000.

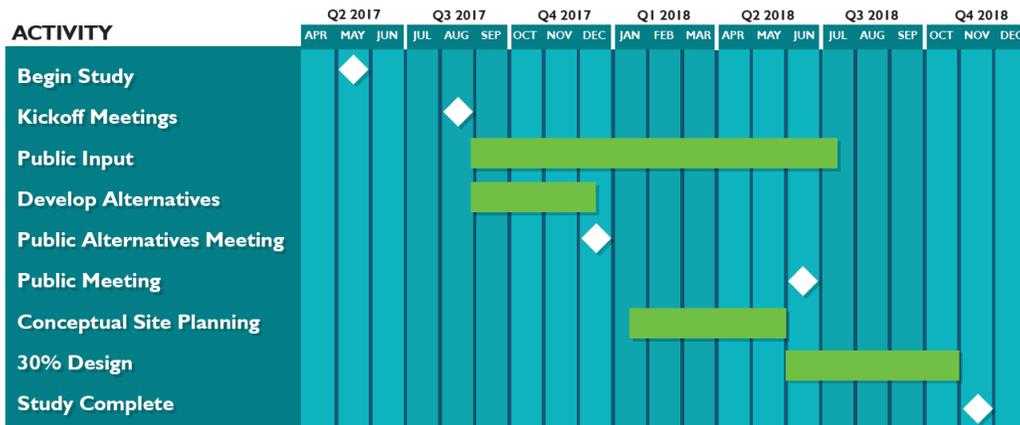
The existing Boca Raton Tri-Rail station has one of the highest ridership volumes of all 18 stations. A second Tri-Rail station within the City of Boca Raton has been considered since 2008 when it was included in the SFRTA Transit Development Plan. A Site Location Analysis for a second Boca Raton station was completed in May 2010 and a Feasibility Study was completed in October 2016. The Feasibility Study concluded that there were no fatal flaws with constructing a second Tri-Rail station within the City of Boca Raton. An additional Tri-Rail station is consistent with the following plans:

- 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) - Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA)
- FY 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Palm Beach TPA
- FY 2017-2026 Transit Development Plan - SFRTA
- The Florida Rail Plan Investment Element - Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)
- Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Plan - FDOT



STUDY PROCESS

This project is a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study, which is an environmental and engineering evaluation of the impacts of proposed improvements. The PD&E Study complies with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, which is required to be completed to qualify for federal funding. The process ensures that all feasible alternative options are explored, and apparent impacts addressed before determining a preferred alternative. Participation from the public is a vital component of the study process.



STATION ALTERNATIVES

The potential social, environmental and physical impacts associated with each of the following alternatives was evaluated thoroughly and refined. The intent was to develop a project which can be constructed with the least impact and disruption to the social, physical and natural environment.

Three options were considered 1) East Side of Military Trail and NW 19th Street intersection; 2) Within 1800 Boca Center; or 3) No-Build

After consideration of the impacts combined with the feedback from the community, Site A was chosen as the recommended alternative.

Recommended Alternative



PROJECT BENEFITS

- Provide a connection to retail, office and institutional centers along Military Trail and Glades Road
- Improve passenger access to the Tri-Rail system to/from the City of Boca Raton

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

As a member of the community, your participation is vital. A comprehensive Public Involvement Program is a key component of this study. Public involvement includes formal and informal meetings with the general public, government agencies, elected officials and other interested stakeholders. The public is encouraged to participate in meetings, review project information, ask questions and provide opinions, comments and ideas. Detailed project information is available at

www.Tri-RailBoca2Study.com.

For more information, contact Public Information Officer Merri Starr at 561-962-2818 or by email to Merri@HoltCommunications.net.

