

Rochester Downtown Circulator Bus Rapid Transit
Rochester, Minnesota
Small Starts Project Development
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The City of Rochester (the City) proposes to implement bus rapid transit (BRT) in a four-mile corridor that includes Downtown Rochester, Mayo Clinic campuses, commuter lots, and residential neighborhoods. The project includes approximately 11 stations, 12 articulated vehicles, transit roadway improvements, and transit signal prioritization (TSP). The project's current estimated capital cost is \$203 million. The City of Rochester expects to seek \$99.5 million (49 percent) in Small Starts funding.

The City is pursuing the project to accommodate significant future employment and population growth and to support City and State transportation, economic development, and livability goals and initiatives. The City expects that capital improvements to the corridor will help increase transit capacity and mode share in the corridor.

The City selected a locally preferred alternative (LPA) in November 2019 and intends to have it adopted into the region's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan in mid-2020. The City expects to complete the environmental review process with receipt of a Documented Categorical Exclusion in mid-2021. The City hopes to receive a Small Starts Grant Agreement in 2022, and start revenue service in 2025.

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