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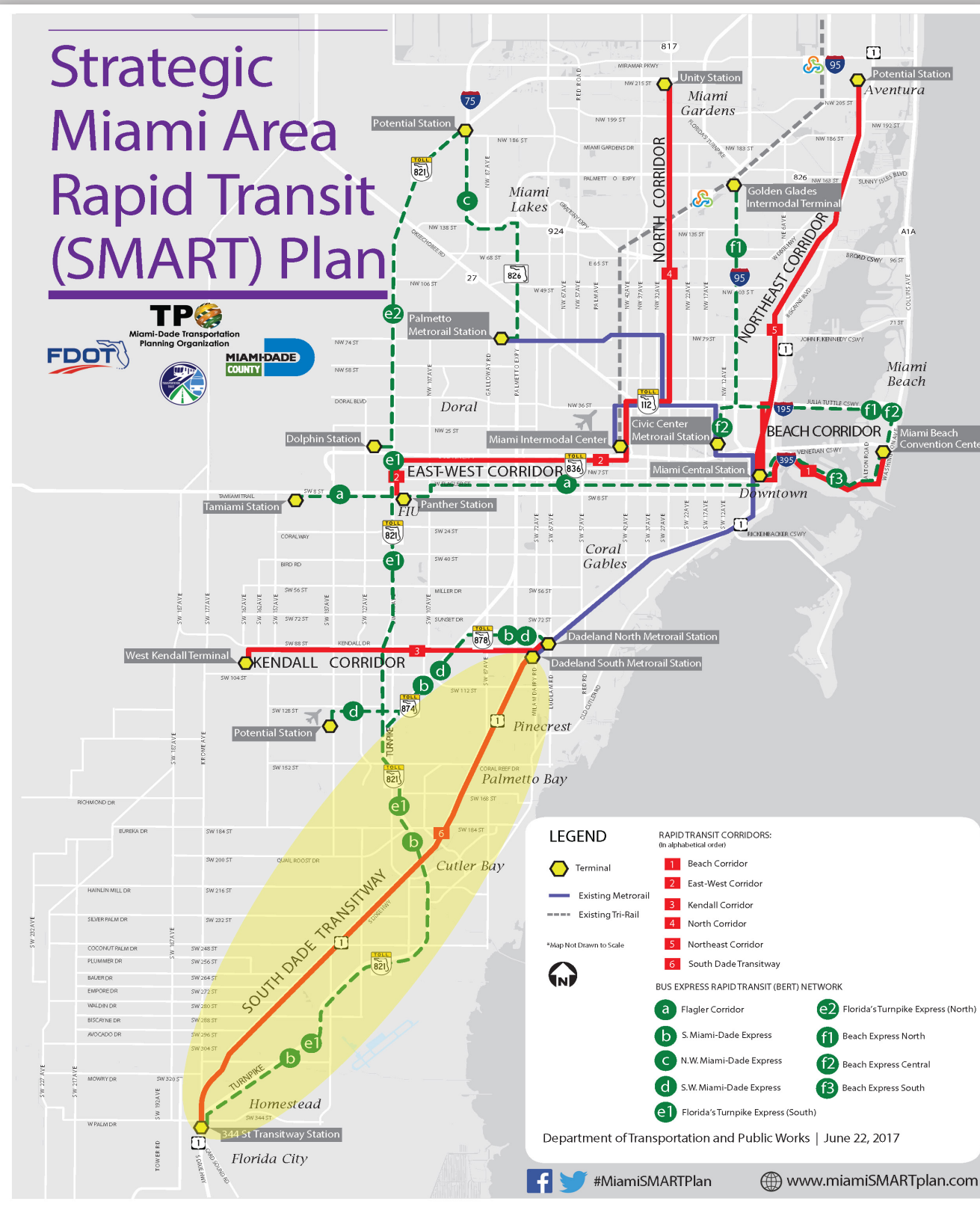
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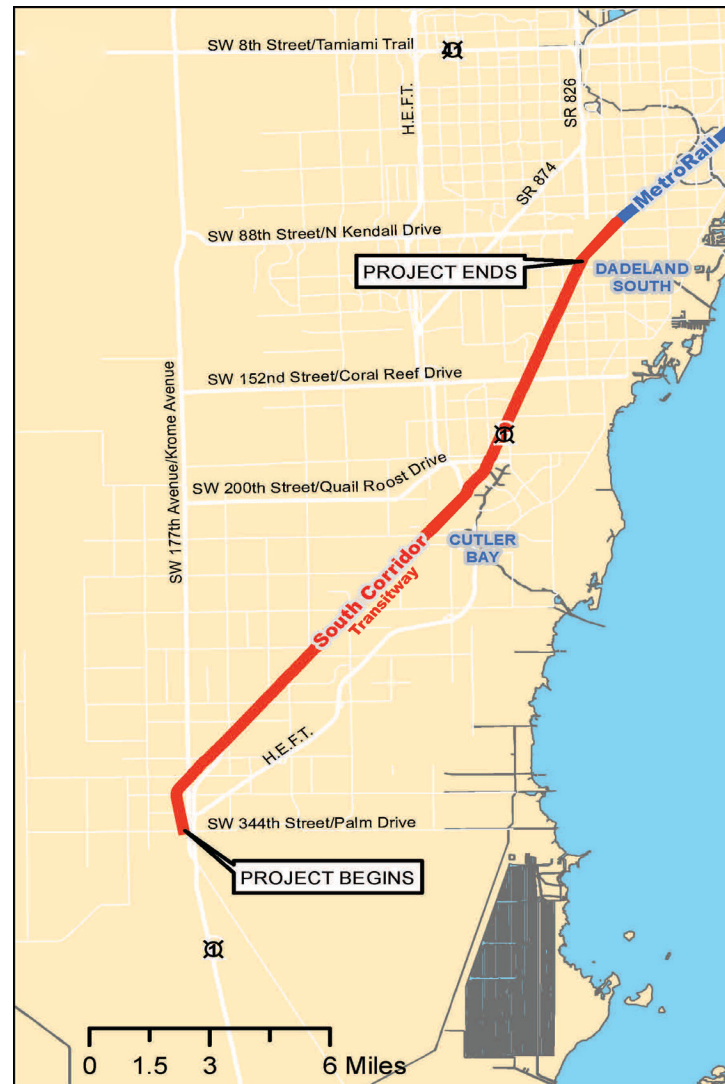
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Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan



SOUTH CORRIDOR RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT

SCHEDULE



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Miami-Dade County Department of Public Works (DTPW) has initiated this study in order to determine and document the feasibility of improving the existing South Dade Transitway (formerly known as busway). This Transitway currently operates as the only dedicated busway in Miami-Dade County. The study will look at upgrading transit services along this highly travelled corridor, improving safety and mobility, while being sensitive to the needs and concerns of the surrounding communities and preserving the character of the various cities and unincorporated County areas. This corridor is also critical in terms of hurricane evacuation and as a post-disaster recovery route. The study is part of an integrated effort involving engineering analysis and environmental evaluation, and this is one of the six rapid transit corridors identified in the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) plan adopted by the Miami-Dade County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) in April, 2016.

PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

The project extends from SW 344th Street on the south to the Dadeland South Metrorail station for a distance of approximately 20 miles. The approach to this project will be to thoroughly assess the safety, mobility and community needs of the corridor, develop alternatives to address those needs, and evaluate them according to regulatory agency requirements and community values. As part of this study and of the alternative selection process, a comprehensive public involvement program is being conducted. It consists of numerous informal and formal meetings with the general public as well as with governmental agencies, elected officials and other interested parties.

PROJECT STATUS/SCHEDULE

This study is in the planning and development stages. During this phase, the preliminary engineering as well as the preparation of all necessary environmental documentation required for state and potentially federal approval and subsequent funding is completed. An approximate 1-year timeframe is projected for this effort. This study is scheduled to be completed in March, 2018.

STUDY OBJECTIVE

This study will evaluate the implementation of a cost-effective, rapid transit system and infrastructure improvements along the Transitway as part of an overall interconnected rapid transit network. A focus on multimodal improvements to accommodate rapid transit service will be determined through an evaluation of transit options including mode, alignment, station locations and service frequency.

WHAT IS RAPID TRANSIT?

Characteristics of rapid transit include faster speeds, more frequent service, operating along an exclusive guideway and various passenger amenities at stations and in the vehicles. Examples of rapid transit modes include Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), Light Rail Transit (LRT) and Heavy Rail Transit (HRT/Metrorail).



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

As a member of this community, your involvement and input are vital to the success of this project. A comprehensive Public Involvement Plan is therefore a key component of this study. Public involvement will consist of formal and informal meetings with the general public, elected officials, and representatives of government agencies, municipalities, transportation providers, and other interested stakeholders throughout the duration of the study.

Kick-off
May 2017

Corridor
Workshops
Summer 2017

Alternatives
Workshops
Fall 2017

Locally
Preferred
Alternative
Spring 2018

