

Fact Sheet UNDERLINE PHASE 3 Project # No. CIP178-DTPW20-DB



Overview

The Underline is a transformative 10-mile linear park, urban trail, and living art destination beneath the Metrorail in Miami-Dade County. Phase 3 extends through Coral Gables, South Miami, and Dadeland, building upon earlier phases with a focus on safe multimodal transportation, ecological restoration, and community amenities.

Project Priorities

- **Safety:** Dedicated biking and walking paths, improved intersections, lighting, and safer crosswalks.
- **Nature:** Native vegetation inspired by South Florida ecosystems, ecological restoration, and rain gardens.
- **Community:** Spaces for fitness, art, culture, recreation, and social gathering.

Construction Phases

- Stage 1 (Underway)
 - Segment 3: SW 19th Ave. - SW 27th Ave. (City of Miami)
 - Segment 5: SW 38th Ave. - SW 42nd Ave. (Coral Gables)
 - Segment 9: SW 67th Ave. - Dadeland South Station
- Stage 2
 - Segments 4, 6, 7, 8 – to follow after Stage 1 completion.

Project Construction Cost

- Total project cost is \$109,495,380
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Build Grant \$25,000,000
- Other Funding \$28,025,083
- Mobility Impact Fees (Local Funds) \$56,648,404
- Funding Partners: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Florida Dept of Transportation (FDOT), Miami-Dade County Mobility Fees, City of Miami, City of Coral Gables, and the Knight Foundation

Safety During Construction

- MOT (Maintenance of Traffic) plans approved by FDOT/DTPW
- Tree protection, trimming, and relocation overseen by ISA-certified arborists
- Public notification for closures and detours distributed as needed.

Key Features in Phase 3

- 25 improved intersections for pedestrian and cyclist safety.
- Dedicated paths:
 - 10-foot two-way bike path with 5-foot planted buffer.
 - 8-foot pedestrian path with seating areas.
- 12 new community spaces, including:
 - Grove Gallery
 - The Underline Plaza
 - Bark Park
 - Butterfly Gardens
 - Play Forest, Fitness Room, Rock Ridge Plaza, Rain Gardens, Water Balcony, Skate Park (pending funding), Pineland Courts, and Stormwater Ponds.

Environmental Enhancements

- Tree canopy strategy:
 - 2,474 existing trees/palms assessed.
 - 68% to remain, 18% to be relocated, 13% to be removed.
 - 3,960 total trees/palms upon completion (62.5% increase).
- Planting strategy:
 - 47% canopy preservation.
 - 53% re-naturalization with native plantings.
- Micro-forests (Miyawaki method):
 - First in South Florida.
 - High biodiversity in compact areas.
 - Low maintenance, pollinator habitat, and community education.



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