

CINCINNATI STREETCAR

City of Cincinnati – Cincinnati, OH

The Cincinnati Streetcar project will construct 4.9 miles of single-tracked street-running rail segments connecting downtown Cincinnati to Findlay Market and the Over-the-Rhine Historic District. A storage yard and small service facility will be constructed for streetcar maintenance and ongoing systems operations. An additional 0.8 miles of track will be constructed to access the streetcar storage and maintenance facility. The project scope includes procurement of 7 modern streetcar vehicles, and will evaluate the use of a dual-mode propulsion system.



The first segment consists of five modern streetcars operating along a Downtown/OTR circulator route consisting of approximately 4.0 miles of single track traveling in one direction along a route extending from 2nd Street on the south to Henry Street on the north. The first segment will include 16 stops serviced at 10-minute peak and 20-minute off peak headways.

Future extensions will include a connection and circulator through Cincinnati’s Uptown area, the region’s second largest employment center and home to the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, and the Cincinnati Zoo.

The City is working in partnership with the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA), the region’s transit provider, through an Intergovernmental Agreement. The City will design, and own the system SORTA will operate the system once constructed.

PROJECT FUNDING

Urban Circulator Grant	\$ 24,990,000
TIGER III Grant	\$ 10,920,000
City Bond Financing	\$ 64,000,000
OKI CMAQ Grant	\$ 6,500,000
Private Contributions	\$ 4,000,000
TOTAL FUNDING	\$ 110,410,000

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Will transform the City’s urban core by connecting the Cincinnati Riverfront and Central Business District to two redeveloping neighborhoods: Over-the-Rhine, a low-income, minority community; and uptown, the region’s second largest employment center and home to the University of Cincinnati
- Riverfront loop will connect downtown with the \$600 million Banks Mixed-Use Development and 45-acre Central Riverfront Park.

PROJECT MILESTONE DATES

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Final Design	—————			
Construction		—————		
Vehicle Procurement		—————		
Revenue Service				2014



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