

UNION PASSENGER TERMINAL/LOYOLA AVENUE STREETCAR LOOP

New Orleans Regional Transit Authority – New Orleans, LA



The Union Passenger Terminal (UPT)/Loyola Avenue Streetcar Loop is a 0.8 route mile (1.6 track mile) double-tracked alignment operating between the New Orleans UPT and Canal Street, where a connection with the existing streetcar system will be made. The proposed alignment begins at the UPT, located at 1001 Loyola Avenue, south of Howard Avenue. The terminus of the line is located in the surface parking lot south of Bienville Plaza in an area that is proposed to be redeveloped as a transit (bus and streetcar) transfer facility.

From the parking lot, the proposed alignment enters the neutral ground of Loyola Avenue, where a transition is made between Howard Avenue and Julia Street to the two inside travel lanes of Loyola Avenue adjacent to neutral ground, median section. The trackway is in shared travel lanes in mixed traffic. A proposed single crossover will be located just north of Julia Street.

As part of this project, no additional streetcars will be procured. NORTA plans to provide the service with the existing fleet that is sufficient to meet present ridership demands.

NORTA is grantee for the project. NORTA will operate and maintain the system once constructed as part of the existing streetcar network.

PROJECT FUNDING

FTA TIGER I Grant	\$ 45,000, 000
Local Funding	\$ 4,358,507
TOTAL FUNDING	\$ 49,358,507

Project Highlights

- Provides mobility and connectivity, and increases transit options
- Expected to attract new investment along Loyola Avenue
- Encourages sustainable, pedestrian-oriented development and travel

Project Benefits

The UPT/Loyola Loop Streetcar increases the ability of the New Orleans central business district to attract development and redevelopment of under-utilized properties along Loyola Avenue and provides significantly improved transit options for residents of the area travel to and from the central business district.

PROJECT MILESTONE DATES				
	2010	2011	2012	2013
Final Design	—————			
Construction		—————		
Revenue Service			June	



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