

Coral Gables Trolley Expansion



Project Background

- CG Trolley was Launched in November 2003
- Initial Fleet of 5 Hybrid-Electric Vehicles
- Operates Mon. Thurs.: 6:30 AM 8:00 PM

Friday: 6:30 AM – 10:00 PM

• Free Fare



What is the Trolley's Purpose?

- Provide Non-Auto Mode of Transportation
- Relieve Local Traffic Congestion
- Lessen CBD Parking Demand
- Provide Transit Connection to Metrorail Station
- Create Pedestrian Friendly Environment

Existing Trolley Route

- Ponce de Leon Blvd from:
 Douglas Road Metrorail Station to SW 8 Street
- Highest Concentration of Employment and Commercial Activity
 - 5M sf of Office Space
 - Over 40,000 Employees
- Connection to Metrorail
- Major Shopping Areas

Ridership



Coral Gables Commissioner Bill Kerdyk, who was instrumental in bringing the trolley back to the city, presents a gift basket to Donna Fries, who was the 1,000,000th rider.

Coral Gables honors 1,000,000th tro

The city trolley system which has been one of the city's highwat success stories since it started two years ago, hit a landmark when it served its one millionth rider last week.

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1 millionth passenger boards, Gable trolley system to grow

1,800,000 Riders in 33 Months

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sculptures by

Spanish master Salvador Dali, 3

Averaging Over 4,300 Riders Per Day



Keys to Success

- Short Headways
- Free Fare
- "Torch Carrier"
- Density & Demand
- Lessons Learned from Miami Beach
- Customer Oriented System
- Half-Penny Sales Tax

Route Expansion Objective

- Assess Feasibility of Routes that Connect to:
 - 1. Flagler St. Corridor
 - 2. Macfarlane Homestead Historic District
 - 3. University of Miami
 - 4. Riviera Business District
- New Routes will Consider:
 - 1. Population Density
 - 2. Activity Centers
 - 3. Interconnection to other Transit Systems

Potential Route Expansions

- After Initial Screening & Evaluation, Routes
 Were Developed for Three Areas:
 - 1. Flagler Street
 - 2. University of Miami
 - 3. Riviera Business District

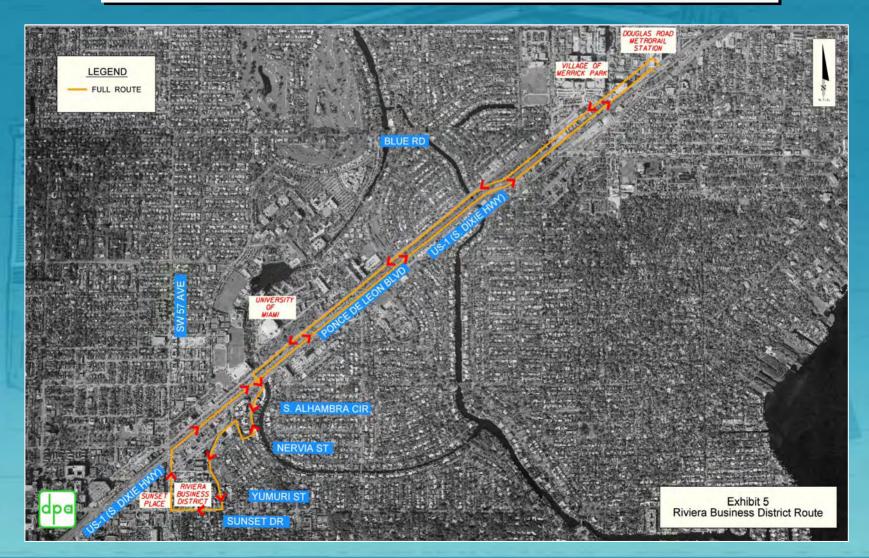
Flagler Street Route



University of Miami Route



Riviera Business District Route



Travel Time Runs

Completed Roundtrip Travel Time Runs for AM,
 Midday & PM Peak Periods

Flagler Street
University of Miami
Riviera Business District

7-9 Minutes

18-20 Minutes

26-34 Minutes

Hours of Operation & Headways

- Flagler Street Route:
 - Monday Thursday: 6:30 AM 8:00 PM
 - Friday: 6:30 AM 10:00 PM
 - Headways: 8 minutes
- Riviera Business District:
 - Monday Thursday: 10:00 AM 8:00 PM
 - Headways: 15 20 minutes

Additional Vehicle Requirements

- Flagler Street Route:
 - City Procuring 3 New Vehicles for Existing Service
 - One (1) Additional Vehicle Needed
- Riviera Business District:
 - Two (2) Additional Vehicles Needed

Additional Staffing Requirements

- Four (4) Full-Time Drivers & One (1) Part-Time Driver
- One (1) Mechanic & One (1) Cleaner

Ridership Estimates

- Used the 2005 MDC Transportation Model
- Considered Population & Employment Within ¼ Mile of Each Route and Ridership on MDT Routes
- Determined "Potential" Riders for Each Route
- Estimated 1% to 3% Would Use Trolley

Ridership Estimates

Flagler Street Route:

• 10,000 to 30,000 Annual Boardings

Riviera Business District Route:

• 40,000 to 60,000 Annual Boardings

Cost Estimates

Expenditure	Flagler Street Route	Riviera Business	Total for Both Routes
Capital Cost ¹	\$324,000	\$660,000	\$984,000
Annual Operating Cost	\$125,000	\$190,000	\$315,000
Annual Mechanic/Cleaner Cost	\$104,000		\$140,000
Annual Parts/Maintenance Cost	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$90,000

¹ Capital cost includes vehicle procurement and trolley signs.

For Both Routes:

- Capital Costs: \$1M-\$1.2M
- Annual Maintenance & Operation: \$500k-\$600k

² Mechanic and cleaner costs is based on total personal needed for the addition of 3 vehicles to the City's fleet.

Conclusions & Recommendations

- The Flagler St. Route can be Implemented When City Procures Three (3) New Vehicles
- Implementing the Riviera Business District Route will Require Additional Funding Sources
- Coordination Needed With City of South Miami's Trolley Study



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