

# GRTC BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT

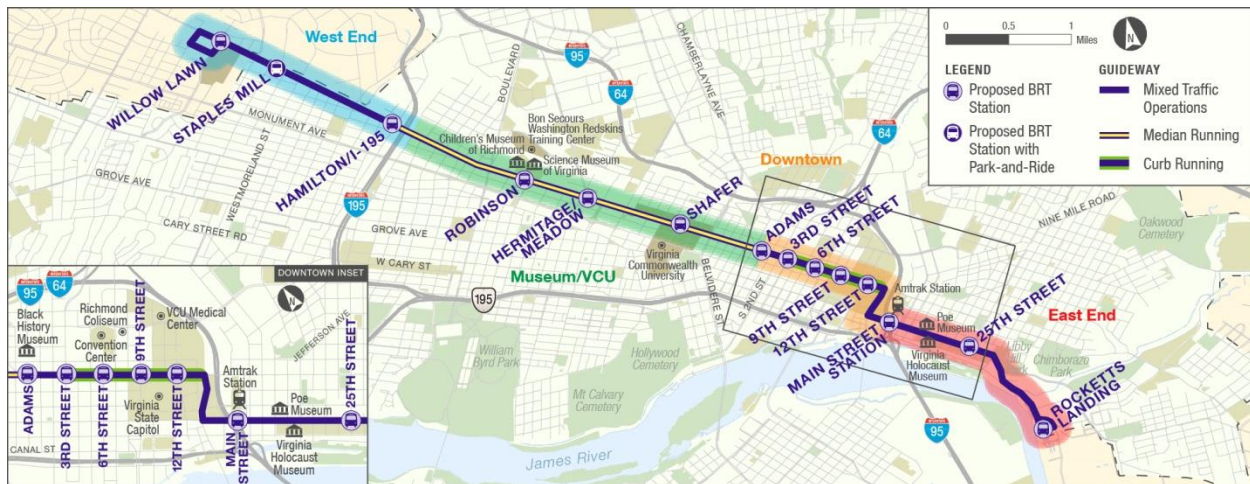
## What is BRT?

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is a high quality, high capacity rapid transit system that offers many of the advantages of rail transit, but at a lower and more affordable cost. Instead of trains and tracks, BRT invests in improved vehicles, stations, operations, roadways, intersections and traffic signals to speed up bus transit service.

The Broad Street Rapid Transit Study was completed in Spring 2014. With the endorsement and assistance of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the City of Richmond and Henrico County, GRTC applied for a TIGER (*Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery*) grant from the U. S. Dept. of Transportation (DOT). On September 13, 2014, DOT Secretary Anthony Foxx awarded GRTC a TIGER grant in the amount of \$24.9M. Matching funds from the Commonwealth of Virginia, the City of Richmond and Henrico County will help meet the BRT Project cost.

## Project Timeline

10/14 thru 07/15	08/15 thru 04/16	04/16 thru 08/17	8/17 thru 10/17	October 2017
Preliminary Engineering Phase I	Semi-Final Design Phase II	Final Design and Construction Phase III	Test and Accept	Begin Operations



BRT travel time from Downtown to Willow Lawn will be 14 minutes shorter than the regular local bus.

## Project Summary

- Route length: 7.6 miles
- Vehicles: Dedicated BRT vehicles
- Dedicated bus lanes: Thompson Street to Adams Street (median lanes) and Fourth Street to Fourteenth Street (curb lanes widened)
- Number of stations: 14 stations (5 center, 4 consolidated, 6 curbside)
- Frequency: 10 minutes (peak) and 15 minutes (off-peak)
- Hours of operation: Weekdays 5:30am - 11:30pm. Weekends 6:00 am - 11:30 pm
- Proposed fare: Same as local bus fare (currently \$1.50)
- Improved performance: 65% increase in bus speed
- Estimated ridership: more than 3,000 daily boardings with 500 new daily riders
- Estimated cost: \$53.8 million capital and \$2.7 million annual operating

## How Can You Stay Informed?

To stay involved and informed about the progress of the GRTC Bus Rapid Transit Project visit the study website and submit your contact information on the Keep Me Informed page <http://www.ridegrtc.com/brt/keep-me-informed/>.

If your neighborhood association, civic group, professional organization, church, school or business wants to learn more, speakers are available at no charge. Presentations range from relatively short ones which could be incorporated into a regular business meeting or a full program built around the BRT theme. Send your request to [brt@ridegrtc.com](mailto:brt@ridegrtc.com).