



Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit *Request Entry into Project Development*

Legislative, TRAC, and Planning Committees

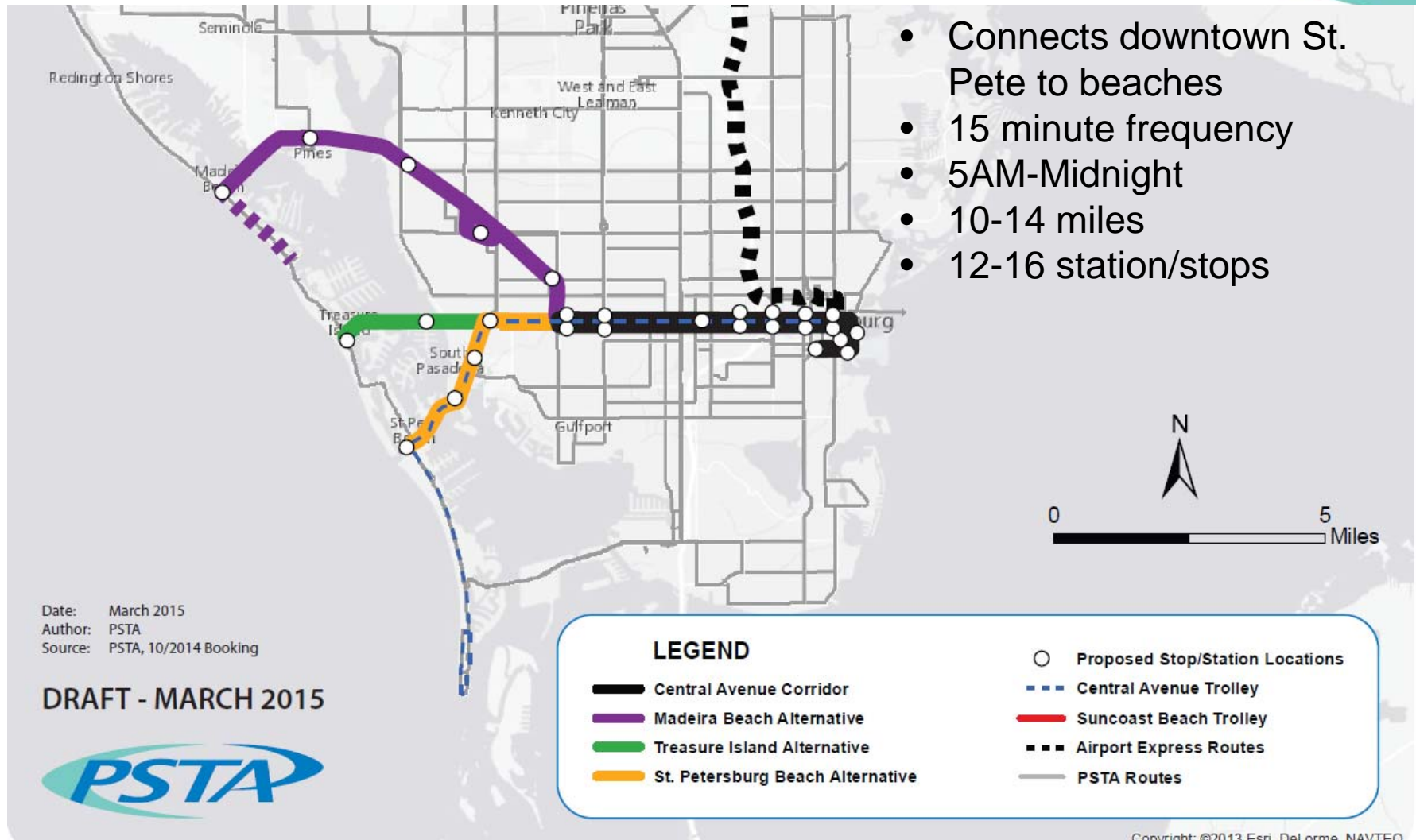
November 17 and 18, 2015

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)
St. Petersburg, Florida

Project History of Plans

- Pinellas Major Investment Study - 2000
- Pinellas Mobility Initiative – 2003
- Downtown St. Petersburg East-West Transit System Study – 2003
- Central Avenue Corridor Alternatives Analysis – 2007
- Countywide BRT Plan – 2009
- TBARTA Master Plan – 2009
- Pinellas Alternatives Analysis (AA) Bus Network – 2012
- Community Bus Plan – 2013 (#1 of 6 BRT/Rapid Projects)
- 2035 and 2040 Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTPs)

CABRT Corridor and Alternatives



- Connects downtown St. Pete to beaches
- 15 minute frequency
- 5AM-Midnight
- 10-14 miles
- 12-16 station/stops

Date: March 2015
 Author: PSTA
 Source: PSTA, 10/2014 Booking

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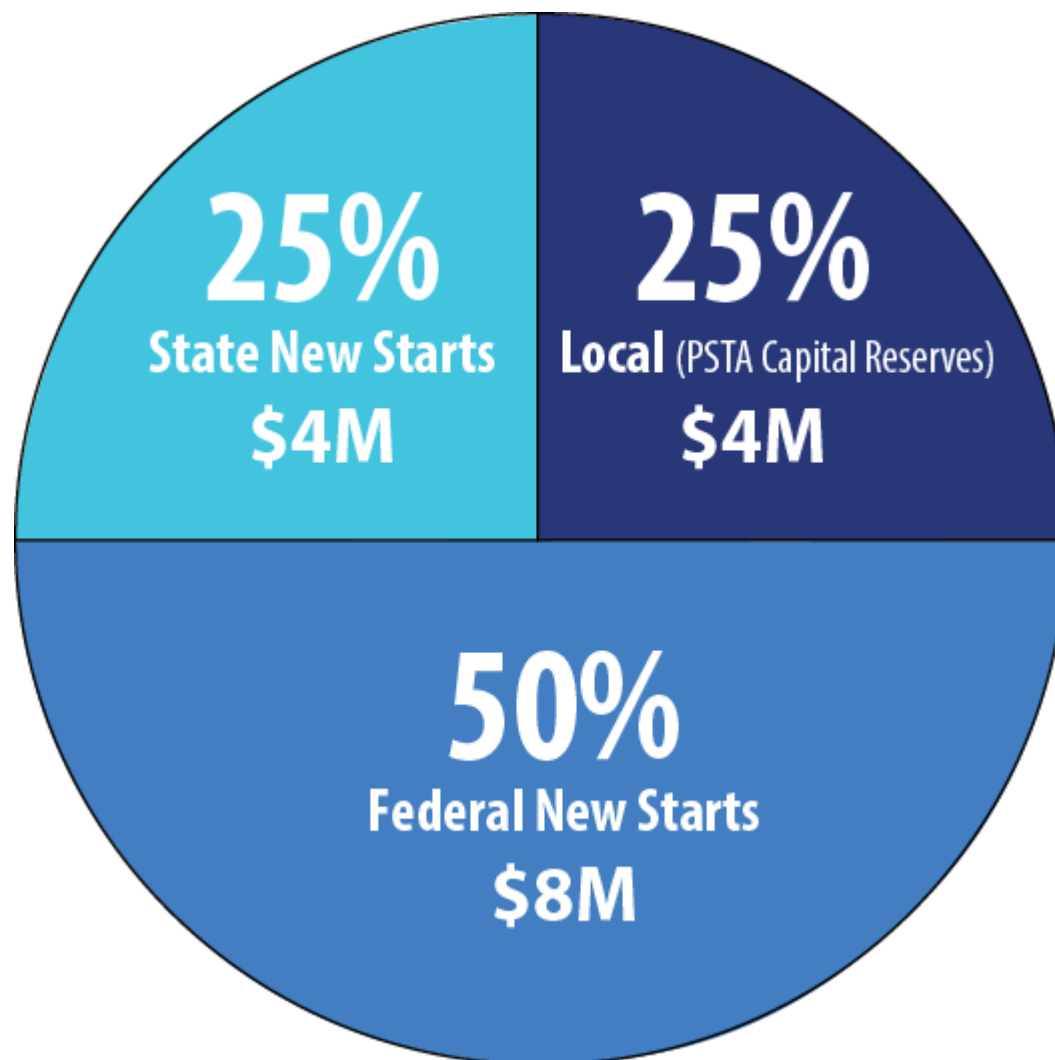
Current Status

- PSTA Path Forward
 - #1 Priority of Incremental Expansion
- PSTA 2016 Legislative Agenda
- PSTA FY16 Budget
 - Capital funding local match (\$4M)
- Coordination with City of St. Petersburg
- Request for MPO Amendment to LRTP
- Request to FDOT for additional funding
 - Submitted request for assistance with environmental clearance and design engineering
 - Service Development grant was #1 regional project in R/TIEs

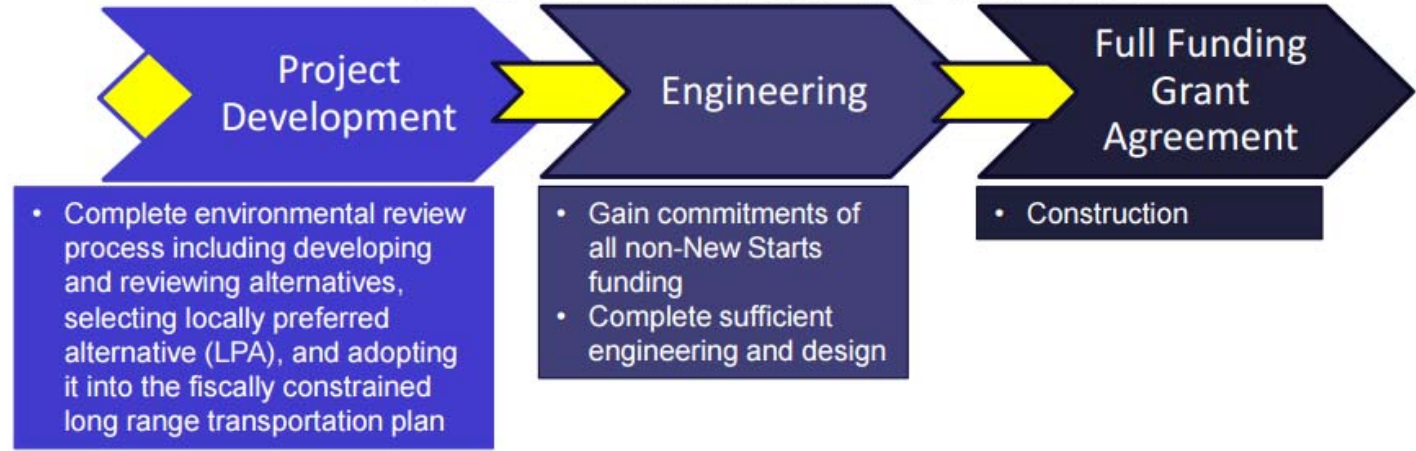
SUPPORTED BY:

- City of St. Petersburg
- Pinellas County
- St. Pete Chamber
- Central Avenue Council
- Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber
- Tampa Bay Rays

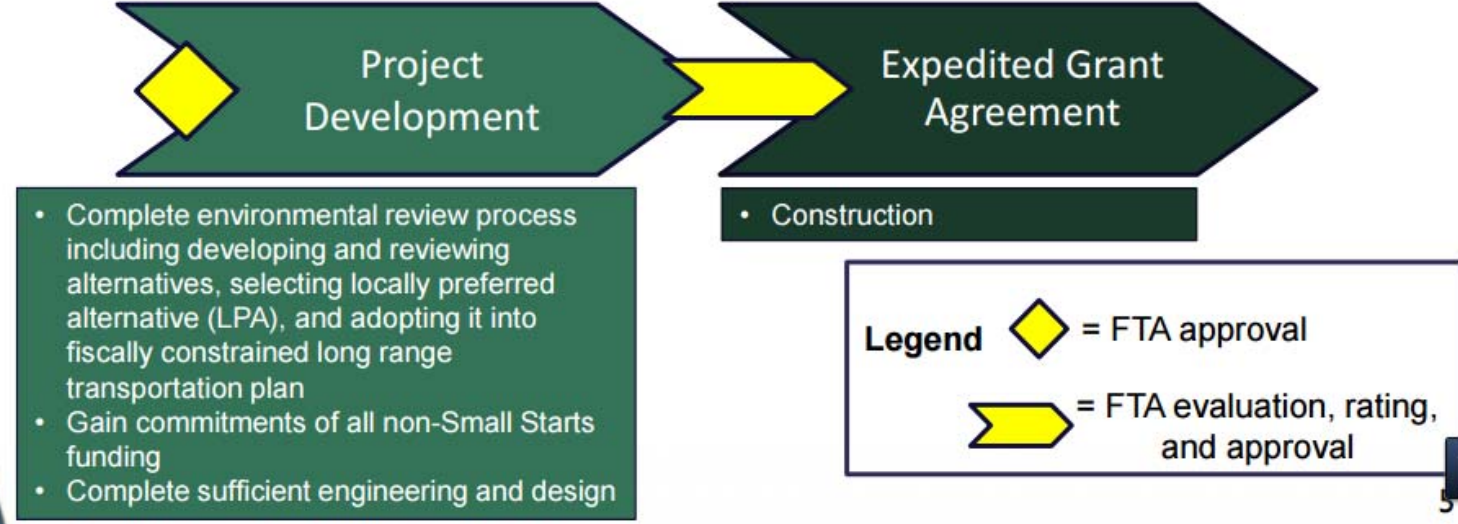
Proposed Capital Funding



New Starts Process



Small Starts Process



Legend = FTA approval
 = FTA evaluation, rating, and approval

Proposed Schedule

September 2015 – Confirmed Project as #1 PSTA Priority

- Adopted as Legislative Priority
- Local Capital Funding committed in FY16 PSTA Budget

Late 2015 – Prepare Elements for Application to FTA Small Starts Project Development (SSPD)

- Receive Letters of Support from City and Local Organizations
- Obtain Commitment from FDOT for Small Starts Project Development
- Document support from MPO and intent to include in Fiscally Constrained LRTP
- Obtain Letter of Intent from City of St. Petersburg for Dedication of Lanes for BRT

Proposed Schedule

Early 2016 – Apply to FTA for Entry into FTA’s Capital Investment Grant/Small Starts Project Development

- Consider Early Scoping to aid NEPA Class of Action Determination
- Amend the MPO LRTP and TIP/STIP as needed

Spring 2016 – Receive FTA Concurrence to Begin SSPD

- NEPA and Design – including impact analysis
- Define project elements (vehicles, stops, branding)
- Travel demand modeling (STOPS model)
- Revise Capital and Operating/Maintenance Cost Estimates
- Secure consultant technical assistance
- PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT/ AGENCY COORDINATION

Proposed Schedule

Late 2016/Early 2017 – Anticipated Completion of SSPD

- Submit Project Evaluation and Rating Report to FTA
- Request to FTA for Inclusion in Federal Budget

2018/19 – Anticipated Receipt of Small Starts Construction Grant Agreement

2019/20 – Construction of Station Shelters, Order Buses

2020/21 - Anticipated Start of Revenue Service

