

FTA Adding MTA's Metro Rapid Project to Nationwide Bus Rapid Transit Consortium

(July 28) The Federal Transit Administration is adding the MTA's Metro Rapid system to its nationwide consortium of Bus Rapid Transit systems.

The FTA previously included 10 Bus Rapid Transit systems in the consortium. The MTA's Metro Rapid project will become the 11th to be added to the group, even though it is the only one without a dedicated right-of-way for its buses.

"The FTA is adding Metro Rapid to the consortium because we've been able to achieve our passenger service objectives without the dedicated rights-of-way that the other systems have," says Rex Gephart, Metro Rapid project manager.

MTA joining consortium

Current consortium members are Boston, Cleveland, Honolulu, Miami, Santa Clara, Hartford, Charlotte, N.C.; Eugene, Ore.; San Juan, P.R.; and the Dulles Corridor in Virginia. The MTA will join this group from its present status as a "participating project."

Participating projects are located in Chicago, Pittsburgh, Albany, N.Y.; Montgomery County, Md.; and in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, Calif.

The MTA's Metro Rapid system, with a full program description, photos and illustrations, is featured on the FTA's Internet web site at brt.volpe.dot.gov/projects/losangeles.html

MTA Transit Operations continues to tweak the Metro Rapid system to improve service, but also is adding 10 more buses to the lineup to serve the expanding ridership, Gephart says.

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