

**FACT SHEET**  
**MIAMI INTERMODAL CENTER (MIC) – EARLINGTON HEIGHTS CONNECTOR PROJECT**  
**MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) – Earlington Heights Connector is a 2.4-mile elevated Metrorail extension from the existing Earlington Heights Station to the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) next to Miami International Airport (MIA). This Miami-Dade Transit project includes a multilevel station at the MIC featuring landscaping, an entry plaza and other passenger amenities.

The MIC is a giant centralized transportation hub being developed by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) that will provide seamless access to all modes of transportation, including Metrobus, Metrorail, Tri-Rail, Amtrak, Greyhound, tour buses, taxi cabs and rental cars. An automated people mover will connect the MIC to the airport.

The MIC-Earlington Heights Connector will provide residents and visitors with direct Metrorail access to MIA. With this project, Miami-Dade County joins the ranks of major metropolitan areas around the world with rapid transit connections to their airports.

**PROJECT BOUNDARIES**

The MIC-Earlington Heights Connector will run west from the existing Earlington Heights Station over NW 27 Ave. parallel to State Road (SR) 112, turning south just west of NW 37 Ave., crossing the Miami River just east of the South Florida Rail Corridor Bridge and continuing south until it terminates at an elevated multilevel station just east of the MIC's rental car facility.

**PROJECT BENEFITS**

- Improves regional transit connectivity, offering greater access and convenience to more riders.
- Provides Metrorail connection to MIA reducing vehicular travel on the highway system accessing the airport.
- Provides access to employment opportunities at MIA, one of Miami-Dade County's largest employment center and an economic powerhouse for the region.

**SCOPE OF WORK**

- Construction of the Metrorail extension, the MIC-Earlington Heights Connector for Miami-Dade Transit, together with access roadways, a bus terminal complex, and a pedestrian connection at the MIC.
- Construction of the Metrorail guideway as it will connect from the MIC to the existing Earlington Heights Station.

## **COST AND FUNDING**

The estimated total cost of the MIC-Earlington Heights Connector is \$526 million. Funding for the project includes \$426 million from the People's Transportation Plan (PTP), known as the half-cent sales tax, and \$100 million from FDOT.

## **PROJECT STATUS**

Miami -Dade Transit completed the preparation of construction documents and contractor selection process. The groundbreaking for construction took place on May 1, 2009. The estimated construction duration is three years.

## **CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE**

Construction Commencement Date	April 30, 2009
Construction Completion and Revenue Service Date	April 30, 2012

## **POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO THE PUBLIC DURING CONSTRUCTION**

- Construction disturbances – visual, noise and dust impacts
- Temporary lane closures during off-peak hours
- Intermittent sidewalk closures and detours for pedestrians
- Temporary Metrorail service interruptions

**Access to area businesses and residences will be maintained at all times.**

## **COMMUNITY AWARENESS**

Miami-Dade Transit values the community it serves. It has designated a Public Information Officer to be the point-of-contact and keep the public informed during each phase of construction, as well as provide assistance to impacted businesses and property owners.

If you have any questions or comments about this project, please contact:

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