

Miami Central Station Fact Sheet

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The Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) will provide **connectivity** where none existed, between the transportation systems in the Palm Beaches, Fort Lauderdale, Miami and the Florida Keys, for residents and visitors. It will also **decongest** the roadways in and around the busy airport. The MIC will be similar to New York's Grand Central Station and other multimodal facilities that can be found in many world-class cities, offering easy connections to several forms of transportation.

The **Miami Central Station (MCS)** is the major component of the MIC Program that will serve as Miami-Dade County's first all-inclusive ground transportation hub. It is being designed to accommodate all transportation modes, hence providing *intermodal* connectivity between transportation options. The MCS will feature an enhanced Tri-Rail station, connections to the RCC, MIA Mover, Metrorail (upon completion of the MIC-Earlington Heights Extension Project) and Amtrak. East of the tracks will be a public parking area connected to the facility by a central walkway. This public space will be a gateway to the MCS around which bus depots will be located for Greyhound, Miami-Dade Metrobus, taxis, courtesy buses and shuttles currently serving MIA.

1. MCS Benefits

- Ground transportation hub for Miami-Dade County and the South Florida region
- Will provide *intermodal* connectivity where none existed
- Choices for travelers via various modes of transportation

2. MCS Description

The MCS will provide transportation choices at a safe, centralized location. It will be a main transfer point between the rail and bus systems available for resident commuters and visitors to the South Florida region. A public transit network will be created in which transit times may be reduced and users may require fewer transfers between West Palm Beach and Homestead. Covering 16.5 acres, these transportation connections will be available at the MCS:

- Rail hub
 - Amtrak
 - Tri-Rail
 - Metrorail
- Bus depot
 - Greyhound
 - Miami-Dade Transit
 - Courtesy shuttle services
- Taxis, private vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians



The MIC Program has also taken into account Miami-Dade County's Bicycle and Pedestrian Program. Throughout the MCS facility provisions for bicyclists, as well as pedestrians, will allow them to safely move about and make their transportation connections.

MCS Boundaries:

Located east of the Rental Car Center (RCC), the MCS is bounded by NW 25 Street on the north, NW 37 Avenue on the east, NW 21 Street on the south and NW 38 Court on the west.

3. Finance

The MIC Program is financially balanced each year under the Florida Department of Transportation’s (FDOT) Five-Year Work Program. Having been designated by the federal government as a Project of National Significance, and now a Major Project due to its \$1.7 billion price tag, the MIC Program was eligible to apply for and receive two loans under the Transportation Infrastructure Financing Innovation Act (TIFIA), which was included in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA21). Other major funding sources include various state and local sources, and private sector fees and charges.

The first TIFIA loan for \$269 million closed on June 9, 2000. Of the \$269 million, only \$15 million was withdrawn since FDOT replaced it with a more competitive internal loan through the State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF). On July 3, 2006, FDOT prepaid the first loan in the amount of \$17.1 million including interest, 24 years ahead of the originally scheduled maturity date. The second TIFIA loan for \$270 million closed on April 29, 2007.



4. Cost and Funding

The estimated cost of the MCS is \$100 million. It is proposed to be funded by FDOT state transportation funds, federal Surface Transportation funds, a federal grant and private sector fees and charges.

5. Construction Schedule

Project Component	Estimated Date of Commencement	Estimated Date of Completion
1. West Concourse	May 15, 2009	April 30, 2012
2. East Concourse	October 2010	December 2012



Ground Transportation Center



Pedestrian Concourse

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