



## Metrorail Extension Fact Sheet

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The Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) will provide **connectivity** where none existed, between the transportation systems in Palm Beach County, Fort Lauderdale, Miami and the Florida Keys, for residents and visitors. It is already **decongesting** the roadways in and around the busy airport. When completed, 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.



Miami-Dade Transit's (MDT) 2.4-mile extension of the Metrorail system from the existing Earlington Heights station at NW 22 Avenue and NW 41 Street to the MIC, began service on July 28, 2012. The MIC is a central transfer point to Metrorail and Metrobus, and will also house Tri-Rail, Amtrak, Greyhound, tour buses and taxi cabs once the Miami Central Station opens in early 2014. Passengers arriving at Miami International Airport (MIA) wanting to go downtown can simply ride the MIA Mover to the MIC, transfer to the Metrorail and ride comfortably to Government Center Station, where they can connect to the Metromover, which takes them to all points in Miami's central business district.

### Construction Schedule

Commencement Date	May 1, 2009
Completion Date/Grand Opening	July 28, 2012

### Metrorail Expansion Benefits

- Improves regional transit connectivity, offering greater access and convenience to more riders
- Brings Metrorail service to the airport via the Miami Central Station, thereby reducing the number of vehicles traveling to the airport as well as on major area highways
- Provides access to employment opportunities at MIA, the county's main economic engine and top employer
- Greatly enhances the economic viability of the MIC area

### Cost and Funding

The total cost of the MDT's new station was \$506 million. Funding for the project included \$404.7 million from the People's Transportation Plan, known as the half-penny sales surtax, and \$101.3 million from the Florida Department of Transportation.

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