

Downtown Transit Signal Priority: Project Fact Sheet

Project NRTA-C-0127 | Procurement | Downtown Ridgeview, bounded by Ridge Parkway, 12th Avenue, Lake Street, and Mill Street

Purpose

Reduce bus delay at downtown signals, the largest single source of lost running time on the region's busiest routes, while upgrading aging signal equipment and adding accessible pedestrian signals.

Buses in downtown Ridgeview spend an average of 18 percent of their running time stopped at traffic signals. Transit signal priority allows an approaching bus that is behind schedule to request a brief green extension or early green, without interrupting pedestrian crossing time.

Scope

- Replacement of signal controllers and cabinets at 41 intersections
- Installation of transit signal priority detection for Ridge Transit Routes 1, 6, 9, and 17
- Accessible pedestrian signals with locator tones at all project intersections
- Fiber communications linking signals to the City of Ridgeview Traffic Management Center

The Board awarded the construction contract to Meridian Signal Systems, Inc. on September 10, 2026. Notice to proceed is expected in November 2026, pending execution of the contract and submittal of bonds and insurance.

Schedule

- Preferred alternative approved: December 2024
- 100 percent design: June 2026
- Construction contract awarded: September 2026
- Notice to proceed: November 2026
- Construction and system testing: 2027

Funding

- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ): \$7,200,000
- Ridge Transit Capital Reserve: \$1,100,000
- Regional Transportation Improvement Fund: \$1,100,000

Total estimated cost: \$9,400,000

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