

MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER

IT IS OUR MISSION

to responsibly deliver, enhance and maintain vital infrastructure and services for the good of our community.

The new Multi-modal Transportation Center (MMTC) will provide a more efficient, safer, and inclusive public transportation system in Lincoln.

Since 2004, Lincoln has envisioned a multi-modal transportation center to bring transit riders, bicyclists, pedestrians, and others together for an easier, safer and more inclusive way to travel the city that moves us towards our sustainability goals. **Now is the time to bring this vision to life!**



View of MMTC from the preferred location near 10th & H streets looking southwest

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HISTORY

The concept of a MMTC was first explored in 2004 as part of a City Multi-Modal Transportation Study. The need for an improved MMTC was confirmed through a variety of community engagement efforts and strategic plans. In 2020, an in-depth feasibility study helped identify a preferred location for the center located on the south side of the County-City Building at 555 South 10th Street. This area is currently a surface parking lot for City and County employees.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Today, the bus transfer center located near 11th and N streets offers limited amenities for riders that a new MMTC facility will be able to provide.

- The current location has limited room to only accommodate six buses at a time, which is less than half of the buses in service at any given time. This means **longer waiting times for passengers**, sometimes making them late for work, school or appointments.
- The **ability to expand this location is limited** because of the lack of space available.
- This location also **lacks important features** like proper shelters, restrooms, and indoor waiting areas.
- **Access to other transportation options are limited**, like bicycle share programs, scooter rentals, Uber/Lyft, or a future regional/intercity bus service.
- Office space for StarTran administration at a separate location means **inefficiencies in bus management, ticket sales, customer service, and decreases the number of staff available** to provide safety and other assistance to passengers.

Over the last 20 years, numerous studies and public outreach efforts have consistently emphasized the significance of a multi-modal transportation center to community members, shaping our current project.

- 2004 Multi-Modal Study
- 2007 Transit Development Plan
- 2016 Transit Development Plan
- 2018 Downtown Master Plan
- 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (completed in 2020)
- 2020 Feasibility Study
- 2020-2022 RAISE Grant
- 2023 Design Charrette

Future community conversations will continue to shape the design of the MMTC.

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THE NEW MMTC FACILITY

The new MMTC is a two-level building with essential features for both the public and StarTran administration. Inside the first level will be a climate-controlled waiting area, restrooms, security and ticket sales. The second level will house StarTran's administrative office. Outside of the building will be 18 bus bays, protected passenger boarding, lighted areas, covered walkways, and wayfinding signage.

BENEFITS OF THE NEW MMTC

StarTran, in collaboration with the community, has pinpointed essential amenities desired by riders for incorporation into the project. These amenities include:

- Comfortable indoor and outdoor waiting areas
- Indoor restrooms
- Covered walkways
- Area lighting
- Passenger safety improvements
- Convenient transfer between all routes from the same location at the same time
- Access for multiple modes of transportation like buses, bikes, scooters, pedestrians, and others
- Improved access to essential services
- Centralized and more efficient StarTran operations
- Economic growth opportunities in downtown and South Haymarket areas
- Alignment of social equity goals by spending funds within an Area of Persistent Poverty

PREFERRED MMTC SITE LOCATION

The preferred MMTC is located between 9th and 10th streets and between H and G streets, currently serving as a surface parking lot. The location's closeness to City Hall and the Police Department increases safety and provides easier access to government resources, making it an ideal hub to combine multi-modal transportation and government services.



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PROJECT COSTS & FUNDING

The total estimated cost of the project is approximately \$33 million. Funding is provided by a \$23.6 million federal grant and other local funds.

PROJECT SCHEDULE & NEXT STEPS

MMTC Feasibility & Concept Design Study	2020
Secure Funding for Design & Construction	2021-2022
Initial Design & Planning	Mid 2023
Study of Environmental Resources & Public Outreach	Early - Mid 2024
Final Design	Mid - Late 2024
Anticipated Construction	2025-2027

The next step in the MMTC project involves completion of an initial design and an environmental review. Once these phases are completed, the project will be submitted to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for review. Upon approval from the FTA, the project team will move forward to complete the design and aim to begin construction in 2025.

The MMTC represents an extremely important step toward a more efficient, safe, sustainable, and inclusive public transportation system. By addressing current challenges and creating a centralized, accessible hub, the MMTC will improve urban mobility, foster economic development, and enhance the quality of life for our entire community.

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