

<p><b>1. What does “TOD” mean?</b></p>
<p>The success of transit systems in rural, urban and suburban neighborhoods is critical to the economic health and sustainable growth of America’s communities. Transit systems should address the needs of everyone and help people get to jobs, school, healthcare and visit friends and family. Transit Oriented Development (TOD) is where those two areas intersect to create real change. Dense, walkable, mixed-use development near transit attracts people and adds to vibrant, connected communities. Public transportation can help foster partnerships in communities that supports development.</p>
<p><b>2. What is the difference between commuter rail and Amtrak rail service?</b></p>
<p>The difference is you take a commuter rail train to get to a city from an outlying suburb. You take Amtrak to get from one city to another across the country.</p>
<p><b>3. How is this TOD Study funded?</b></p>
<p>80% Federal Grant 20% JTA</p>
<p><b>4. Why is the JTA conducting this study versus the Florida Department of Transportation?</b></p>
<p>As part of JTA’s TOD program, JTA has applied for and has been awarded three TOD planning grants from the Federal Transit Administration. This study is the third of the three grants. The study is very specific to TOD and is not a commuter rail study.</p>
<p><b>5. Why is rail being considered? Hasn’t it been studied before?</b></p>
<p>While rail has been studied in the past, there is more of a need for it now than ever before. The I-95 corridor between Jacksonville and St. Augustine is scheduled to be under construction for many years. That construction will cause backups on I-95. Commuters will begin to use US1 as an alternative to avoid the backups and that will cause congestion on US1. Commuter rail provides a solution to alleviate the traffic on both I-95 and US1. Residential development is also booming between Jacksonville and St. Augustine. As that trend continues, more and more cars are being added to the roads. Commuter rail provides an alternative to avoid the traffic with a relaxing stress free commute between the two cities.</p>
<p><b>6. How many rail stations are being considered between St. Augustine and Jacksonville?</b></p>
<p>The grant requires this study to identify four stations for Phase I of the project.</p>
<p><b>7. If our community wants to propose a station - what do we do to be sure our suggestion is considered?</b></p>
<p>Attend the public workshops and discuss your ideas with the facilitators of the workshops. You may also send your suggestions to <a href="mailto:firstcoastrail@PublicInput.com">firstcoastrail@PublicInput.com</a></p>

<p><b>8. What kinds of “development” are being considered at the stations in St. Augustine?</b></p>
<p>The developments around the stations would be mixed use developments, meaning there would be both housing and retail in walkable distance from the stations.</p>
<p><b>9. Brightline is expanding rail service to Orlando. Does Brightline have plans to extend passenger rail service in Northeast Florida?</b></p>
<p>Brightline’s future plans for the area are unknown at this time.</p>
<p><b>10. How often will this commuter rail service operate during the day? Or night?</b></p>
<p>There will be additional studies performed, outside of this study, to determine what makes sense from an operational standpoint.</p>
<p><b>11. How much will cost to take a trip from Jacksonville to St. Augustine? Can it be a day trip?</b></p>
<p>The exact cost and different trip options will be determined through additional studies.</p>
<p><b>12. Who will ride this service?</b></p>
<p>Anyone may ride the service. While the majority of riders are anticipated to be people who commute between Jacksonville and St. Augustine for work, the service would also provide connectivity to family, friends, shopping, healthcare, restaurants, the Nights of Lights, sporting events, concerts, etc.</p>
<p><b>13. Will there be additional community meetings for this project?</b></p>
<p>Yes.</p>
<p><b>14. How will the final decision be made concerning a proposed station location?</b></p>
<p>This study will identify the best options for the stations based upon existing conditions, market analysis, availability of property, etc.</p>
<p><b>15. Do we get to vote on the proposed station locations?</b></p>
<p>While there is no vote per say, the public workshops are designed to make sure that your voice is heard. The forum provides opportunities for the public to discuss their thoughts on why they believe a station location is or is not a good idea.</p>
<p><b>16. Can I put my name on a list for notification of future meetings and other project information?</b></p>
<p>Yes.</p>