The Underline
10-mile Linear Park
Urban Trail
Public Art & Programs

This project is built, maintained and programmed with the generosity of public and private contributions.

The Underline, together

theunderline.org
The Underline will become one of Miami’s most visible and beloved assets, a destination for millions of residents and visitors annually.

With its sheer scale of 120 acres, it is Miami’s most ambitious public space project and will change the way our city moves, connects and plays.

The Underline is more than a space; it’s a place built for future generations where community, resiliency and joy intersect.
The Underline

Typical Trail

Our Mission

To deliver and activate a 120-acre, world-class linear park spanning 10-miles below Miami’s Metrorail that will transform regional mobility and celebrate diversity, culture and lifelong learning. Through innovative urban trails and creative programming, we are connecting people to their environment and each other to create a safe, healthy, equitable, and sustainable community.

Core Values

Diversity and Inclusivity
Innovation
Health & Wellness
Sustainability
Safety and Mobility
Connectivity
Fun
We are building

Schedule

Phase 1
½ mile in the Brickell, Miami neighborhood, opens September 2020

Phase 2
2.25 miles in historic Miami and Coconut Grove neighborhoods, opens September 2022

Phase 3
7 miles in Miami, Coral Gables and South Miami, opens December 2025
Costs & Funding

How is it Funded?
Construction for this public private project is being funded with federal, state, local and private contributions. Operations for the facility will be led by the Underline Management Organization, which will be supported with public and private funds.

Funding progress
We have secured $110 million for total construction, programming and maintenance. Help us secure an additional $45 million to complete our construction and operating goal of $155 million.

Projected Maintenance & Programming Costs
$1–$4.5 million annually (must be raised privately annually)

Projected Public Art Costs
$5 million ($700,000 committed)
Investment

Health & Wellness
As the community’s Health Corridor, The Underline will provide easily accessible, safe biking and walking trails and many recreational activities.

Sustainability & Resiliency
Urban reforestation project will plant 4,000 trees and bioswales throughout the 10-mile Underline corridor, reducing our carbon footprint and mitigating stormwater runoff.

People
250,000 residents within one mile
14,000 businesses within one mile
9 million transit through The Underline/yr.
63% Hispanic

Safe Alternative Transportation
Miami-Dade County is one of the most dangerous places to walk and bike in the country. A 10-mile off-road, protected urban trail that connects to 8 Metrorail stations, will make walking biking safe and fun for visitors and nearby residents.
Investment

Economic Impact
$3.5 billion in new development and enhanced values
20 million SF of potential development
$50 million annual economic activity
400 new jobs/year in addition to construction impact

Technology & Innovation
Funded with a grant by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, The Underline will feature community-driven, dynamic technology that will enhance the user experience and provide cutting edge, culturally significant programming.

Connectivity
The Underline will serve as a spine of a larger network of off- and on-road trails and connect to 24 nearby schools, the University of Miami and 14,000 nearby businesses.

Building Community
Civic Impacts with improved quality of life; attract and retain new residents and businesses. Connects to many neighborhoods representing Miami’s dynamic diversity.
Our Story

The idea for The Underline came after Founder Meg Daly had a bike accident in 2014 and broke both of her arms. While walking to physical therapy below Miami’s Metrorail she realized that even though it was July, she wasn’t that hot because of the shade of the train tracks above. She also thought that there was so much land with potential. As a park lover and inspired by New York City’s High Line which transformed derelict train tracks into an above ground park, she thought the space below Miami’s train tracks could be a new park and community treasure for generations to come.

Members of the community who were passionate about creating more green, safe places for people to walk and bike in Miami joined the grassroots Friends of The Underline. As one of the most dangerous places to walk and bike and low rank for accessible park spaces, volunteers felt their help could transform their community.

Since the launching of Friends of The Underline, this powerful and focused group has helped raise more than $110 million in public and private funds toward the construction of The Underline.
Our Team

Our Leadership, Board of Directors

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Baptist Health

Kieran Bowers
Swire Properties

Meg Daly
Friends of The Underline

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Our Partners

Miami-Dade County
City of Miami
City of Coral Gables
State of Florida
USDOT and FDOT

Our Founders

The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation
Underline Founder

Swire Properties
Underline Founder

Pinnacle Housing Group
Brickell Backyard Founder

Publix Charities
Brickell Backyard Founder

Banyan Street Capital
Brickell Backyard Founder

Mary Brickell Village
Brickell Backyard Founder

Brickell Heights & SLS Lux
Brickell Backyard Founders

Partner with us
There are many ways you can support The Underline’s work and be part of this city-building movement. We are seeking partners for operations, community-based programming and public art.

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“Miami’s Metrorail created an urban scar. A canyon that divides people. The Underline will heal that scar tissue with green space and art and deeply connect community.”

Ximena Caminos
HoneyLab, Underline Public Art Vision Planner

“As a new signature open space, The Underline will strengthen the civic fabric and brand of Miami-Dade County. The Underline will also catalyze new real estate development and increase the value and fiscal potential of surrounding properties.”

HR&A Creating Value Through Open Space: The Economic Impacts of The Underline.