

The Underline

10 Miles, Together



The Underline will transform the land below Miami's Metrorail into a 10-mile linear park, urban trail, and public art destination.

The Underline is 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



Multimodal transportation in the Brickell Backyard Oolite Room

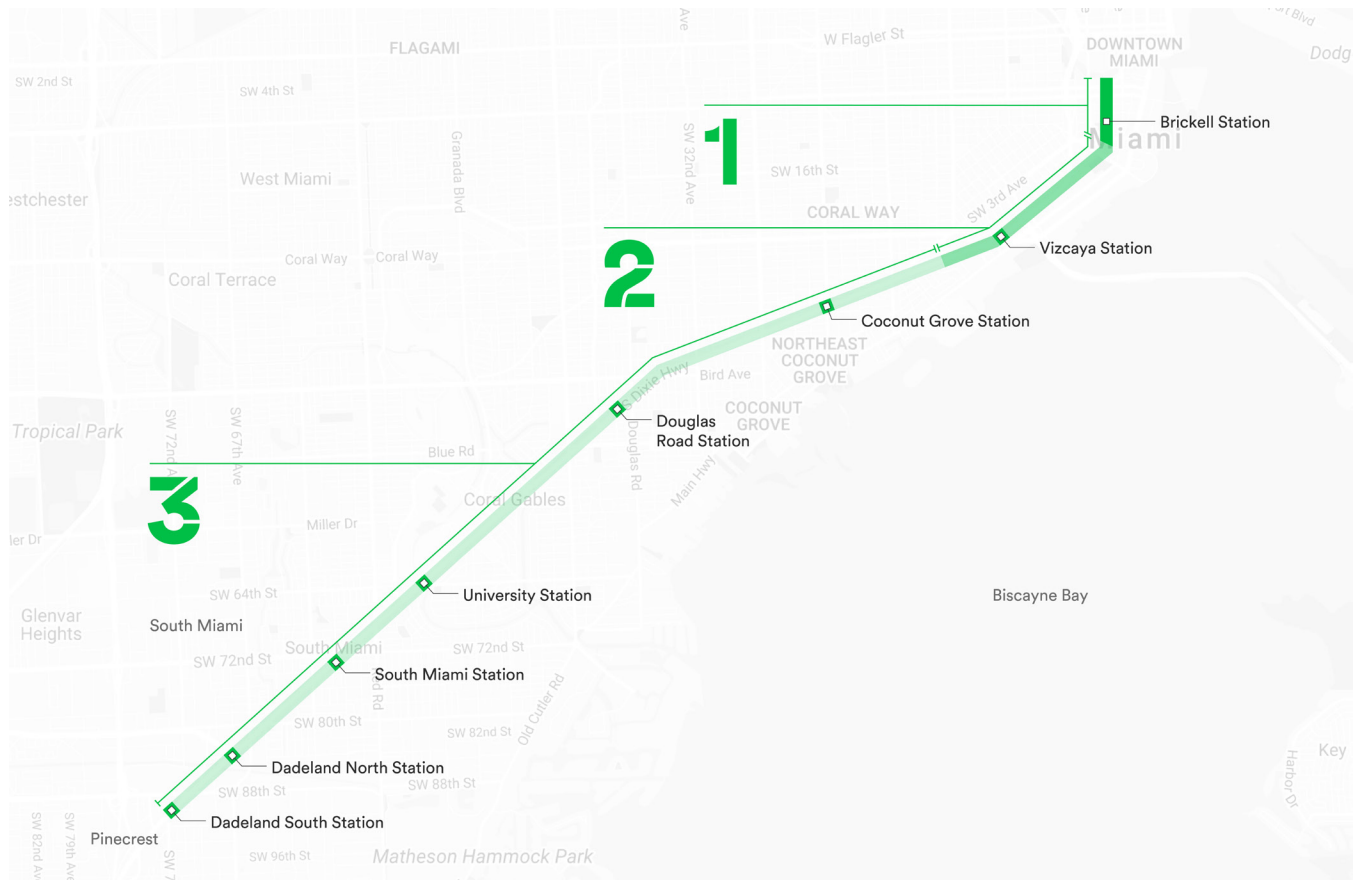
Our Mission

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 growing



Three construction phases of The Underline

Schedule

Phase 1

½ mile in the Brickell, Miami neighborhood, opened February 2021

Phase 2

2.25 miles in historic Miami and Coconut Grove neighborhoods, completed by Summer 2023

Phase 3

7 miles in Miami, Coral Gables and South Miami, construction begins early 2023

10 Miles, 3 Phases



Phase 1

Named the “Brickell Backyard,” this first segment of the 10-mile linear park and trail is half a mile long and begins at the Miami River stretching towards Coral Way. The design for the Brickell Backyard by James Corner Field Operations is organized by a procession of “rooms,” the River Room, the Urban Gym, and the Promenade, Fern Room, and the Oolite Room. Each room is articulated with a unique program and design intent that directly responds to its immediate context and the needs of the local community.



Phase 2

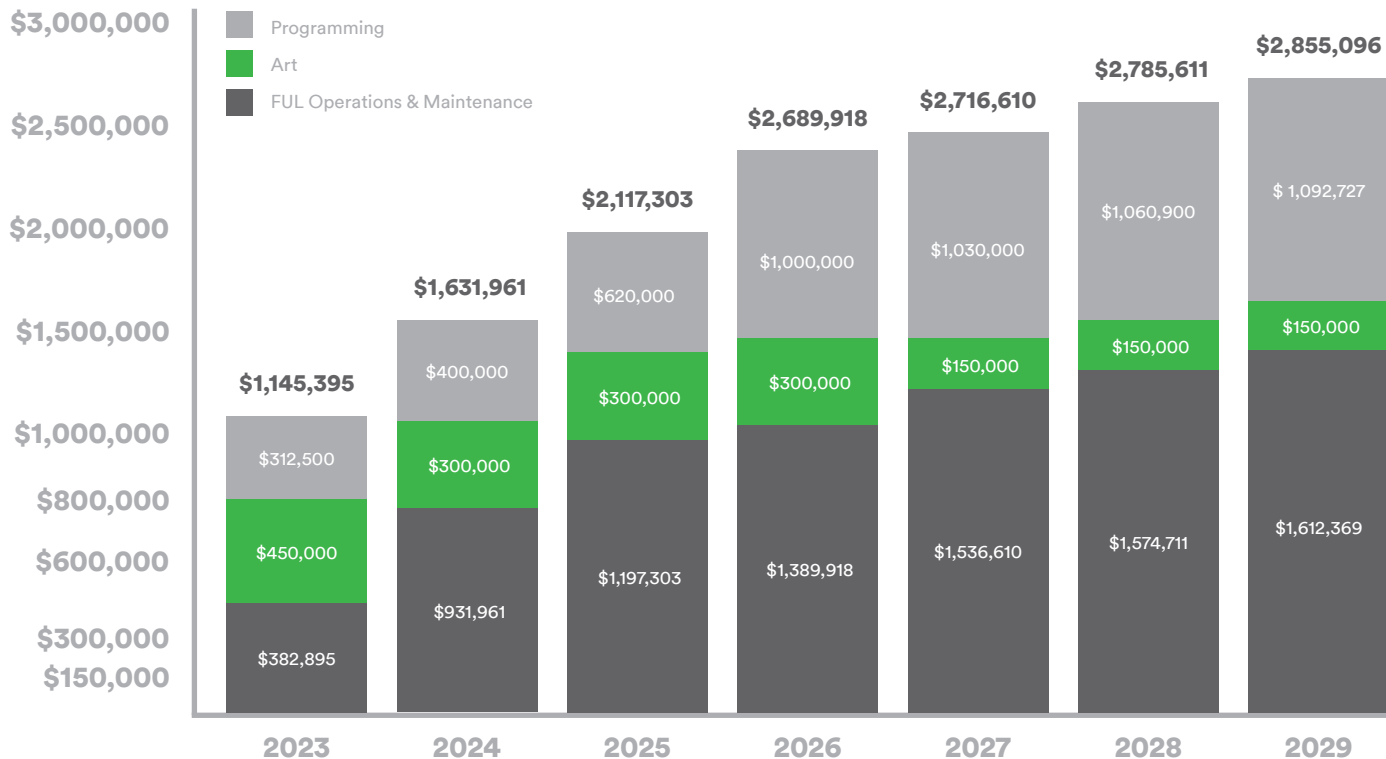
Phase 2 of the 10-mile linear park and trail is 2.14-miles long and will start from SW 13th Street extending to SW 19th Avenue. It will connect The Underline through the Vizcaya Metrorail Station and The Roads and Silver Bluff neighborhoods. Phase 2 was designed and built by a local team made up of Lead Engineering Contractors and landscape architect GSLA Design. This segment of The Underline will add over 100,000 new native plants and trees. Amenities include Simpson Park Playground Area, Vizcaya Station Plaza, and 17th Avenue Plaza, which includes the first of many bioswales.



Phase 3

Stretching over 7 miles in length, Phase 3 will extend from SW 19th Avenue to Dadeland South Metrorail Station with numerous amenity areas and hundreds of thousands native plants and trees, safe places to walk and bike, public art and more connecting numerous communities and neighborhoods. More details to come in 2023.

Costs & Funding



How is it Funded?

Construction for this public private project is funded with federal, state, local and private contributions. Operations and maintenance for the facility are led by The Underline Management Organization (dba Conservancy), which is supported by public and private funds.

Funding progress

Construction: Over \$140 million for the three phases of The Underline has been secured making the construction funding for all three phases complete.

Operations, Maintenance, Programming, Art: Friends of The Underline and Miami Dade County share funding responsibilities for the Conservancy's costs related to ongoing operations, maintenance, programs and art. The Friends fund all programs and art privately. Operations and maintenance are shared by Miami Dade County and the Friends organization.

Projected Maintenance & Programming Costs

\$2–\$8 million annually

(30% to be raised privately, see bar chart)

Projected Public Art Costs

\$5 million

(\$1,000,000 committed)



Core Values

Diversity & Inclusivity

The Underline is committed to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in every aspect of our work.

Technology & Innovation

The Underline provides free public Wi-Fi to enhance the user experience and provides community driven cutting-edge programming, events and activities that serve the larger community.

Health & Wellness

As the community's Health Corridor, The Underline provides easily accessible, safe biking and walking trails, and educational and environmental programming.

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.

Safety & Mobility

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 and biking safe and fun for visitors and nearby residents.

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.

Fun

From family programs to free health & wellness activities, The Underline is providing a fun space for all.



Impact

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

People

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

Building Community

Civic impacts with improved quality of life;
attracting and retaining new residents and
businesses. Connecting to many neighborhoods
representing Miami's dynamic diversity.

Art

The Underline will feature a 10-mile outdoor art
trail that will engage and connect us to our creative
community and each other.

Trails

To optimize safety, The Underline is adding separate
biking and walking trails, lighting features, and over
30 crosswalk improvements along the 10 miles.

Urban reforestation

The Underline is an urban reforestation project with
a focus on native plants from the Pine Rockland and
Hardwood Hammock that, without irrigation and
consistent maintenance, repopulate the ecosystems
and attract birds, bees, butterflies, and have
substantial carbon offset.



Our Story



Before

After

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.



Parker Thomson and Meg Thomson Daly

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 in the country and with a low national ranking 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 \$140 million in public and private funds toward the construction of The Underline.

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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. To learn more contact Chief Development Officer Leana Cianfoni at leana.cianfoni@theunderline.org and visit theunderline.org/support

