



# Riverfront Transit Center

The Riverfront Transit Center offers a safe, fast, and efficient way to accommodate large numbers of charter, school and transit buses serving riverfront venues and activities. The goal of the center is to remove buses from the street grid surrounding The Banks and riverfront park. Previously, Cinergy Field had been used for bus staging.

## Design

- Transit facility built as part of Ft. Washington Way reconstruction
- Second Street was to be built on dirt; now built on transit center
- Major water main relocated under the transit center
- Riverfront Running Track (rail right of way) relocated to transit center
- Built to accommodate non-diesel rail and buses; light rail or streetcar on Second Street
- The time was right: valuable community resource at a fraction of the cost

## Operations

- Used every weekday as the layover for *Metro\*Plus* service
- Open all Reds and Bengals home games
- Major events: Riverfest, Tall Stacks, Billy Graham, 2012 World Choir Games, Bunbury Music Festival
- Staging for US Bank Arena events
- More events expected when riverfront is completed
- National Underground Railroad Freedom Center has its own entrance

## Emergency preparedness

- Can serve as a back-up for Metro bus operations
- Resource for local emergency preparedness/response efforts
- North wall serves as a flood wall protecting Ft. Washington Way
- Transit center is built to be flood-resistant

## Artwork

- 800-foot-long mosaic mural called "Daily Icons" by local artist Chad Scholten
- Bronze of Cincinnati William DeHart Hubbard, the first African-American to win an individual Olympic gold medal
- Funding for art: FTA Transit Enhancement

## Operating cost analysis

- Operating costs covered by revenue from parking and charter use



*Cut-away rendering of the Riverfront Transit Center, with buses in the tunnel and light rail above on Second Street.*

## Project partners:

- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Transit Administration
- Ohio Department of Transportation
- Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
- OKI Regional Council of Governments
- Hamilton County
- City of Cincinnati
- Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority
- National Underground Railroad Freedom Center
- Funding from Ft. Washington Way reconstruction project
- Construction administered by City of Cincinnati
- Design/engineering: Parsons Brinckerhoff/Wallace Floyd Design Group

## Facts at a glance:

Owner:	City of Cincinnati
Operator:	Metro
Length:	3,740 ft.
Capacity:	20 buses at a time; per hour 500 buses max.
Passenger capacity:	1,600 at a time; up to 20,000 per hour
Dedication:	May 19, 2003
Cost:	\$18 million for transit portion (est.)