Scripps Extension (CSXT)

Major Land Uses Served:

- Palm Beach Biotechnology Research Center
- PGA National Resort & Spa
- Residential areas of Steeplechase and Palm Beach Gardens
- West Palm Beach VA Medical Center
- Port West Industrial Park (Riviera Beach)
- Columbia Hospital
- Scripps Development

Transfer Opportunities:

- Palm Tran Route 2 (Congress Avenue)
- Palm Tran Route 3 (Military Trail)
- Palm Tran Route 20 and Route 33 (Mangonia Park Station)
- Palm Tran Route 31 (Bee Line Highway)
- Tri-Rail mainline service

Potential Stations:

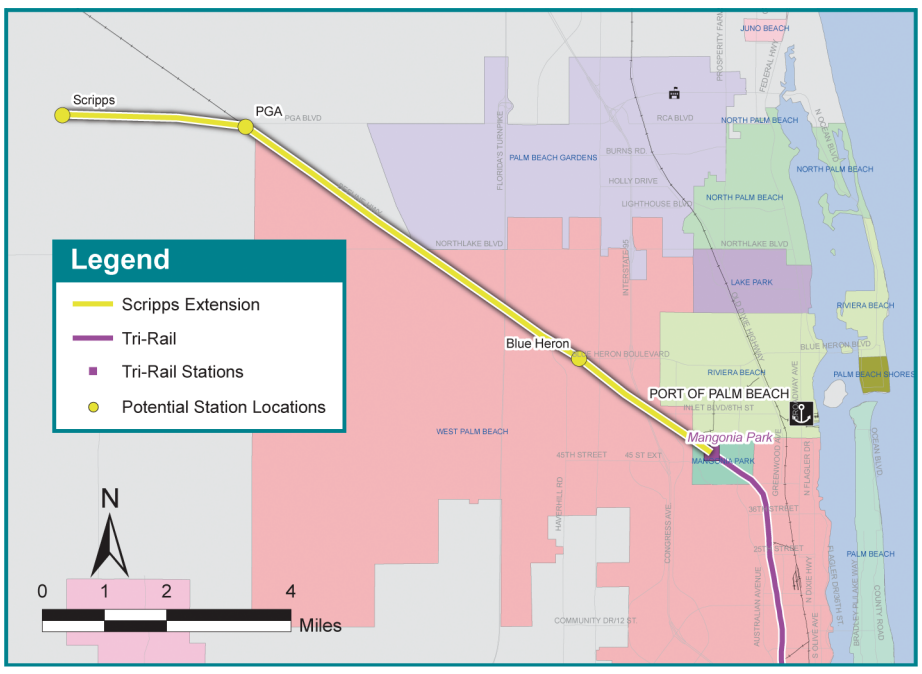
- Scripps
- PGA Boulevard
- Blue Heron Boulevard

Summary

Corridor Ownership.....CSXT
Corridor Length (miles).....12.1
Number of Potential New Stations.....3
Average Station Spacing (miles).....4.033
Number of Grade Crossings.....6
Headway.....20 / 30 / 60
Travel Time (one-way) (minutes).....45

Status

The Scripps development is moving ahead with a $290 million financial commitment from Palm Beach County, and roadway, water and sewer construction have commenced. Rail transportation access is in the planning stages, and will proceed by the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority at the request of Palm Beach County.



Summary and Purpose

The Palm Beach Biotechnology Research Campus, which will be anchored by Scripps, is planned as a nine million square-foot research and development facility that will ultimately employ as many as 20,000 people on the Mecca Farms site in north central Palm Beach County. The campus is located within a triangle formed by the CSXT Railroad, Seminole-Pratt Whitney Road and Northlake Boulevard. The location makes a rail connection a natural mobility option which can be achieved by extending existing Tri-Rail service beyond the Mangonia Park Station. Plans for the campus include transit-oriented development which will support this mode of transportation.

The Beeline Highway / SR 710 connects West Palm Beach with Okeechobee and Central Florida. The roadway carries over 15,000 vehicles per day and experiences high volumes of truck traffic. The high level of growth anticipated with the Scripps development will significantly increase traffic on this roadway, and a rail alternative will provide commuters an option to reliance on the automobile.

The project includes a 12.1-mile extension on CSXT Railroad Right-of-Way, which already serves Amtrak; three potential new stations; six grade crossings and a 20-minute travel time from the Mangonia Park Station to the Scripps Station.

The purpose of this alternative is to provide alternate mobility options to support the transit-oriented development of the Biotechnology Research Campus from the outset, and to lessen the impact of that development on SR 710 and other area roadways.

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*Project subject to change.