

LOW Intensity LRT Example: Streetcar Circulator

Little Rock River Rail

RIVER RAIL FACTS:

- Location:** Little Rock, AK
- Length:** 3.4 miles – 15 stations
- Time to Construct:** 1.5 years
- Construction Cost:** \$27 million total*
\$8 million per mile*
- Opened:** 2004
- Annual Operating Costs:** \$450,000
- Ridership:** 800 per weekday
1,500 Saturday
- Fare:** One-way pass \$1.00
All-day pass \$2.00

*Construction Cost does not include Engineering or R.O.W.

The 3.4-mile River Rail Streetcar system operates between Little Rock and North Little Rock, connecting major points of interest in both cities, including a ballpark, convention center, museums, courthouses, riverfront attractions, and loft apartments, among others. The service utilizes five vintage replica trolleys, powered by overhead electric, that operate on track within the traffic flow.



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SUCCESS STORY

Economic impacts of the River Rail were felt even before its opening. Two loft apartment buildings and the River Market were proposed once the streetcar route was finalized. The streetcar system has become a tourist attraction, boosting activity within the cities during the weekends.

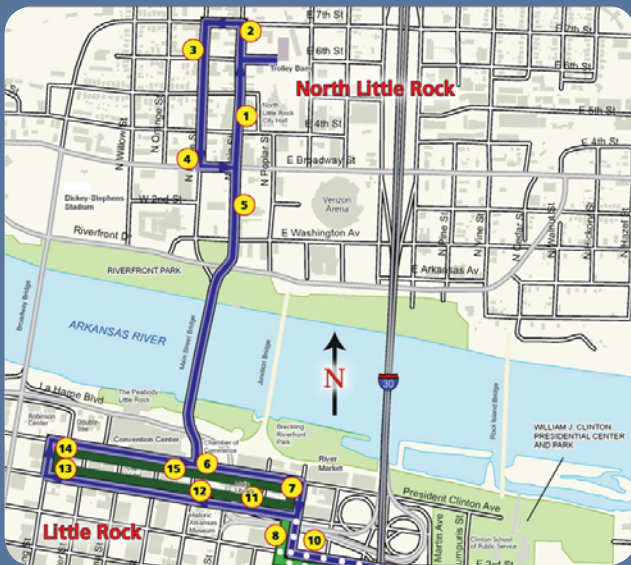


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