Getting to know the

Cincinnati Bell

connector
A quick view

• 3.6 mile route
• Five vehicles
• 18 stations
• Shares lane with traffic
• Owned by City of Cincinnati
• Managed by SORTA
• Operated and maintained by transdev
Ridership stats

- As of Oct. 6, 151,654 rides
- Grand Opening weekend (sept. 9-11) – 50,646 rides
- Oktoberfest weekend (Sept. 16-18) – 29,113 rides
- Bengals Home Opener weekend (Sept. 23-25) – 18,006 rides
- Reds Games Weekend (Sept. 30-Oct. 2) – 14,907 rides
Vehicle stats

- 77 feet long…weighs 40 tons
- Manufactured by CAF USA in Elmira, NY
- Capacity: 38 seated/116 standing (154 total)
- Powered by overhead high-voltage electric
The Connector at home

- Maintenance & Operating Facility
- Headquarters for streetcar operations
- Not open to the public
Welcome aboard the Connector
How the Connector is different from a bus

- Runs on streets
- Step-up boarding
- Bus stops
- Operator interacts with customers
- Pay-on-board (farebox)
- Wheelchair securement
- Bikes on racks
- Capacity: 45 seated

- Runs on rails
- 100% level boarding
- Station stops
- Operator separated from customers
- Pay-at-stop (no farebox)
- No wheelchair securement
- Bikes on board
- Capacity: 154 seated and standing
The Connector and traffic

The Connector moves BEFORE traffic at several locations – watch the signals. A horizontal line means the streetcar must stop and a vertical line means the streetcar can move.

Some lanes are for streetcars and buses ONLY – observe markings and do not drive in these lanes.
The Connector is for everyone

- 100% low-floor boarding through center doors
- Drop-down seating
- Visual and audible warnings
- Connects with Access service
- ADA-compliant stations
Service hours

- Monday-Thursday: 6:30 a.m. – midnight
- Friday: 6:30 a.m. – 1 a.m.
- Saturday: 8 a.m. – 1 a.m.
- Sunday and holidays: 9 a.m. – 11 p.m.
- Every 12-15 minutes
# Fare

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<td>1/2-fare 2-hour pass for children between 35 and 45 inches and those with valid Fare Deal or Access ID cards</td>
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No additional fare needed

With valid Metro 30-day rolling passes, day passes, transfers or valid Fare Deal cards with current monthly stickers, children under 35 inches
Cincy EZRide

Avoid the lines - download Cincy EZRide and buy your fare on your mobile phone or tablet. Free for Android and iPhone. Activate tickets and show your phone to fare inspectors upon request.
Ticket vending machines (TVMs)

- Located at each station
- Purchase tickets using cash or credit cards
- NO DEBIT CARDS
- EXACT CHANGE ONLY
- VALIDATE TICKETS PRIOR TO BOARDING
- Show validated ticket to fare inspector upon request
Connect with safety
1. Cross with care

Look and listen... don't cross in front of a moving streetcar. Streetcars cannot stop quickly. Be extra-careful when using headphones or texting.
2. Watch your heels and wheels

Step over tracks; walk your bike or cross at right angle. Be careful pushing strollers or wheelchairs across tracks – wheels can become caught in track gap.
3. Drive carefully

Streetcars cannot stop quickly; don’t pull out in front of a moving streetcar, try to make a left turn in front of a streetcar or cut a streetcar off in traffic.
4. Mind the line

Park within painted white lines on street (including mirrors) and look before opening your door. Don’t block any part of the track area.
# Project Budget

**August 2013 BASE**

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# Project Financing

## As of October 2016

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## City Sources

| Property Tax supported Capital            | City                   | $73,400,000   | $5,400,000  |             |              |      |
| Income Tax supported Capital             | City                   | $4,600,000    | $4,600,000  |             |              |      |
| Tax Increment Financing (TIF)            | City                   | $5,000,000    | $5,000,000  |             |              |      |
| Blue Ash sale (Construction)             | City                   | $-            |             |             |              |      |
| Blue Ash sale (Duke relocation)          | City                   | $-            |             |             |              |      |
| Other Development Fund Revenue           | City                   | $-            |             |             |              |      |
| Tax Increment Financing (TIF)            | City                   | $6,000,000    |             | $6,000,000  |              |      |
| Reprogrammed Capital/TIF resources       | City                   | $7,400,000    | $7,400,000  |             |              |      |
| Duke Energy/Streetlight sale proceeds & Private Contributions | City/Private | $6,500,000 | $6,500,000 |             |              |      |

| Sub-total                                 | $45,196,116            | $102,900,000  | $83,000,000 | $-           | $19,900,000 |
| Grand Total                               | $148,096,116           |              |             |              |              |