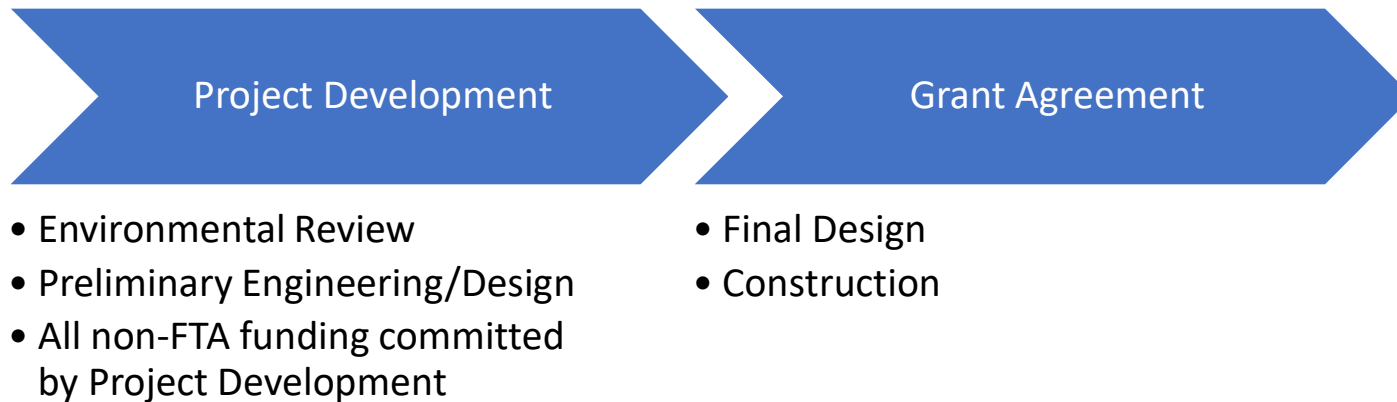


# Small Starts Program Overview

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- Annual national program used for most transit capital expansion
- Managed by Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
- Funds up to 80% (more typically 50%-70%) of project costs, up to \$150 million in federal funds



# Entering Project Development

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- **Council Resolution (File #230354) directed DPW to apply to FTA for a Small Starts Grant and enter Project Development**
- **Entering Project Development:**
  - Requires a relatively simple 2-5 page letter to FTA requesting permission to enter Project Development
  - However, letter must also attach documentation **demonstrating commitment of funds** to complete the Project Development work (such as a Council resolution or adopted budget allocating funding for preliminary engineering and environmental review)
- **Once approved to enter Project Development, all funds expended count towards the local match required to receive a Grant Agreement for construction**

