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## 150 TONS OF STRUCTURAL STEEL ARRIVES AT MIAMICENTRAL



**MIAMI – June 23, 2016** – Over the course of two days, seven trucks carrying a total of 150 tons, delivered massive structural steel beams to the Brightline station at MiamiCentral. This marks the next significant step in the construction of the station, set to open next summer. The structural steel, originating in Montana, took several days to reach the station and a giant crane was used to lift the beams from the trucks and place them on site. The work is managed by Suffolk Construction, who is overseeing the overall construction of MiamiCentral.

The structural steel is the main structural element throughout the station. At the northern end of the station, large beams of steel will be welded and bolted to the concrete ring beam, creating the structure for the north grand entrance lobby space.



The ring beam is a major component of the train structure and is comprised of large, angled columns that are joined in a ring at the top by post-tensioned concrete. Some of the largest beams of steel will be bolted to other beams to create spans more than 70 feet long that will support the widest parts of the ring beam.

MiamiCentral encompasses nearly three million square feet and includes two sites: a nine-acre transportation hub in downtown Miami just east of the Miami-Dade County Hall, and a two-acre site in Historic Overtown. MiamiCentral will include mixed-use development with residential,

office, commercial and a retail concourse, while serving as a connector between Brightline's passengers and Miami's existing public transport systems.

MiamiCentral will also include Central Fare, featuring six restaurants and more than 20 food and retail purveyors. Central Fare will be a unique culinary destination, showcasing the talents of both local and national artisans, tastemakers and chefs, including celebrity chefs Bryan and Michael Voltaggio; Richard Hales of Blackbrick Chinese; and Andres Barrientos and James Bowers of Miami Smokers, among others. Office tenants at Two MiamiCentral include Ernst & Young LLP (EY), Regus, Cisneros and Moss Construction.

The Overtown site, Three MiamiCentral, is also a mixed-use development with retail, commercial and parking to support and enhance the transportation hub.

At MiamiCentral, the Brightline train platform will be elevated to align with existing public transportation systems, with retail spaces located beneath. This bold and innovative design allows thru-streets to remain open to traffic and creates an atmosphere of walkability, while creating a landmark terminal.

Construction on Brightline's stations and trains is progressing for a scheduled service launch next summer. At a tour of the Siemens facility in Sacramento in early June, the first Brightline locomotive shell was unveiled, along with details of the train's interiors. Vertical construction is well underway on Brightline's train stations in Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach.

***About Brightline***

Brightline will redefine what it means to travel by train in America with express intercity passenger rail service arriving 2017, providing an important transportation alternative to connect Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach and Orlando. The service will ease the stress of traffic, provide a simple and intuitive experience from door to destination, and foster new opportunities to explore more of Southeast Florida. Brightline is the only privately owned, operated and maintained passenger rail system in the United States. For more information, visit [www.gobrightline.com](http://www.gobrightline.com) or follow on [Facebook](#).

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