

Summary of Feedback Received during Speak Up Broward's 10 Speakers Bureau Engagements from July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014



Speakers Bureau Engagements During this Time Period

July 16 – South Florida Education Center (SFEC)

August 12 – Career Source Broward

August 14 – Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale – North Beach

September 18 – City of Pompano Beach Zoning Board of Appeals

September 18 – United Neighbors of Eastern Miramar

September 22 – City of Pompano Beach Economic Development Council

September 23 – City of Pompano Beach Commission

September 24 – Miami Association of Realtors

September 24 – City of Pompano Beach Planning and Zoning Board

September 24 – Fort Lauderdale Forum

Feedback Received

Broward County Transit (BCT):

- ✓ There is concern about the impact of governmental regulations on new and existing vehicles in the fleet. Older vehicles are not reliable.

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- ✓ Transportation (bus service) is not efficient. Scheduling delays are challenging for people going to work, especially difficult for working parents who have to drop children off to day care before going to work.
- ✓ Real-time scheduling information for riders is wanted.
- ✓ A discounted fare should be available for the unemployed and those seeking work. Career Source Broward staff has pooled funds to assist clients without bus fare.
- ✓ What determines how often buses stop at various routes?

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) / Tri-Rail:

- ✓ Real-time scheduling information for riders is wanted.
- ✓ Railways for upcoming Tri-Rail Coastal Link and All Aboard Florida, will they impact traffic in the West? Are railroad tracks being proposed for western Broward?

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT):

- ✓ Commuting from East to West continues to be an issue for many of the members as they live in the Eastern part of county but rarely venture to west because of traffic congestion.

Miscellaneous / Other:

- ✓ All Aboard Florida will be a great service.
- ✓ There should be a better means to coordinate multimodal travel within the County/Region.
- ✓ We would like to know more about a mileage tax.
- ✓ All of the funding options proposed by Speak Up Broward seem to be biased against drivers. Funding options should also look at ways to tax those who utilize other modes of transportation, i.e. bus and bikes
- ✓ Today's transportation system is:
 - Lacking amenities, such as bus stops, benches, and shelters
 - In need of better bus scheduling from southwest Broward to eastern Broward
 - Too crowded on well-travelled bus routes during peak hours
 - Poor with on-time bus service. Schedules need to be maintained.
 - Lacking essential safety features.
 - In need of better connections to Margate and Hollywood.

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- ✓ Tomorrow's transportation system should have:
 - Customized routes for certain large employers.
 - Improved customer service training for bus drivers.
 - Real-time transit information for customer (web/text/twitter) for delays
 - Improved public relations efforts. Let the public know about service improvements and enhancements/tell the good stories.
 - More funding to improve services.
 - Improved transit/transportation planning tools.
 - Bus passes or gas cards for the homeless or other job seekers enrolled in Career Source Broward programs.
 - A "ride for free day" to introduce non-riders to the system.
 - More assistance to help the public plan trips using various transportation