

**Summary of Feedback Received from the Speak Up Broward  
Website and the 11 Speakers Bureau Engagements from  
October 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015**



**Speakers Bureau Engagements During this Time Period**

**October 1** – University of Florida - Broward Campus

**October 6** – City of Fort Lauderdale District 3 Home Owner's Association

**October 20** – Broward League of Cities – Local Issues Committee

**October 23** – Melrose Park Homeowner Association

**November 5** – City of Pembroke Pines Commission

**November 12** – Urban League of Broward County Young Professionals Network

**November 18** – United Way of Broward County – Young Professionals

**November 19** – City of Hallandale Beach Commission

**December 12** – Smart Growth Partnership

**December 16** – Central Broward Kiwanis Club

**January 15** – Friends of the Broward County Library

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### Feedback Received

#### **Broward County Transit (BCT):**

- ✓ The County should be using hybrid buses.
- ✓ What percentage of fare box recovery funds transportation improvements? Can it be used to cover improvements?
- ✓ There is no Bus Service on Sheridan Street from Flamingo Road to University Drive which passed FOUR Major Residential Areas.
- ✓ Lower the bus fare for the bus passes. It's way too much money. Get newer buses on all the routes because the old buses break down all the time.
- ✓ The conversation about transportation should start at Broward County, much needed local bus routes have been discontinued.
- ✓ Pembroke Pines residents would use more bus service.
- ✓ We would like to see higher transit discounts for seniors.
- ✓ We need more frequent buses.
- ✓ Cooper City residents pay taxes to the County for Bus Service and get NONE.
- ✓ Who operates TOPS/Paratransit services in Broward County?
- ✓ Reinstigate the Broward County Bus Route 3.

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

- ✓ The WAVE is just a very, very expensive bus without having exclusive lanes.
- ✓ Which agency oversees Tri-Rail, and how is it funded?
- ✓ There needs to be a bus or light rail system that has exclusive lanes, like placing them in the FEC rail corridor. There needs to be a shift in priorities. ROADS are over.
- ✓ We would like to see higher transit discounts for seniors.

#### **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT):**

- ✓ There is interest in greater investment in bicycle lanes and other facilities.
- ✓ To ease traffic on 95, please conduct a study on using ocean ferries between Miami, Fort Lauderdale & West Palm Beach.
- ✓ I want to see more coordinated traffic lights, road widening and road intersection improvements.

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- ✓ There seems to be traffic circulation issues with the Express Bus hub at the corner of Reese and Davie Roads.
- ✓ I would like to see more transportation from the Delray area to the Lauderhill area.
- ✓ Bike lanes and trails should be treated as a transportation expense and not just a perk for tourists.
- ✓ Traffic signals still seem to be poorly synchronized, if at all. During late night hours many signals could/should convert to flashing. When a Fire-Rescue / Ambulance vehicle comes through (often) the entire light sequences are upset for a few following transitions.
- ✓ We want more bike paths.
- ✓ The department of transportation should spend more money to synchronize the lights, which will probably decrease congestion.
- ✓ Ban right turns on Dixie Highway going eastbound on Hallandale Beach Boulevard. Return the road to three lanes. This change will cost 0\$ and vastly speed up traffic despite what the traffic authorities believe.
- ✓ We want less traffic congestion in the future.
- ✓ All the money from the 95 Express lanes should be used to fund additional transportation improvements.
- ✓ We need pedestrian education.
- ✓ We need a Fly-Over! A bridge over the railroad tracks at Dixie Highway in Hallandale Beach.
- ✓ A more pedestrian-friendly transportation system is needed.
- ✓ More bicycle lanes and improved bike lane connectivity should be at the top of the list of transportation plan improvements.

### **Miscellaneous / Other:**

- ✓ Will there be better cooperation between the three South Florida MPOs in the future?
- ✓ A mileage-based user fee seems like it would be difficult to assess.
- ✓ There needs to be a serious commitment from the government to improve our transportation system.
- ✓ The Broward County gas tax is the highest in the country.
- ✓ It is important to participate in this initiative, especially if you are dependent on public transportation. Community residents must take every opportunity to express their opinions when given the opportunity.
- ✓ The public needs to visually see how this can work for them, this is especially important for the residents out west.

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- ✓ Each community has its own priorities. Speak Up Broward needs to cater to each community differently.
- ✓ There should be a change in how transportation money is divided. More for mass transportation and NO NEW ROADS. Road DIET!
- ✓ It would be expensive to build a system that can track and collect a mileage-based user fee.
- ✓ Explore a tax on business to fund transportation. Cars are used to shop, the beneficiaries of improved transit systems are businesses and they should pay the tax increase to fund the improvements.
- ✓ Does Florida (and Broward County) get 100% of the 18.4 cents per gallon that is collected at the gas pump? If not, why?
- ✓ Eliminate the tolls. Every day I drive to work from Tamarac (my home) to Fort Lauderdale (office). I am charged approximately \$2 each way. That is \$4 per day!! I am not sure why it is necessary every time any road improvement project is completed on an interstate and highway that tolls are added. We are already paying taxes. There is no need to double dip.
- ✓ Something needs to be done to get Washington D.C. to increase the federal gas tax rate and help solve this funding problem.
- ✓ If improvements are beyond what we currently can afford, I would suggest bonds for the road work. I believe strongly in living within our means.
- ✓ There were many flaws with the unsuccessful 2004 effort to pass a referendum for a penny sales tax to raise funds for transportation improvements in Broward.
- ✓ The Broward MPO and Broward County need to work together for this initiative.
- ✓ Get off your wallets people! It is about quality of life. When there is a budget surplus, stop looking for ways to cut back. Use the money! Put it toward a good infrastructure project. Float a bond issue.
- ✓ What is the process to get any of the funding options implemented in Broward County? Does the public vote?
- ✓ The government should be managing this funding issue from the top down given they are encouraging business development and new residents to come to Florida and Broward County.
- ✓ Pembroke Pines has the largest population in Broward County and should play a major role this.
- ✓ What is the best practice in mass transit for a community similar to Broward County, more specifically Pembroke Pines?
- ✓ No more funding/taxes on the public.

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- ✓ Agencies (MPO, BCT, SFRTA,) and County Commission must work together to be successful in passing a designated funding source for transportation.
- ✓ Where have mileage-based user fees been successful?
- ✓ We should look at revenue sources that have been used in other places. There are more senior citizens in South Florida and it is different than other places.
- ✓ Public Private Partnerships (PPP) should be on the list of funding options.
- ✓ Broward residents seem to like the idea of mass transit even if they will not use it.
- ✓ If there was a dedicated funding source who would be responsible to oversee the project plan and funding?
- ✓ Get the money from the people using the transportation. Create a new bus route and charge like we already have been.
- ✓ There should be enough funds from the local gas tax to fund our transportation needs.
- ✓ Reduce government involvement with road construction projects, which would reduce engineering and construction management costs. Additionally, eliminate useless spending on federally funded projects.
- ✓ It would be difficult to collect a tax on the number of miles driven.
- ✓ Bond issue fares should pay most of the cost. Fuel savings & pollution savings.
- ✓ Funding for transportation infrastructure should be pursued from the federal government.
- ✓ The MPO/Speak Up Broward has no product (transportation plan/product) to sell.
- ✓ Who makes the decision about which dedicated funding source is pursued?