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The SFEC/Weston Road Express Shuttle service also connects with the BCT #23 bus at the intersection of Weston Road and I-595. The service, which began in January 2003, offers both an internal campus shuttle and an express shuttle from Weston Road to the South Florida Education Center (SFEC) campus in Davie.

The SFEC/Weston Road Express Shuttle service is designed to keep cars off the road between the intersection of Weston Road and I-595, and the SFEC campus in Davie. It runs Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., every half-hour, and connects the SFEC campus with the county’s west-central areas including Weston, Pembroke Pines, and four BCT routes:

- BCT #2 bus at the intersection of University Drive and SW 30th Street;
- BCT #9 bus at the Broward Community College Central Campus, Building #19;
- BCT #12 bus at the Broward Community College Central Campus, Building #19; and
- BCT #23 bus at the intersection of Weston Road and I-595.

The SFEC/Weston Road Express Shuttle service also connects with the SFEC/Tri-Rail Express Bus service, which goes from the SFEC campus to the Fort Lauderdale Airport Tri-Rail station and back between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

This public transportation service provides riders a way to travel from Weston and surrounding areas to the SFEC campus and from any SFEC institution to the NSU Library, without using their cars, thus reducing congestion, and improving air quality. AND THE SERVICE IS FREE!

For more information about the SFEC shuttles, please contact SFEC TMA executive director, Larry Penso at 954-262-8847 or visit the web site at www.sfec.org.

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SHIFTING FOCUS IN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING:

—Richard J. Kaylau, MPO Chair, Mayor, City of Lauderdale Lakes

Realizing that traffic will always grow to fill capacity, the MPO has concluded that simply improving the efficiency of roadway design or traffic management, will never get us where we want to go. Over the last few months we have collected hundreds of public opinion surveys indicating concerns about traffic congestion, mass transit, and improved bicycle facilities.

In order to respond to our public and ensure improved mobility, safety, economic opportunity and environmental quality, the MPO board is shifting its focus from simply expanding roadways and adding more lanes to existing roads, to a multi-modal approach to transportation planning with a heavy emphasis on mass transit system improvements.

Maryland DOT estimates that a full bus takes about 60 cars off the road, a full van pool takes 12 cars off the road, and a full commuter rail can take up to 200 cars off the road. In St. Louis, a full MetroLink light rail train removes 125 cars from the roads, and the entire system removes 12,500 cars from daily rush hour traffic.

This shift toward mass transit will not only help reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality, it will also help the businesses and the economic growth of our community. Studies show that only 6% of welfare recipients own cars, and lack of proper transportation is a critical barrier to finding and keeping a job. An improved public transportation system will be of benefit as employers around the county take advantage of the expanded labor pool that public transportation will provide.

Safety is another key concern of our public. The National Safety Council estimates that riding the bus is over 170 times safer than automobile travel.

Compared to in-vehicle travel, transit systems are significantly safer. Trips with similar destinations result in 200-2000 fewer deaths, injuries and accidents when made by public transit than by car, with an average of $2 billion and $5 billion per year in safety benefits.

And not to be forgotten are the economic benefits of an excellent mass transit system. A study by the prestigious Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) at the University of South Florida showed that for residents statewide, transit provided annual economic benefits of $362 million. Among the benefits identified were: $33 million derived from reducing the cost of the federally mandated transportation disadvantaged program, $83 million resulting from incomes due to federal transit dollars flowing into Florida, and a $12 million positive impact on highway capacity. Mobility benefits to transit users comprised the remainder.

To make sure we are moving people from where they are to where they want to go efficiently, a 10-year Transit Master Plan is being developed. This plan will review current transit options and identify and evaluate transit services, transit infrastructure, capital improvements, and pedestrian recommendations for the future vision of Broward County. Design, prioritization and funding are key components of this Master Plan and will set the tone for transportation for our future.

TAKING IT TO THE STREETS:

Recognizing that the public’s time is precious, the MPO has been expanding opportunities for the public to give input by attending special events and festivals in the community ... in effect taking our message to the streets. The MPO’s diverse booth has traveled to such events as Viva Broward, Pioneer Days, the Senior Citizens Festival, and many others. This public outreach effort is a crucial part of connecting with our citizens and letting them know how to get involved in the transportation planning process.

This program of public outreach will continue throughout the year with booths planned for Earth Day, the Kuumba Festival and Clean Air Day.

Come tell us what you think!

WHAT IS THE BRIDGE PROJECT?

■ The Transit “Bridge” is a project that will improve transit service between southern Broward and unincorporated north Miami-Dade Counties. The project will evaluate high performance transit alternatives along the State Road 7 transit corridor to the Golden Glades Intermodal Terminal, the NW 27th Avenue Metrorail Extension, and a Central Broward East/West Transit Connector.

■ Phase II of the project will explore alternatives to improve transit services south of Hollywood Boulevard that will connect to a major Broward East/West corridor.

■ A public kick-off meeting to address transit services along State Road 7 (SR 7) will take place on April 3rd and will be held at the South Florida Regional Planning Council, 3440 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 140, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

■ For more information or to be placed on the mailing list for the Transit “Bridge” Report, or to volunteer for the Citizen’s Advisory Committee (CAC), contact: Dickey Consulting Services PO Box 892, Port Lauderdale, FL 33302 954-467-8822 sddickey@bellsouth.net

WHAT IS THE MPO?

Established in 1977 by the Florida Legislature, the MPO was created to direct urban transportation planning and administration in Broward County. It is the lead agency responsible for developing and administering plans and programs to maintain eligibility and receive funds for the transportation systems in Broward County.

Made up of government representatives who plan and recommend transportation project priorities, the MPO consists of 24 members including representatives from local cities, Tri-Rail, the School Board of Broward County, the Department of Transportation, and one member of the Broward County Commissioners.

MAY IS CLEAN AIR MONTH

Every May, the State of Florida and Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties recognize Clean Air Month. By devoting resources toward numerous outreach activities, Clean Air Month increases public awareness of air quality issues so that citizens and visitors are empowered to take actions to protect, restore and enhance the air quality of South Florida.

From driving our cars, to mowing our lawns, to using electricity, all people impact air quality through everyday choices. Clean Air Month provides a forum to explore the effects of our choices and provide alternative, clean-air options. Clean Air Month activities include exhibit and display booths, radio and television public service announcements, poster and essay contests in local schools, and public service announcements.

If you are interested in participating in Clean Air Month activities or need more information on protecting and preserving our air quality, please contact the Broward County Department of Planning and Environmental Protection at 954-519-1220 or www.broward.org/air.

THANK YOU!!