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### News Bulletin

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### GOVERNOR BUSH SIGNS RTA BILL

In June, the Governor signed legislation transforming Tri-Rail into the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). In doing so, Broward, Palm Beach, and Miami-Dade counties will begin developing a more seamless transit network across the region.

Spearheaded by the Regional Business Alliance and backed by all three County Commissions, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Chambers of Commerce and many cities, the bill does not contain the requested $2 user fee on license plates, so the tri-counties will fund about $2.7 million each to leverage several million more dollars from Congress to build the network.

During the coming weeks, interested parties and counties will come together in a workshop to determine the next steps to move forward. Continue to check here for periodic information about the new RTA!

### In This Issue…

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**Chapter 1: Introduction**

The purpose of the upcoming Transit Master Plan is to prescribe a comprehensive blue print for progressive solutions in Broward County. BCT encompasses the fixed route bus service, paratransit service, the Water Bus, Tri-Rail feeder service, the Broward Urban-Shuttle, the Western Express and special event service. All of these services help move people around and through the County more efficiently and effectively.

The purpose of the upcoming Transit Master Plan is to prescribe a comprehensive blue print for progressive sustained growth of Broward County Transit for the next ten years. This study will provide an assessment of how transit services meet the needs of residents and visitors and will guide development of an integrated, multi-modal system of transportation services. It will also serve as the basis for developing programs compatible with both the MPO’s Long-Range Transportation Plan and Transit Development Plans. Furthermore, it will assist in identifying and prioritizing projects and potential funding for programming in the MPO Transportation Improvement Program, the document that has projects to be funded within a five-year timeframe.

This strategic plan was initiated by BCT and is required to continue the process begun in their 1996 Needs Assessment Study. The Transit Master Plan will:

- review current transit options and identify and evaluate transit services, transit infrastructure, and capital improvements
- prioritize recommendations for the future of public transit in the County
- identify cost-feasible funding options and alternatives, and
- guide the MPO and County Commission in meeting the challenges of public transit and the population growth in the next decade.

The Transit Master Plan development begins this summer and will be completed by the end of 2004. For input and questions about the Transit Master Plan, please contact MPO staff at 954-357-6008.

**Chapter 2: TACING IT TO THE STREETS**

By participating in special events and festivals, the MPO continues to provide opportunities for the public to give input on transportation issues. At these events, the public can visit the MPO booth and share their opinions, ideas and suggestions. Staff is always on hand to answer questions and explain details about transportation projects.


Just as you use a map to find your way when driving, you use the “process” to bring your “needed” transportation project to fruition. The opportunities to influence the process are abundant and rightly so – it’s your money at work! Let’s learn more about how you can participate in the transportation planning process, please contact MPO staff at 954-357-6008.

**Chapter 3: Street-by-Street**

Broward County Transit Service at 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room 329 H Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 954-357-6608

Continue to look for the MPO booth at local community events and tell us what you think – we’re listening!

**Chapter 4: MPO on Transportation Projects**

This program, administered by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), provides a number of free services such as ride matching to commuters. Commuters interested in carpooling or van pooling can sign up for inclusion into the SFCS database via mail, phone or via the web-site, and will receive a letter with results from the state-of-the-art database, including a list of potential carpool matches.

Once construction is completed in 2005, Tri-Rail will increase its service from the 28 trains it currently operates daily to 48 trains, which will run every 20 minutes during rush hour. The completion of the double tracking will mean enhanced, on-time performance for passengers and greater scheduling flexibility of daily commuters. Riders will enjoy more options during the morning, “on-demand” midday and late at night. Tri-Rail estimates that these improvements will serve 27,900 average daily boardings by 2015.

**Chapter 5: PROGRESS TO DATE**

Segments 1 through 3 are completed (see map). Segment 1 added 6.14 miles of double track to the system. Segment 2 of the Program included 1.5 miles of double tracking as well as a station at Miami International Airport (MIA), which will be the cornerstone of the future Miami Intermodal Center (MIC). Segment 3, which was completed in September 2000, involved 6.97 miles of track work and associated upgrades. Segment 4, which consists of 6.89 miles, goes under in June 2002 and is expected to be complete for 2003. The “Notice to Proceed” with the Design/Build process for Segment 5 was issued in January 2002, with the launch of construction in July 2002.

**Chapter 6: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION**

With the increasing cost of fuel, maintenance and insurance, more commuters are seeking options to make their commutes more efficient, less expensive and less stressful. South Florida Commuter Services (SFCU), the regional commuter assistance program, offers a range of programs geared to encourage use of ride sharing to ease traffic congestion on South Florida roadways.

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