

CITT APPROVES PTP DOLLARS FOR MOVN PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

The Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) recently amended the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) to provide funds for a public education campaign for MOVN, Meeting Our Vehicular Needs, a program designed to develop short term solutions to traffic congestion in our community. The \$350,000 allotted to MOVN will be used for two public education campaigns that include outdoor, print, television, radio and online advertising.



The MOVN initiative also seeks long-term solutions including expanding Metrorail, synchronizing traffic signals at key intersections, eliminating traditional toll plazas to allow barrier-free tolling on expressways like the Don Shula, 836 and the Gragny, and adding new elevated lanes along I-95 to allow motorists the option

of paying to travel with greater ease during peak hours. The County, together with the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority and the Florida Department of

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MOVN is a public-private partnership made up of local business leaders, representatives of state agencies, local governments, and the community at large all working together to find solutions to traffic congestion.

A number of MOVN strategies have already been successfully implemented to further its goal. Among these is the establishment of an informational web page at www.miamidade.gov/movn as a place where residents can email suggestions on how traffic can be improved. Since its inception in August 2006, more than 800 suggestions and inquiries have been received. The County is encouraging the thousands of drivers who are out on our roads every day to share their tips and ideas through the website.

MOVN recently launched the *Move It... Yes You Can!* campaign, which informs motorists that they can, and must by Florida law, make every effort to move their damaged vehicle off the roadway if they are involved in a minor traffic accident and there are no injuries. Doing so not only helps ease traffic congestion, but improves safety conditions for emergency responders and reduces secondary crashes.

Later this year, a second public education campaign will tackle yet another traffic causing issue -- careless drivers who block an intersection when attempting to make it through before the light changes to red. *Don't Block the Box* is aimed at preventing needless gridlock and keeping traffic flowing freely through our intersections.

The success of MOVN depends in large measure on pooling ideas of traffic remedies from different sources including those directly involved with MOVN and from the general public. Public input is critical to shaping solutions that address mobility issues throughout the county.



CITT MEMBERS SWORN IN



Hon. Linda Zilber and Marc Buoniconti sworn in by Kay M. Sullivan

The Honorable Linda Zilber and Marc Buoniconti were sworn in as the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust members appointed by Commissioner Sally Heyman, District 4, and Commissioner Carlos Gimenez, District 7, at the CITT meeting of February 28, 2007. Ms. Zilber and Mr. Buoniconti were reapp-

pointed when their terms expired. The oath of office was administered by Kay M. Sullivan, Director of the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

Initially appointed to the CITT in 2004, Ms. Zilber served as Chairperson of the CITT Community Outreach Committee and is currently Vice Chairperson of the Trust. She is the former Mayor of Bay Harbor Islands where she also served as a Councilwoman for seven years.

Marc Buoniconti is one of the original members of the CITT, having been appointed in 2004. He served as Vice Chairperson of the Trust from 2004 to 2005 and became Chairperson in May 2004. He was reappointed to a new four year term in 2007. Mr. Buoniconti is an ambassador for and co-founder of the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis where he has been responsible for development and public relations of the neuroscience research effort.

A Message from the Chairman



Miles E. Moss, P.E.

CITT means different things to different people, but I believe that our most important charge is to uphold the trust the public placed in us with the passage of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP). We have taken this responsibility very seriously and, over the last four years, have worked hard to build a reputation for vigilant oversight of the funds generated by the transportation surtax.

Many exciting changes are underway at the CITT, most notably the recent recruitment of candidates to fill several vacancies on the Trust. Some of the current members have elected to pursue other interests and will not be returning to the Trust. They made an invaluable contribution to the Trust during its formative years and we wish them success in future endeavors. I want to assure the citizens that CITT will continue to serve honestly and with integrity, building on the successes realized since the transportation surtax was enacted.

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ANNUAL COMTO CONFERENCE IS COMING TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

The 36th Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) National Meeting and Training Conference will be held on June 22-27, 2007, at the Intercontinental Hotel in Miami, Florida. The theme of this year's conference is "The Future of Intermodal Expansion: Dawn of A New Era," and is hosted locally by the COMTO Miami Chapter and Miami-Dade County. COMTO was founded in 1971 to provide a forum for senior level minority professionals in the transportation industry.

COMTO held its annual meeting in Miami in 2001 and opted to return in 2007 because of the full program of workshops conducted by industry experts, the rich cultural heritage and exciting social events offered by the COMTO Miami Chapter and South Florida. In the workshops, participants can hone their professional skills and become more informed on critical issues facing both policy makers and transportation managers. The hundreds of transportation professionals who will convene here in June will also be able to see the newest technologies, while businesses, manufacturers and vendors showcase their latest products and services.

CITT Executive Director Nan Markowitz serves on the conference planning committee working closely with Local Conference Coordinator Virginia Whitfield to help ensure the meeting is a success. The CITT will also have a booth in the exhibit area showcasing information on the Trust, affording members the opportunity to interact with one of the largest gatherings of transportation professionals from around the country.

For more information, contact Virginia Whitfield at 305-638-7228 or wvr@miamidade.gov, or visit www.comto.org.

Municipalities Put PTP Dollars to Work!

FLORIDA CITY



Florida City has installed over a dozen stylish bus shelters along SW 344th Street to protect transit riders from the elements.



HIALEAH



The City of Hialeah is operating the popular Marlin and Flamingo bus routes using PTP funds.



PALMETTO BAY



The Village of Palmetto Bay is using its share of surtax funds to implement projects that improve mobility including a bus circulator service and traffic calming projects like the traffic circle pictured here on the left.



KEY BISCAIYNE



The transportation surtax has enabled the Village of Key Biscayne to make major improvements to Crandon Boulevard.



Dates to Remember

CITT Project and Financial Review Committee
May 17, 2007, 2 P.M.
Stephen P. Clark Center
111 NW First Street • 10th Floor Conference Room

Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust
Step 30, 2007, 2 P.M.
Stephen P. Clark Center
111 NW First Street • County Commission Chambers

CITT Community Outreach Committee
June 6, 2007, 2 P.M.
Stephen P. Clark Center
111 NW First Street • 10th Floor Conference Room

CITT Compliance and Oversight Committee
June 6, 2007, 3:30 P.M.
Stephen P. Clark Center
111 NW First Street • 10th Floor Conference Room

CITT Project and Financial Review Committee
June 14, 2007, 2 P.M.
Stephen P. Clark Center
111 NW First Street • 10th Floor Conference Room

Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust
June 27, 2007, 2 P.M.
Stephen P. Clark Center
111 NW First Street • County Commission Chambers



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