



# SOUTH FLORIDA VANPOOL PROGRAM (SFVP)

Report as of June 2009

## Introduction

The South Florida Vanpool Program (SFVP) was created in 1998 by the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Under MPO Board resolution #39-95, CMAQ funds were allocated for implementing the program. After the success and expansion of the program, Broward and Palm Beach MPOs joined the SFVP in 2002 and 2006, respectively.

## Background

The program operates based on a 30-day lease agreement. This agreement is between the vanpool provider (VPSI, Inc.) and the volunteer driver. VPSI provides the van, insurance (no-deductible), all scheduled and non-scheduled maintenance, as well as a back-up vehicle, if needed. All participants of the vanpool group are registered in the Emergency Ride Home (ERH) Program administered by the South Florida Commuter Services (SFCS). This program provides participants to have access to free taxi service in emergency situations.

A monthly fee is charged based on the size of the van (7, 9 or 15 passengers) and the monthly mileage. A \$400 subsidy per van per month is provided for the participants in the program.

## Funding Sources

Over 80% of the funding source for the program is Federal, while the State has matched the rest of the funding. No local funds have ever been used for the operation of the program.

*The SFVP is a joint effort between...  
The MPOs (Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach), FDOT (Districts 4 & 6),  
South Florida Commuter Services (SFCS) and VPSI, Inc.*



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Funding



Support



Operation

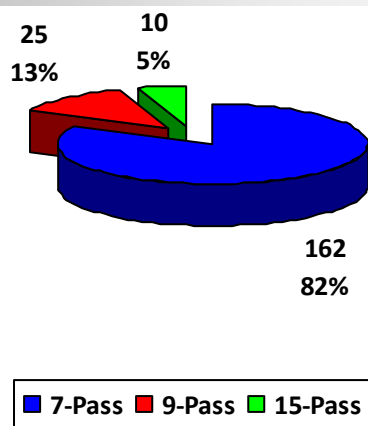


## Program Highlight

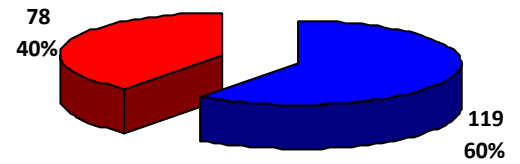
As of June 2009:

- 197 vanpools within the 3-county area.
- Average monthly mileage: 17,049 miles
- Average roundtrip mileage: 86.5 miles
- Average passengers/van: 6.9 persons
- Passenger-trips saved/year: 603,200 trips
- Passenger-miles saved/year: 26.1M miles
- Parking spaces saved per day: 1,160 spaces

## Vanpool Size



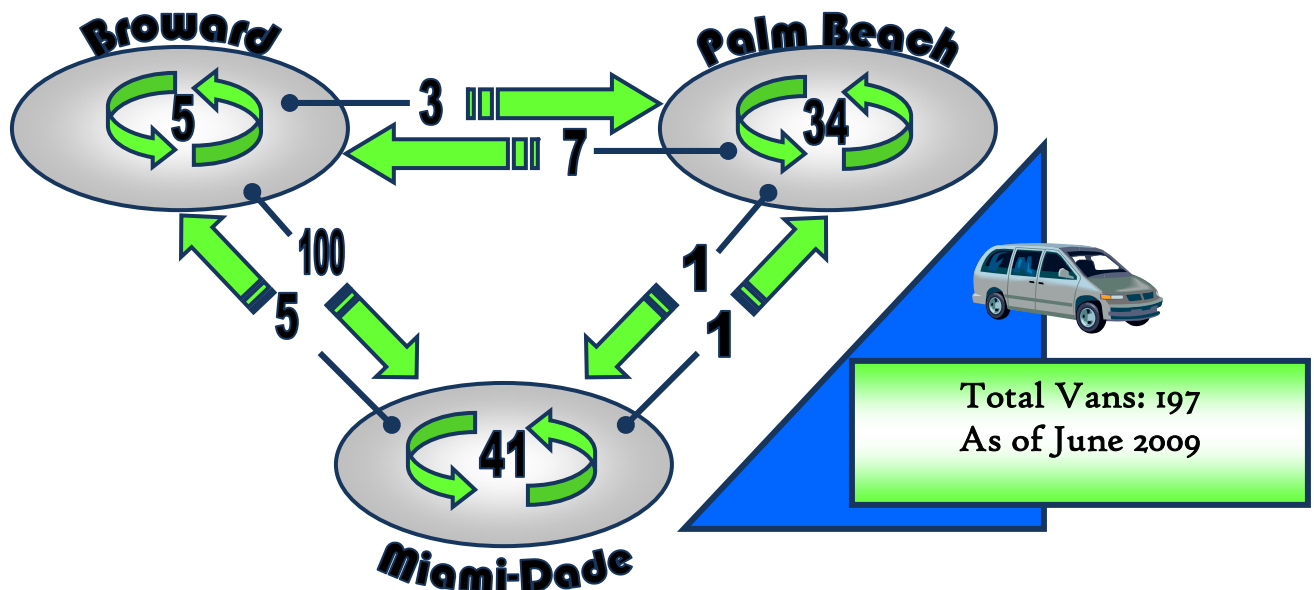
## Vanpool Drivers



■ Men ■ Women

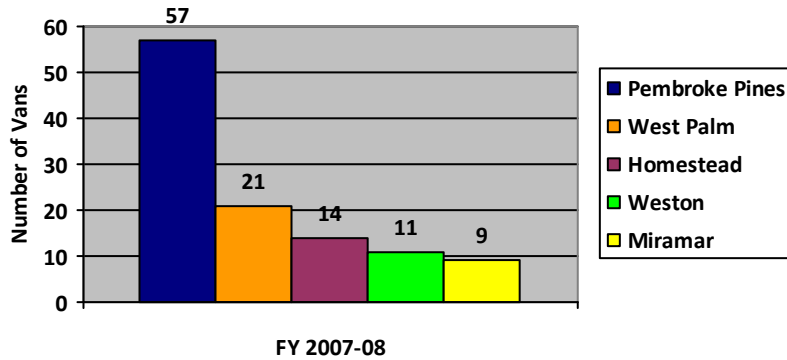
*Vanpooling help in alleviating traffic congestion and improve our environment and the quality of life. Additionally, other benefits associated with the vanpoolers include: Emergency Ride Home, back-up vans, preferential parking, tax deductions, etc...*

## Vanpool Distribution by County



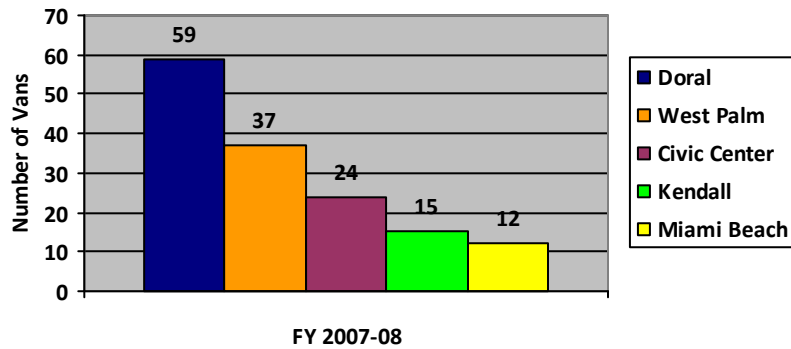
## MAJOR ORIGINS & DESTINATIONS

### Origins



57% of all groups reside in the top five residential areas.

### Destinations

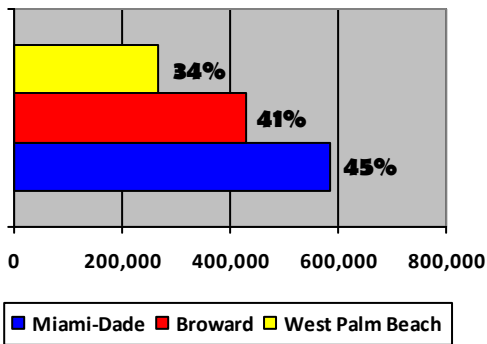


75% of all groups travel to the top five working areas.

## CONTRACT COSTS

Description	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
<b>Contract (\$)</b>	190,950	199,548	209,475	219,899	230,842	230,842	230,842
<b>Coordinators (\$)</b>	58,700	57,960	60,858	63,902	67,096	67,096	67,096
<b>Comments</b>	Every County provides their own funding. Contract costs are split among the three counties. For the last 3 years, contract costs have not changed.						

## TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES



Expenses include all capital, operating and marketing expenses for the 3-county area. This includes also groups coming from Key West, St. Lucie and Martin Counties.

## SFVP NEWS

- The SFVP is generating its own funding source through FTA Section 5307 formula funds and State Block Grant funds. The program received \$661,189.27 corresponding to the 2005 allocations. These funds are being used for FY 2008-09 expenses. The estimated allocation for 2006 is approximately \$1.2M.

- Additionally, the SFVP will also apply for State Block Grants. These funding sources will provide the necessary financial support and stability to the program.
- Miami-Dade MPO entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Miami-Dade Transit (MDT). The purpose of this MOU is for the MPO to receive Federal and State funds allocated for the Vanpool Program. MDT is the designated Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant recipient for the Miami-Dade Urbanized Area. Therefore, MDT will serve as a pass through department for the MPO.
- Miami-Dade MPO conducted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a new contract for the SFVP. The only bidder was VPSI, Inc.
- A new hardware and software is being installed in all active vans to provide real time data. Mileage and number of passengers will be reported on a daily basis. This application will facilitate the data collection process for submitting the NTD Report to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).



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