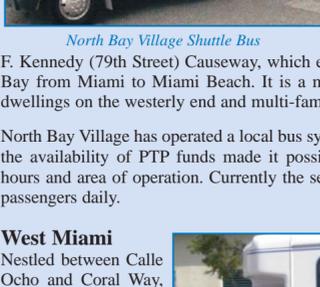


PTP Funded Municipal Bus Systems

The municipal component is the part of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) that allocates 20% of surtax revenue to Miami Dade County municipalities incorporated at the time of passage of the PTP. The municipal funds provide an additional funding source to support implementation of a countywide multimodal transportation system through local municipal projects. The twenty-percent allocated to municipalities generates in excess of \$30,000,000 annually and is divided among the 31 participating municipalities. The initial transfer of funds was made in May 2003 and, since then, more than \$179,186,815 dollars have been allocated to these municipalities; each receiving a share based on population.

The PTP requires the participating municipalities to use at least twenty-percent of their annual allocation for transit projects and many of them opted to use those funds to operate a municipal bus service. Working as partners and separately, they have created a network of bus routes designed to meet the mobility needs of all transit riders. The systems are designed to transport riders within the municipal boundaries and to connect with the County's public transportation including Metrobus, Metrorail and Metromover.

Some are larger than others but they each provide quality transit service using PTP dollars. A few of the municipalities have even formed partnerships that enable them to provide greater service and increase area wide mobility.



North Bay Village Shuttle Bus

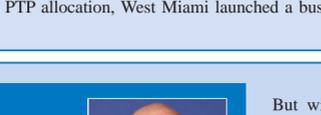
North Bay Village

The City of North Bay Village is a three-island community situated in northeast Miami-Dade County between the cities of Miami and Miami Beach. The three islands - North Bay Island, Harbor Island and Treasure Island - are linked by the John F. Kennedy (79th Street) Causeway, which extends across Biscayne Bay from Miami to Miami Beach. It is a mixture of single family dwellings on the westerly end and multi-family dwellings on end.

North Bay Village has operated a local bus system for a few years but the availability of PTP funds made it possible to expand both the hours and area of operation. Currently the service serves nearly 100 passengers daily.

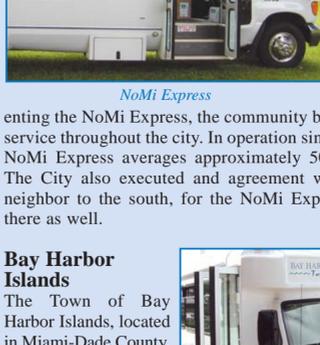
West Miami

Nestled between Calle Ocho and Coral Way, and only three-quarters of a mile is the city of West Miami which was incorporated in 1947. Through a small city, during the 1990's, West Miami accomplished many capital projects such as sidewalk replacement projects, tree beautification projects, new parking in front of City Hall and the purchase of a new storm water truck. Using part of its PTP allocation, West Miami launched a bus



City of West Miami "Hour Loop" Bus

circulator route which serves riders five days a week. Ridership is currently about 85 passengers per day.



NoMi Express

North Miami

As one of the thirty-one municipalities participating in the PTP municipal component, the City receives more than \$1 million dollars annually.

Part of North Miami's PTP funds have been dedicated to implementing the NoMi Express, the community bus service that provides service throughout the city. In operation since December, 2004, the NoMi Express averages approximately 500 passengers per day. The City also executed agreement with Biscayne Park, its neighbor to the south, for the NoMi Express to provide service there as well.

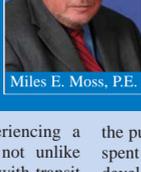
Bay Harbor Islands

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands, located in Miami-Dade County, Florida, is a growing and vibrant community near Miami Beach and downtown Miami. It receives approximately \$5000 annually in PTP funds and uses a portion of that money to provide public transit through their Bay Harbor Islands Town Shuttle.



Bay Harbor Islands "Town Shuttle"

A Message from the Chairperson



Miles E. Moss, P.E.

But with the steady demand for surtax revenue we have recently had to make some tough decisions when it comes to prioritizing and funding transit projects.

In contemplating requests for PTP funding, the CITT has to consider the promises made to the public on how surtax dollars would be spent against the reality of what it takes to develop a public transportation system that is responsive to the mobility needs of the community. This has necessarily posed a dilemma at times for the Trust but in the end I believe that we have been successful in working through the difficulties.

The CITT faced just such a prospect earlier this year when we were asked to approve surtax funding for the purchase of new Metrorail cars versus refurbishing the old ones as planned. I think the main concern of everyone is that with \$401

million going for new Metrorail cars, there probably wouldn't be much money to fund other projects in the PTP such as the planned Metrorail extensions.

To their credit, County staff made a good case stating that, in the long run, it was most cost-effective to the County to purchase the new cars. We also had to consider that the federal government will not help fund the Metrorail expansion if the county cannot maintain the current system, including its cars.

In the end we made a decision that we felt was the most prudent in the best interest of taxpayers and the County in approving the purchase of the rail cars. I think CITT member William Sancho expressed our position best, "We hope and pray that the County Manager and Miami-Dade Transit will come up with a very good plan that the Feds will sign off on, and purchasing these cars is a positive step toward building the Orange Line."

Coral Gables Trolley Enhances Mobility

The City of Coral Gables, home to more than 42,000 residents and the globally recognized University of Miami, is one of the municipalities receiving PTP funds through the municipal component. What previously seemed to be unachievable in Miami-Dade County is now a standard course of business, with local sales taxes helping to fund transportation improvements in Miami-Dade County.

Coral Gables leaders are using part of its PTP allocation to develop a much needed circulator bus transportation system to address the specific mobility needs of residents, visitors and commuters. Shortly after receiving its first distribution of funds from the transportation surtax in 2003, the City launched the Coral Gables Trolley. The fleet consisted of both low emission diesel and diesel/electric powered minibuses designed to resemble the vintage electric trolley that had operated in Coral Gables in the 1920s; adding an historic flavor to the city streets.

The Trolley serves passengers along busy Ponce de Leon Boulevard and provides a critical connection to Metrorail at the Douglas Road Station. Ridership has continued to grow over the years and daily passenger counts are now about 5,110; this represents an almost five-fold increase over initial projections. The City proudly celebrated the boarding of the 3 millionth Trolley passenger in October 2007. In addition to providing a transportation alternative, the Trolley has also reduced the parking demand and number of vehicle trips within the City's downtown business district.

Coral Gables recently added another minibus to the Trolley fleet, purchasing it from George Washington University at a cost of \$68,000 using PTP funds. In order to keep pace with ridership demand, the City purchased four new low-floor, diesel powered trolleys in 2006 at a total cost of \$1,209,000 with the assistance of a State Grant and matching County surtax funds in the amount of \$609,000. This increased the total fleet size from 9 to 10 shuttle buses. By the end of Fiscal Year 2006-2007 the City will have spent an estimated \$5,030,000 in County surtax funding on this project.

Considerable resources have been devoted to renovating the Trolley Depot by adding a new bus bay, enlarging four existing equipment bay door openings and construction of new bathroom facilities. The project total construction cost was \$265,000 and was funded by a State matching grant (\$132,500) and County surtax funding (\$132,500).

The City has commissioned several studies to determine the overall efficiency of the Trolley system. One was conducted by the University of Miami's Department of Industrial Engineering which concluded that the Trolley is operating at a near optimum level of service. Thirty-five percent of the boardings are generated from the Douglas Road Metrorail Station and eighteen percent from the Metrobus stop at the intersection of SW 8 Street and Ponce de Leon.

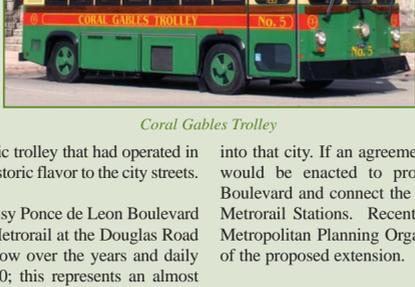
Another study determined that eighty-three percent of trolley passengers were leaving their automobiles at home, resulting in two thousand and two hundred (2,200) fewer vehicle trips per day.

Coral Gables has also been looking into partnering with the City of South Miami, their neighbor to the South, to put into service an extension of Coral Gables Trolley into that city. If an agreement is reached, an Interlocal Agreement would be enacted to provide service along Ponce de Leon Boulevard and connect the Douglas, University and South Miami Metrorail Stations. Recently the City received a grant from the Metropolitan Planning Organization to conduct a feasibility study of the proposed extension.

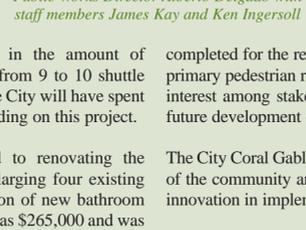
The City has utilized P.T.P surtax funds to for roadway improvements as well. Thirty stop sign assemblies along Ponce de Leon Boulevard were rehabilitated or replaced. Under the City's Ponce de Leon Boulevard Median Improvements Project, fourteen (14) new bus stop curb extensions were constructed at intersections in the heart of Downtown Coral Gables. The project is intended to provide one step boarding access on the trolleys at these selected locations. The City has installed supplemental sidewalk safety improvements at various traffic calming locations and made them ADA compliant.

Conceptual streetscape plans have been completed for the redevelopment of new sidewalks along the city's primary pedestrian roadway. The plans have generated considerable interest among stakeholders and will likely serve as a nucleus for future development considerations.

The City Coral Gables has used PTP dollars to the maximum benefit of the community and demonstrates the potential for creativity and innovation in implementing local transportation projects.



Coral Gables Trolley



Public Works Director Alberto Delgado with staff members James Kay and Ken Ingersoll

CITT Members Take Oath of Office

The Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust recently welcomed two members to the group; one is a new appointee and the other a veteran on the Trust having served since 2003.



New CITT member William Sancho is congratulated by Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber

William Sancho was named to the CITT by Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Alvarez and he took the oath of office at the monthly CITT meeting on February 27, 2008. Professionally, Mr. Sancho heads the regional marketing and business development efforts for White & Case LLP's Miami office. He began his marketing and public relations career as a collegiate representative for IBM at Florida State University and has since included both entrepreneurial and corporate experience in business development and sales management.

In 1999, Mr. Sancho received Hispanic Business Magazine's Entrepreneur Spirit Award which recognizes Hispanic entrepreneurs who have demonstrated uncommon drive, innovative courage, prosperity and civic responsibility. He has served as a member of the

United Way Campaign Cabinet, Chairman of the United Way's Young Leaders Society; and board member of the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center (FIAC).



LtCol Antonio Colmenares shakes hands with Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber after taking the Oath of Office

LtCol Antonio Colmenares was recently appointed to a new term by Commissioner Jose "Pepé" Diaz of District 10 as one of only three members to have served on the CITT since it was first organized in May 2003. LtCol Colmenares brings to the CITT expertise in the transportation industry and a drive to serve his community gained during his years of service in the United States Marine Corps. His military career spans twenty-five years with over twenty years experience in the areas of transportation and mobility. As the Logistics Operations Planner for the US Marine Corps, US Southern Command he is responsible for writing and executing logistics support plans for an area that covers 32 countries. Lt. Col. Colmenares holds degrees in Occupational Education with a major in Criminal Justice and a minor in Electronics Engineering and a Master of Science Degree in Military Science.

The CITT wants you!

The Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) Nominating Committee has made it easier for interested citizens to apply for a seat on the CITT. Previously, applications were accepted only when a seat became vacant on the Trust but the CITT Nominating Committee now accepts applications year round to insure that a qualified pool of applicants is available. This circumvents the need to initiate a recruitment campaign for every vacancy as applications remain active for two years.

The CITT is made up of 15 members who are appointed by the County Mayor, each member of the Board of County Commissioners and the Miami-Dade League of Cities. CITT members are appointed to serve four year terms, it can remain on the Trust for an additional term. It is important to note that members serve as unpaid volunteers and do not receive a salary for this service. It is an opportunity for Miami-Dade County citizens to

serve the community and help build a legacy of quality transportation for future generations.

The Trust was created to monitor and oversee how the half-penny transportation surtax is being spent and to insure implementation of the projects in the People's Transportation Plan (PTP). CITT members participate in monthly meetings of the full Trust and, at times, its subcommittees. This requires them to set aside time to review agenda packages to prepare for each meeting. The staff at the Office of the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (OCITT), which provides administrative support to the CITT, makes every effort to keep the demand on a members' time at a minimum.

Anyone interested in submitting an application to the CITT should call the Office of the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust at 305-375-1357 or visit www.miamidade.gov for additional information.

Upcoming CITT Meetings

June 2008

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CITT Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust
County Commission Chambers
111 NW First Street, 2nd Floor
PFR Project & Financial Review Committee
COIC&O Joint Community Outreach and Compliance & Oversight Committee
All committee meetings:
CITT Conference Room
111 NW First Street, 10th Floor

July 2008

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