

History of the People’s Transportation Plan

In 2002, the community and local government came together to work on finding solutions to Miami-Dade’s transportation problems. An aggressive public outreach campaign was launched that included public meetings, a televised town hall session, numerous radio call-in shows and a series of civic and business presentations throughout the County to solicit input from the community on transportation issues.

Municipalities provided input on how to address the transportation problems at a Municipal Mayors Roundtable. Community Planning Council members attended a Transportation Roundtable and provided input on transportation issues and an estimated 2,000 people attended two transportation summits.



Nearly 100,000 people logged on to the website dedicated to the discussion to present their comments and seek information on the results of the various public meetings and proposed transportation projects. Thousands of meaningful suggestions ranging from infrastructure improvements to funding options were recorded for the development of a county wide community transportation plan.

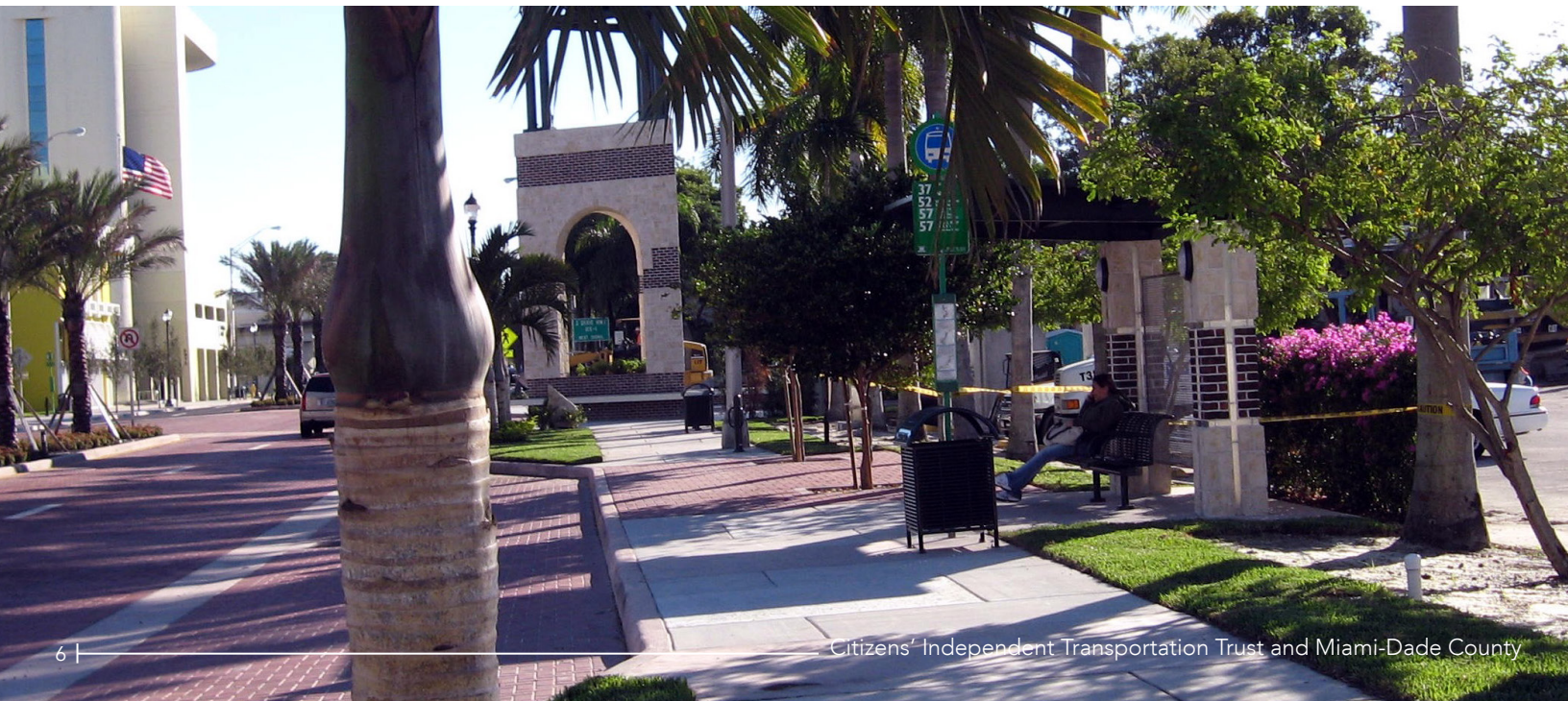
After 80 neighborhood meetings and the active participation of concerned citizens at the two countywide summits, our community developed the People’s Transportation Plan (PTP) — a publicly supported transportation improvement program designed to create an integrated mass transportation network and conduct roadway improvements in Miami-Dade County and its municipalities. These Miami-Dade

residents also understood the need for local funding to finance the plan and recommended a half-penny sales Surtax to fund major transportation improvements.

On November 5, 2002, Miami-Dade County voters approved a half-penny Surtax to implement the PTP. As part of the ballot question, voters also approved the creation of a Citizens’ Independent Transportation Trust (Transportation Trust) a 15-member body created to oversee the expenditure of Surtax proceeds.

Ballot Language - November 5, 2002 General Election Sample Ballot

COUNTY	
County Transportation Expansion Question	
Shall the County implement the People’s Transportation Plan including: Plans to build rapid transit lines to West Dade, Kendall, Florida City, Miami Beach and North Dade; expanding bus service; adding 635 buses; improving traffic signalization to reduce traffic backups; improving major and neighborhood roads and highways, including drainage; and funding to municipalities for road and transportation projects by levying a ½ percent sales Surtax whose proceeds will be overseen by the Citizen’s Independent Transportation Trust?	
YES	134 
NO	135 





A Decade of Progress

Putting Plans to Action

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

—Henry Ford

Over the past 10 years, PTP funded projects have helped enhance public transportation, reduce gridlock and improve safety for pedestrians and motorists throughout the Miami-Dade County. From state-of-the art traffic signal synchronization, improvements to roads and bridges, traffic calming devices, major road and street lighting, school zone flashing signals, express bus services routes and more, the half-penny Surtax has helped to improve mobility and the quality of life throughout Miami-Dade County and municipalities from Aventura to Florida City.

A major milestone and one of the most significant projects funded by the PTP to date is the completion — on time and on budget — of the Orange Line Metrorail extension to Miami International Airport.

The accomplishments of these first 10 years is only the beginning, there is still much to be done.

The Transportation Trust is committed to working with the County and the community to develop solutions that meet current transportation needs and to cultivate creative funding sources to enable the expansion of transit corridor improvements.