



90-Day Report

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Summary

This report provides a recap of activities related to the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) for the 90-day period beginning October 1, 2004, through December 31, 2004. Listings of previous and life-to-date accomplishments are available at trafficrelief.com. The implementation of the PTP continues with accelerated planning for projects and improvements included in the PTP.

In addition to the PTP projects that were realized during this quarter, it is noteworthy to mention four significant actions:

- 1) On November 21, 2004, Miami-Dade Transit kicked-off the largest bus service expansion in Transit history. The new bus service expansion features eight (8) new bus routes and significant improvements to fifty (50) existing bus routes. The new routes, Airport West (Route 41); Busway Flyer (Route 34); Gratigny Connection (Route 68); Goulds Connection (Route 216); Liberty City Connection (Route 46); Route 147; Route 200; and Route 344 will allow the County to accommodate the heavy ridership experienced during the winter months. This introduction of new service is part of the five-year bus plan that was promised to voters in the People's Transportation Plan's Transportation Plan.
- 2) In response to the recent U.S. District Court decision regarding the County's Black, Hispanic, and Women Business Enterprise (B/H/WBE) programs and to avoid further delays that may negatively impact public perception and reflect unfavorably on the PTP, RFP-463, which superseded RFP-427A, was issued without references to race, ethnic and gender conscious measures. The RFP closed on November 19, 2004, and yielded three (3) proposals. Oral Presentations took place on December 9, 2004. The Department of Procurement Management is expected to sign-off on the award recommendation during the week of January 17, 2005. A notice to proceed could be issued as early as the first week of April 2005.

Summary (continued)

Once the Financial Consultant is on board, they will be asked to monitor the revised Pro-forma data to ensure that all proposed PTP projects can be carried out as promised to the voters.

- 3) The media campaign to recruit new CITT Members for Commission Districts 4, 8, and 13 yielded 116 applications. The applications were reviewed by the CITT Nominating Committee, which met on October 13, 2004. The Committee selected three slates with four names each to forward to the respective County Commissioners. From these slates, the Honorable Sally A. Heyman selected the Honorable Linda Zilber as the CITT's representative for Commission District 4. The Honorable Katy Sorenson selected Susannah Troner to represent District 8. The Honorable Natacha Seijas rejected the first slate of names and requested a new slate of names from which to choose. The Nominating Committee met again on November 18, 2004, but could not vote due to a lack of quorum. The Nominating Committee reconvened on December 16, 2004, and forwarded a slate with three names to fill the vacancy in Commission District 13. The Honorable Commissioner Natacha Seijas appointed Enrique A. Bello as her representative in District 13.
- 4) Members from the Board of County Commissioners and the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) continue to hold monthly Joint BCC/CITT workshops to discuss issues and concerns relating to the implementation of the People's Transportation Plan. Recently, as a result of these workshops, language is being drafted for the BCC to consider amending Ordinance 02-117, to include changes in CITT Member term limits and rules to enforce Member attendance at meetings.

New Initiatives

Miami-Dade County has redesigned the official website of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) to feature easier navigability, a streamlined appearance and more information about the plan. The website's new, user-friendly format lets visitors navigate easily through the site's links to PTP project updates, press releases and other information. Visitors will also notice the site's more streamlined design and attractive new header image. In addition, the revamped site includes a new Public Works section with maps, cost estimates and construction timetables for individual PTP road projects. The redesigned site also features an expanded municipal section, with information on municipalities' Transportation Plans and links to municipal websites. In the near future visitors can look forward to additional features, such as a neighborhood mapping application that will provide information on all PTP-funded projects in their area.

Contract Reviews

The following contracts were presented to the CITT for its consideration during the quarter:

Public Works Department's (PWD) request for waiver of competitive bids and approval of Change Order No. one (1) to the contract with **Horsepower Electric, Inc.**, for Annual Traffic Signal Safety Improvements contract no. 17, Project No. 671810 for the People's Transportation Plan (PTP). \$2 million

Work order for the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) project between **A & P Consulting Transportation Engineers** and the Public Works Department (PWD) for the project entitled, new access to Country Walk – SW 143 Terrace from SW 145 Place to SW 144 Avenue (Project No, 20040353). \$34,762.24

Non-exclusive Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with **EBS Engineering, Inc.**, for NE 2nd Avenue, from West Little River Canal to NE 91st Street; Public Works Department (PWD) - Project No. 20030187. \$281,898.05

Non-exclusive Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with **A & P Consulting Transportation Engineers Corp.** for SW 62nd Avenue, from SW 24th Street to NW 7 Street – Public Works Department (PWD) - Project No. 20030188. \$393,290.12

Non-exclusive Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with **BCC Engineering, Inc.**, for SW 62 Avenue, from SW 70 Street to SW 64 Street – Public Works Department (PWD) - Project No. 20030189. \$178,061.14

Non-exclusive Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with **Sanchez-Zeinali & Associates, Inc.**, for SW 160 Street, from SW 147 Avenue to SW 137 Avenue – Public Works Department (PWD) Project No. 20030190. \$334,885.35

Non-exclusive Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with **Civil Works, Inc.** for NW 138th Street Bridge at Miami River Canal – Public Works Department (PWD) Project No. 20030191. \$334,884.35

Work Order No. One (1) to Contract No. EDP-MT-TR06-MF17 between Miami-Dade County and **LIVS Associates** for \$33,500 for the Dadeland North Metrorail Station elevator improvements. \$33,500

Contract Reviews (Continued)

Contract No. 6402-0/04 for the purchase of 40-foot low-floor transit coaches with **North American Bus Industries (NABI)** for implementation of bus service improvements as mandated by the People's Transportation Plan (PTP). \$182,274,757.00

Contract with **Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company** for tire leasing and vehicle tire services, sub item 1.3 of the Department of Procurement Management's commodities and services contract awards. \$19,000,000.00

Amendment to the existing consultant contract with **Heery International, Inc.**, Project No. A00-Park-02-05, to include the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) as an approved funding source. \$235,000

Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) between the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Miami-Dade County to provide People's Transportation Plan (PTP) funding for the **design of NW 74 street**, from NW 107 Avenue to NW 87 Avenue. \$847,000

Professional Services Agreement (PSA) between Miami-Dade County and HNTB Corporation, to provide planning and preliminary engineering services for the **East-West Corridor**, Contract No. TR04-EWC-R, in an amount not to exceed \$29,988,896.

Contracts, sub items 1.1, 1.2, 4.2, 4.3, and 4.4 of the Department of Procurement Management's (DPM) **commodities and services contract awards**, for competitive bids and competitive bid waivers for Miami-Dade Transit.

(contract values)

• sub items 1.1	Replacement Control Items	\$393,255.00
• sub items 1.2	Safety Shoes and Boots	\$361,250.00
• sub items 4.2	Janitorial Services for Metromover	\$400,000.00
• sub items 4.3	Janitorial Services for Metrorail	\$546,232.00
• sub items 4.4	Bottled Water and Dispensers	\$ 25,000.00

Contract number TRO4-TSB with **Advanced Transportation Solutions, LLC** (ATS for provision of paratransit transportation services and approving the use of Charter County Transit System Surtax funds. \$219 million

Small Purchase Orders used by Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) through August 31, 2004, for purchases in support of operations for the People's Transportation Plan (PTP). \$393,255

Note: A listing of all Resolutions to date are posted on trafficrelief.com

PTP Amendments

The following PTP amendments were considered and approved by the CITT during the quarter:

Resolution to amend the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) to include **Paratransit/Special Transportation Services (STS)** as an eligible project for Charter County Transit System Surtax Funds in an amount not to exceed \$55.4 million and set to expire on April 1, 2010.

Resolution to amend the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) to include the use of Charter County Transit System Surtax funds for **existing Miami-Dade transit (MDT) service** for fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, and 2004-2005, and further amend the PTP to include the use of surtax funds for such service for subsequent fiscal years under certain conditions.

CITT Resolutions

Resolution requesting the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) consider a policy that includes a **Public Involvement Plan (PIP)** in all construction contracts and Joint Participation Agreements (JPA) in excess of \$1 million that adversely impact neighboring businesses.

Resolution requesting that the County Manager estimate the potential costs in future proposed People's Transportation Plan amendments that increase surtax obligations and include planned equivalent reductions to ensure the **continued financial balance** of the 30-year Pro-forma.

Resolution recognizing and commending the **Honorable Luis C. Morse** for exceptional service and commitment to this Trust and to the implementation of the People's Transportation Plan.

Resolution recognizing and commending the **Honorable Michael Abrams** for exceptional service and commitment to this Trust and to the implementation of the People's Transportation Plan.

Resolution recognizing and commending **Irma San Roman** for her leadership, guidance and exemplary dedication to public service as Interim Executive Director for the Office of the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust.

Miami-Dade Transit

Rapid Transit Corridors:

Program Management Consultant:

The first tier meeting of the consultant selection process took place on July 21, 2004. The Inspector General completed its Due Diligence Review on October 13, 2004. The re-convening of the first tier meeting of the selection committee was held on November 4, 2004, and second tier meeting was held on December 1, 2004.

North Corridor

Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) submitted the Final Impact Statement (FEIS) to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in September 2004. MDT staff is in the process of addressing additional requirements noted by the FTA. The FEIS will be used to obtain a Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD is currently expected to be obtained from the FTA in August 2005. The County Manager approved entering into negotiations with Parsons Transportation Group (PTG) in mid-October 2004, and negotiations ended on November 18, 2004.

MIC-Earlington Heights

In October 2004, the County decided to implement this project with 100% local funds. With the state's \$100 million contribution for the MIC-EH, the projects estimated \$260 million cost (an estimated \$160 million) is expected to come before the CITT for consideration in 2005.

In early November, the County Manager approved the Selection Committee's recommendation to hire the URS Corp, which is being retained to do Final Design for the MIC-EHT project. Consideration by the TC, BCC, and CITT is expected in January 2005.

East-West Planning Consultant

A Professional Services Agreement (PSA) was approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on December 2, 2004. The item was reviewed by the CITT's Concurrent Review Process and approved by the full CITT on December 29, 2004.

Buses:

In keeping with the promise to purchase more buses, MDT has recently received an additional 110 new buses, bringing the total of new buses to 280, which will result in a much more reliable and higher quality transit system. The new buses will require additional bus operators and maintenance personnel, which is expected to translate into more than 200 new jobs in the near future.

- New Hires: MDT continues its promise to create more jobs and provide more buses. During this quarter, MDT hired 43 Bus Operators.

Metrorail/Metromover Rehabilitation:

- In October 2004, MDT staff entered into negotiations to review and discuss “draft” submittals for the Project Management Plan (PMP) and the Quality Assurance Program Plan (QAPP). The first rehabilitated rail vehicles are expected to be available for revenue service by February 2007, with full project completion by February 2010.

Golden Passport:

- To date, there are 114,287 active patron accounts. During this quarter, 5,018 Golden Passports were issued. In November 2002, there were 51,082 active accounts. From November 2002 to December 2004, 63,205 additional passports were issued. This represents a program growth of approximately 123.73 percent. In June 2004, MDT implemented the Patriot Passport for honorably discharged veterans with an income of \$22,000 and less. To date, 1,460 Patriot Passports have been issued.

Public Works Department

Each of the 44 site-specific PTP projects included in Exhibit 1 are all being addressed by the PWD at this time.

- Seven (7) of the projects are under construction or set to commence construction very soon.
- Nine (9) of the projects are under design.
- Three (3) will begin design this year.
- Six (6) of the projects will begin design through a JPA with the City of Miami early next year.
- Nineteen (19) of the projects are undergoing a scope development and will be advertised for design services later this year.

Public Works Department (continued)

The \$5.5 million NW 62nd Avenue project in Hialeah, which began construction on May 3, 2004, is now 50% complete. The contractor is working on drainage, subgrade, and roadway base preparation, flatwork, and electrical.

Six (6) PTP projects are under design utilizing the recently approved consultant agreements. The six contracts will address the following projects in the PWD 2-year PTP plan:

- Dist. 3 - NE 2nd Avenue from West Little River to NE 91 Street (Street and Traffic Operational Improvements)
 - Dist. 6 – SW 62 Avenue from SW 24 Street to NW 7 Street (Street and Traffic Operational Improvements)
 - Dist. 7 – SW 62 Avenue from SW 70 Street to SW 64 Street (Reduce from 5 to 2 lanes)
 - Dist. 9 – SW 160 Street from SW 147 Avenue to SW 137 Avenue (New 4 lane road)
 - Dist. 12 – New 5 lane bridge over the Miami River Canal at NW 138 Street
 - Dist. 11 – New access to Country Walk from SW 136 Street.
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- Construction for the \$3.7 million, Grand Avenue Project began in October 2004. The project combines funding from PTP and other County funding sources. The contractor is working in phased construction on drainage and flatwork.
 - The County and the City of Miami are working on new JPAs to address several other projects in the 2-year plan. An agreement is being finalized to expedite PTP projects within City limits. NE 2nd Ave from NE 20th Street to West Little River Canal, South Miami Avenue from SW 25 Road to SW 15 Road, and NW 62 Street from NW 37 Avenue to I-95.
 - Miami River Tunnel Feasibility Study is being redrafted with active input from the City of Miami and FDOT. The County and the City are exploring ways to expedite the commencement of this study.
 - PWD has received and is reviewing responses to the Request for Information (RFI) for the Advanced Traffic Management Systems (ATMS). During this quarter, County experts have visited various nationwide sites to determine if there is an ATMS on the market that can be implemented in Miami-Dade County in a relatively short period of time. A recommendation to the Manager is expected shortly.

Public Works Department (continued)

The PWD is working closely with each of the County Commissioner's Offices to discuss the Neighborhood Improvement Projects, such as resurfacing, sidewalks, drainage, striping, ADA sidewalks, and school flashing signals.

- 11 PTP construction contracts (totaling \$10 million) have been approved by the CITT and BCC. Each contract has been issued a Notice to Proceed.

Some of the projects listed in the contracts are:

- ✓ School Flashing Signals (Greynolds Park EI – D4, Kinlock Park EI – D6, Gulfstream EI – D8, Lake Stevens EI – D1, Shenandoah EI – D5)
- ✓ Resurfacing in Districts 1 and 7 for roads with poor pavement conditions, Resurfacing on arterials, ADA accessibility to sidewalks on heavily traveled bus routes, New Sidewalks / ADA accessibility on arterials.
- PTP funds are being used to replace street name signs at a rapid pace. PWD crews are working overtime to replace faded signs with the new sign design. Since December 2003, 10,000 new street name signs have been replaced.
- PWD is hiring staff and acquiring equipment to accelerate the street name sign effort. One additional PTP-related employee was hired during this quarter, bringing the total to ten (10).

The positions are as follows:

- Six (6) - PWD Inspector 1s for construction. These employees will be directly involved in the new construction projects that PWD is implementing for the PTP.
- One (1) Office Support Specialist 2, and one (1) Public Works Supervisor 3 in the Traffic Signals and Signs Division. Both of these employees are integral to the expedited sign installation program for the PTP.
- One (1) Traffic Analyst 2 in the Traffic Engineering Division. This employee will be assisting in the increased effort to implement traffic calming, school flashing signals, and traffic signals.
- One (1) Traffic Maintenance Repairer. This employee is assigned to street signs.

Public Works Department (continued)

The PWD celebrated a Ground Breaking for its Illuminated Street Name Signs Pilot Program on October 18, 2004. The new, more visible, signs have been installed throughout the County at the following locations:

- District 1 - Douglas Rd & NW 199th St
- District 2 - N Miami Ave & 111th St
- District 3 - NW 17th Ave & 30th St
- District 4 - Ives Dairy Rd @ NE 14 Ave
- District 5 - NW 12th Ave & NW 7th St
- District 6 - SW 67th Ave & SW 16th St
- District 7 - SW 67th Ave & SW 88th St
- District 8 - SW 127th Ave & SW 184 St
- District 7&8 - US-1 & SW 98 Street
- District 9 - SW 137th Ave & SW 128th St
- District 10 - SW 117th Ave & SW 56th St
- District 10 - Bird Rd & SW 87 Ave
- District 10 - Bird Rd & SW 102 Ave
- District 10 - Bird Rd & SW 92 Ave
- District 11 - SW 152nd Ave & SW 72nd St
- District 12 - NW 67th Ave & W 84th St
- District 13 - Miami Lakes Rd & Ludlam Rd

PTP Municipal Component

The following PTP's municipal component activities occurred during the last quarter:

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS:

- To validate municipal expenditures of Surtax proceeds, OCITT staff requested and received Certified Financial Statements, for fiscal year 2002 and fiscal year 2003, from all 31 municipalities.
- To develop a resource center for shared data between municipalities, prepared and distributed a "Municipal Survey" to all municipalities currently receiving Surtax funds.
- As per the Interlocal Agreements, OCITT requested and received updated copies of all Municipal Transportation Plans.
- As part our ongoing outreach efforts, conducted 35 visits to all municipalities currently receiving Surtax funds.
- As part of our project review process, the Project Review Committee Chair LtCol Tony Colmenares conducted site visits in the City of Miami Beach and North Miami Beach to review proposed projects.

PTP Municipal Component (continued)

- OCITT forwarded notification letters to all municipalities. regarding CITT Resolution 04-048 (certification requirements of the Interlocal Agreement between the County and the municipalities). The resolution establishes in-house procedures and notification process to municipalities regarding the required certification process in accordance with Interlocal Agreements between the County and the municipalities.

HIGHLIGHTS OF MUNICIPAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Bal Harbour Village:** Currently in discussion with both the City of Bay Harbor Islands and the Town of Surfside to jointly operate and maintain a circulator system.
- **Town of Bay Harbor Islands:** Currently in the design and planning stage of its Bus Shelter Program. Additionally, phase 1 of citywide street improvements, which includes new drainage, sidewalks, and lighting along 91st Street to 104th Street, from West Broadview Drive to East Bay Harbor Drive, have been completed. They are commencing Phase 2 and are combining Phases 3 and 4 to expedite improvements. Assisted the Village of Bay Harbor Islands in their efforts to sign Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade Transit for the Village Mini-bus Circulator Service.
- **Village of Biscayne Park:** A traffic flow study is currently underway. Bus shelters are currently in the design and planning stage. OCITT staff coordinated a meeting between CEMUSA and the Village of Biscayne Park to assist the Village in contracting with the County for bus shelters.
- **City of Coral Gables:** Phase 1 of the Trolley Depot has been completed. Phase 2 construction is scheduled to begin in the first quarter of 2005. The Coral Gables Trolley is averaging 3000 boardings per day.
- **City of Florida City:** The City has initiated resurfacing and drainage work along SW 5th Avenue, from SW 7th Street to SW 344th Street; and from SW 5th Street, from 5th Avenue to 187th Avenue.

PTP Municipal Component (continued)

- **City of Hialeah:** In December 2004, monthly ridership on the City's transit system exceeded 50,000 boardings for the first time since its inception. Utilizing PTP Surtax funds, the City seeks to leverage a \$30 million bond issue to continue citywide street improvements. Item is set to be heard by the City Council next quarter.
- **City of Hialeah Gardens:** The City awarded four contracts for road projects, which include paving, grading, drainage, and sidewalk construction. Project locations are as follows: NW 79th Avenue, between NW 98th Street and NW 103rd Street; NW 87th Court, between NW 117th Street and NW 119th Street; NW 117th Street, between NW 87th Court and NW 89th Avenue; and NW 89th Avenue, between NW 108th Street and NW 111th Terrace.
- **City of Homestead:** The development of a Transportation Master Plan is underway. The study is to be completed by the next quarter.
- **Village of Key Biscayne:** The Village's proposed Phase 2 Crandon Boulevard Improvement Project is currently in the design portion and expecting to commence construction in June 2005;
- **Town of Medley:** The Town is studying the feasibility of developing a bus circulator system that feeds from the Palmetto Metrorail Station to local area businesses. Discussions also include the possibility of the Town of Medley partnering with the City of Miami Springs on the above mentioned circulator;
- **City of Miami:** Construction commenced on the Grand Avenue project;
- **City of Miami Beach:** Improvements along Washington Avenue, from 5th Street to 16th Street were initiated during this quarter. Improvements will be performed in phases and include resurfacing, drainage, landscaping, lighting and new bus shelters;
- **Town of Miami Lakes:** The Town is currently in the process of erecting ten (10) new bus shelters with the use of Surtax funds. Additionally, the Town Council had recently approved a Surtax funded Transportation Plan for its municipality;

PTP Municipal Component (continued)

- **City of Miami Springs:** The City has awarded a contract for citywide road improvements. During this quarter, the City also replaced deteriorated barrier walls with guardrails.
- **City of North Bay Village:** The City recently refurbished its circulator bus and contracted with the University of Miami to study a proposed route.
- **City of North Miami:** The City is re-advertising its Bus Shelter contract. Miami-Dade Transit provided assistance on this issue;
- **City of North Miami Beach:** Reconstruction of Hanford Blvd. (164th Street) is 80% complete. During this period, the City completed the Highland Village Roadabout, as well as road improvements along NE 169th Street, between NE 18th Avenue and NE 19th Avenue, and NE 18th Avenue, between NE 163rd Street and South Glades Drive.
- **City of Opa-Locka:** The City is in the process of developing a circulator system. OCITT staff scheduled a meeting between the City and MDT to review the proposed route. They are also finalizing an agreement with Bus Bench Ads to install and maintain bus shelters within their municipality. Additionally, OCITT contacted Miami-Dade Public Works Department to assist the City in the possibility of entering into an Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade County for public works projects;
- **City of South Miami:** The City has approved a 6-month pilot program to run a trolley circulator service on Friday's, Saturday's, and Sunday's—beginning on January 2, 2005. If successful, the City plans to contact the City of Coral Gables to partner with their system. Additionally, construction is currently underway on various citywide roadway projects;
- **City of Sweetwater:** The City's Circulator is functioning from 6 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and averaging approximately 300 boardings per day.
- **City of West Miami:** The City is currently in the process of establishing a circulator system. The Issue is expected to be presented to its City Commission during this next quarter.

CITT Board

The CITT continues to meet regularly to ensure that they are fulfilling their responsibility to “monitor, oversee, review, audit and investigate” the implementation of the PTP. The full CITT Board met three (3) times during the quarter. A quorum was present at all full CITT Board meetings.

- The Honorable Luis Morse, CITT Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the External Affairs Committee, representing Commission District 5, submitted his letter of resignation at the December 2, 2004, CITT meeting.
- The Honorable Linda Zilber has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the External Affairs Committee.
- In accordance with the CITT By-Laws, an election for a new Vice-Chair was held at the December 29, 2004, CITT meeting. The Trust elected Miles Moss, P.E., as the Vice-Chairman for the CITT.
- Presently there is one vacancy on the CITT (Commission District 5).
- LtCol Colmenares, Project Review Committee Chair, representing Commission District 12, is presently under military orders. In his absence, Chairman Buoniconti has appointed Mr. Miles Moss to serve as Chairman to the Project Review Committee.
- CITT Committees met on a regular basis during the quarter and, as per their respective subject areas, reviewed items to be forwarded to the full CITT for its consideration. Nineteen (19) Committee meetings were held during the quarter, including two workshops.

Major activities included:

- During the quarter, the CITT passed 23 resolutions that included the consideration of 16 contracts and the recommendation of two (2) PTP amendments.

Office of the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (OCITT)

- Provided staff support to all CITT and CITT Committee meetings, including public notice requirements, meeting minutes, agenda development, item research and recommendation.

Office of the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (OCITT)

- Staff is developing lists of administrative tasks delineating office procedures. The Office Manual will encompass all operational facets, from personnel administrative policies, such as calling in sick to operational/administrative policies and procedures.
- All municipal transportation plans were reviewed for compliance under state and local governing laws. Visits and on-going communications continue with each municipality to address questions, concerns, and legal issues.
- During the quarter, the OCITT received \$50,566,751 in surtax proceeds. \$7,817,928 was transferred to eligible municipalities as part of the established municipal share.
- Since the passing of the half-percent sales tax the CITT:
 - Received \$278,062,140 in cash
 - Earned \$1,311,944 in interest
 - Transferred \$97,114,489 to Miami-Dade Transit
 - Transferred \$1,174,580 to OCITT
 - Transferred \$53,316,294 to municipalities
 - Maintains a cash balance of \$127,768,721

Note: The numbers presented above are preliminary as of 12/31/04. The numbers will change once FY04 year-end entries are completed.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS:

- Proactively continued to increase public participation at CITT/PTP meetings through press releases and ongoing communications with more than 400 community-based organizations.
- The OCITT issued 14 press releases and articles, which covered changes in CITT membership, PTP accomplishments, website updates, and upcoming meetings.
- To provide an update and promote the PTP, the OCITT coordinated an interview on Radio Paz. LtCol Colmenares attended the show and spoke about the CITT and PTP accomplishments.

Office of the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (OCITT)

Public and Media Inquiries:

- This quarter, the Department received eight media inquiries consisting of requests for information, photos and translations. The Department also received and responded to 23 citizen/departamental inquiries by phone, email and/or in person regarding PTP accomplishments and plans for bus service, roadway issues and other concerns.

Website Updates:

- **Trafficrelief.com:** The OCITT redesigned trafficrelief.com to feature easier navigability and a more appealing look, including a flashing header with rotating photos featuring rail, bus, roadway and municipal accomplishments. A new Public Works section provides links to individual PTP road projects including maps, cost estimates and approximate construction timetables. A Governing Legislation section was also created and includes links to the ordinance creating the half-percent Charter County Transit System Surtax and to the Florida Statute authorizing the Surtax.
- In addition, extensive updates were made to trafficrelief.com's municipal section, which now includes links to each of the municipalities' transportation plans. Links were also created to city websites or to specific pages dealing with transportation wherever they exist. For those cities without websites, a phone number was posted.
- A Public Works section was created on trafficrelief.com, with links provided to individual road projects including maps, cost estimates and approximate construction timetables.
- Other website updates included the posting of new rail corridor and financial consultant solicitations, an update on the status of all rail corridor projects, as well as reports on the municipal surtax distribution.
- **CITT Website:** Member biographies and phone numbers of the two newest CITT members were posted. The list of resolutions and amendments has been updated to reflect up-to-date information. Meeting notices, agendas and minutes continue to be reflected on a timely basis on this site.

Office of the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (OCITT)

- During this quarter, OCITT staff continued to update trafficrelief.com and CITT links to the County's 3-1-1 site.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

- To create synergy with other boards and committees throughout the community, OCITT staff coordinated participation in CTAC full board and subcommittee meetings, to provide input on CITT and PTP issues as needed.
- Facilitated 19 PTP update presentations to community organizations countywide, providing information and responding to inquiries from more than 500 citizens. CITT member Harold Braynon participated in the presentation to the Biscayne Gardens Civic Association.
- During the quarter, OCITT staff made two presentations to the Team Metro Citizens Academy, providing the history and overview of the CITT; responded to inquiries from the participants.
- Staff participated in monthly meetings of the Chamber South Transportation Committee, reported on CITT activities and responded to inquiries.
- OCITT staff attended the MPO's Citizens' Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) on Wednesday, November 03, 2004. Discussion included a report on the cost of studying school flashers and the prioritization process of their locations and a report updating the placement of Slimline bus shelters throughout Miami-Dade County. Informed the CTAC members on the positive use of Surtax funds by the municipalities in the construction of bus shelters within their communities.
- Completed analysis of responses received to the Business Interruption Survey. The survey responses were be used by CITT members in recommending development of a business interruption mitigation policy to the BCC.

Upcoming Initiatives, activities, and Improvements in next quarter

- Initiate a countywide recruitment effort to fill the vacancy in District 5.
- The CITT Nominating Committee is scheduled to meet on February 14, 2005, to select a slate of four names for the selection of a CITT Member for Commission Districts 5.
- Revise the OCITT Business Plan and post on the website.
- Continue working through the joint Marketing Task Force to promote the advances of the PTP.
- Finalize outstanding personnel issues through a reorganization initiative.
- Develop a comprehensive presentation for use by the PTP Speakers Bureau.
- Produce a Speaker's Resource Guide, including a CITT Brochure.
- Initiate development of on-line access to municipalities to facilitate updating of municipal transportation plans.
- North Corridor: The Professional Service Agreement (PSA) with Parson Transportation Group (PTG) is scheduled to be presented to the BCC, and subsequent approval by the CITT in January 2005.
- Project Management Consultant: The PSA is scheduled to be presented to the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) and the BCC for approval in January and February 2005, respectively. This item is expected to come before the CITT in February 2005. A Notice-to-Proceed (NTP) can potentially be issued in March 2005.
- The Honorable Carlos A. Gimenez has been appointed Chair of the Regional Transportation Committee. The CITT looks forward to continued Joint BCC/CITT meetings to discuss issues of mutual concern.