



*“Even as we upgrade and expand existing services it is clear that the demand and the need for alternative mobility options is greater than ever. An entirely new lifestyle is developing in our community and it demands more options, including easy access to mass transit, walking and biking.”*

— Carlos Gimenez, Miami-Dade County Mayor

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# Overview of the 2013 Transportation Summit Proceedings



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## The Plan, The Trust and The Summit

The citizens of Miami-Dade County approved the half-cent Charter County Sales Surtax on November 5, 2002. The purpose of the Surtax is to implement the People's Transportation Plan (PTP), which is a coordinated program of transit and roadway projects which included expansion of the Metrobus system, extensions to the Metrorail, improving traffic signalization, improving major and neighborhood roads and highways and the funding of municipalities for transit and road improvements.

As part of the 2002 ballot question, voters also approved creating the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (Transportation Trust) to oversee Surtax proceeds and implementation of the PTP. The residents of Miami-Dade County demonstrated their support for improving public transportation with the approval of the Surtax and have continued to entrust oversight of the PTP to the Transportation Trust.



On June 6, 2013, Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez, the Board of County Commissioners and the Transportation Trust organized the "2013 Transportation Summit – Visioning the Future of Miami-Dade County's Public Transportation." The goal of the Summit was to bring together agencies, citizens and industry experts to focus on the future of public transportation in Miami-Dade County and to stimulate discussion of the next major transportation projects in the community. This event marks the "first step" in the process of engaging the public and other stakeholders in charting the course of local transportation development.

More than 500 members of the public, elected officials and transportation professionals attended the Summit and discussions demonstrated widespread demand and support for increased investment in mass transportation among the participants

The Report on Proceedings of the Transportation Summit fully examines the ideas and themes identified during the Summit. This brochure provides an overview of the outcome of this event. The Proceedings Report will be discussed as the Trust continues to engage with the public in future transportation forums to further explore these critical issues.

While we know that transportation can be described as simply as getting from point to point it is also about why we need to get there. Transportation helps link and improve the livability of our communities and opens up economic and social opportunities and other benefits that enrich our lives. The completion of the Orange Line Metrorail extension to Miami International Airport (MIA) is an example of this and represents a milestone achievement for the PTP. Now we need to answer this question, "What's next and how do we get there?"

## The Event had an Agenda in Four Parts

**1** Opening Session & Mayoral Keynote Address

**2** Workshop Breakout Sessions: Innovative Financing, Public-Private Partnerships, Technology and Mode Choice, Corridor Development

**3** Community Visioning: Public Involvement Forum

**4** Transportation Showcase



COMMISSIONER MOSS AND PANEL IN THE COMMUNITY VISIONING SESSION

## Five Key Themes emerged throughout the event

### 1. Improving Public Transit and Creating Livable Communities

The discussion focused on investment in transit-oriented development, mixed-use residential and commercial areas located near and around public transit, and alternative transportation options balanced with road capacity increases. Broad support for improving public transit and creating livable communities including major corridor investments in existing corridors and Miami Beach.

### 2. Transportation Project Financing including Public-Private Partnerships (P3s)

Explores innovative methods to finance public transportation projects using proven best practices to address various risks and funding issues.

### 3. Technology and Mode Choices

Supports the use of alternative transportation modes that offer technological improvements to create a more efficient transportation system including Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), light rail, automated guideway systems and pedestrian and bicycle modes.

### 4. Factoring Economic Development and Community Needs

Emphasizes that decisions about planning and developing transportation improvements are made taking into account broader economic development strategies and population needs. Well-planned transit corridors which take those factors into account will further encourage and sustain economic development.

### 5. More and Better Public Outreach and Involvement

Calls for an open and inclusive public outreach process in planning, developing and financing public transportation projects that helps transportation agencies obtain public input and support for transportation projects. Greater outreach is encouraged that keeps the public informed about the status of transportation projects through a variety of channels, including traditional print and broadcast media, online sources and community meetings.

## How to Get More Info

For additional information on the Transportation Summit and to get a copy of the full Proceedings Report, news on follow-up events, the Transportation Trust and the People's Transportation Plan, visit [www.miamidade.gov/citt](http://www.miamidade.gov/citt), email [citt@miamidade.gov](mailto:citt@miamidade.gov) or call 305-375-1357. You may also find us on Facebook and Twitter.