



CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT

TRANSPORTATION TRUST

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Chair's Message



The Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust ("CITT" or "Trust") and its partners continue to make considerable progress in the advancement of several new programs and transit projects.

This fall, the CITT will launch the new CITT Ambassador Program. We are actively recruiting frequent transit riders who are passionate about improving our transit system to sign up for this groundbreaking program. We also continue to seek new Trust Members. As Chair of the CITT, one of my top priorities is to see every seat on the CITT filled so that our entire community is properly represented on our Trust.

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer Trust Member or CITT Ambassador, please visit our website at www.miamidade.gov/citt and click on the 'Member Recruitment' tab or the 'CITT Ambassador Program' tab to obtain more information and apply.

We have also been working with our transportation partners to deliver mobility solutions for our county residents. Earlier this year, we worked with Amtrak and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to re-initiate discussions to bring long-planned Amtrak service to the Miami Intermodal Center, and we have been closely monitoring the progress of several SMART Plan projects.

As we near the 20-year anniversary of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) this November, we reflect on the many accomplishments secured thus far, while reaffirming our commitment to delivering on the transportation projects, programs and services that our community demands and deserves.

Oscar J. Braynon, Chair
Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust

Make a Difference as a CITT Ambassador

The Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) is looking for volunteer Ambassadors who want to engage with the CITT in improving transit services in our community.

CITT Ambassadors, composed of regular transit riders, will be asked to provide feedback and suggestions, report observations, share social media messaging, and participate in focus groups. In exchange for their engagement, Ambassadors will receive points that can be redeemed toward a variety of mobility services, such as transit passes, ride-share, bike rides, and more.

If you regularly ride transit and would like to become a CITT Ambassador, visit CITT's website at www.miamidade.gov/citt and click on the 'CITT Ambassador Program' tab to apply.

You can also call **786-334-8128** or send an email to: cheryl.mizell@miamidade.gov to obtain more information.



The CITT Encourages Amtrak to Serve the Miami Intermodal Center



Earlier this year, the CITT sent a letter to Amtrak executives encouraging them to extend their Silver Meteor/Silver Star Intercity Passenger Rail Service to the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) terminal at the Miami International Airport.

When the MIC was built, it was constructed to accommodate Metrorail and Metrobus services, Tri-Rail service, Intercity Bus service and other transportation services, including Amtrak. Unfortunately, several years since the MIC's opening, Amtrak service has not yet been extended to the MIC.

Thanks to encouragement from the CITT, and efforts by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Amtrak is once again taking steps towards providing service to the MIC, as seen in a response letter to the CITT.

To read both letters, visit: www.miamidade.gov/citt/documents.asp.

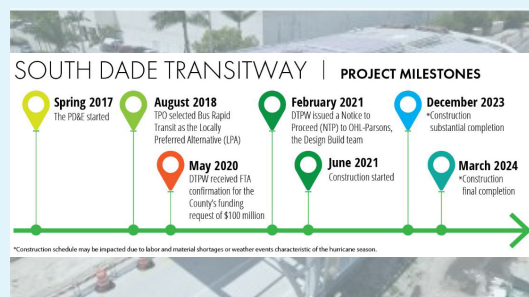
Progress Continues Along the South Corridor

Earlier this year, the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works provided the CITT updates on the construction of 14 Metrobus stations along the South Corridor, as well information on a Park & Ride facility at SW 168th Street and the South Dade TransitWay, plans for Transit Oriented Developments (TODs) and other projects along the corridor.

Currently, about 37 percent of construction of the South Corridor BRT project has been completed, with station canopies already erected at the Marlin and Civic Center stations.

At the Park and Ride facility at SW 168th Street, the public will find approximately 645 parking spaces, a bicycle storage area, electric vehicle charging, and more.

Due to a shortage in materials, including fiber strains needed for system communications, completion of the South Corridor has been extended to spring 2024.



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Village of Biscayne Park Now Offers Freebee Service

This summer, the Village of Biscayne Park officially launched its new on-demand service in partnership with Freebee.

This new free on-demand service is funded by way of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six state dollars and the Village's share of People's Transportation Plan (PTP) Surtax funds. Approximately 23% of all Surtax funds are allocated to 33 municipalities that are eligible to receive PTP funds.

Of these, 30 municipalities use their Surtax funds to provide transit services. Municipalities provide transit services via circulators and on-demand service, such as Freebee, or a combination of both.

This service aims to connect residents to key destinations and services, and will provide an important first/last mile link to the future Northeast Corridor of the SMART Plan.

To request your free ride, you can download the Freebee app on your smartphone and request it via the app. Or if you're unable to access the app, you can flag down an available Freebee vehicle, or call 855-918-3733.



The CITT Launches "Mobility Matters" Talk Show

This summer, the CITT launched a live talk show – Mobility Matters – where its host, CITT Executive Director Javier A. Betancourt, and invited guests discuss a variety of mobility and transportation topics, such as transit projects, programs and policies.

This show features a mix of transportation officials, industry leaders

and experts, community leaders, and every-day citizens with an interest in mobility and transportation.

Mobility Matters is being produced in partnership with Miami's Community Newspapers and is broadcasted live every other Thursday, from 10 a.m. until approximately 11 a.m., via Facebook Live.

The first show, featuring CITT Chairman Oscar J. Braynon as its guest, aired on Thursday, August 25, 2022.

The August 25th broadcast, and all future shows, can be found on CITT's Facebook page at: Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust. You can also follow the CITT on Twitter at @GoCITT for future show announcements.

For more information on the People's Transportation Plan and the Transportation Trust, visit www.miamidade.gov/CITT.

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