



CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT

# TRANSPORTATION TRUST

WINTER 2021-2022

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## Chair's Message



As the new Chair of the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT), one of my priorities is to create a friendly, congenial environment where the exchange of ideas is accepted. I want the public, County and municipal officials, as well as our transportation partners and stakeholders, to feel comfortable coming before our Trust and presenting their views and information.

During my tenure as Chair, I also want us to continue making progress on the rapid transit corridors outlined in the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan, with particular emphasis on the North Corridor, which has been in the making for about 50 years.

With the influx of federal dollars expected from the passing of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2021, there is a real opportunity for our County to leverage federal dollars to supplement our local and state dollars, thus increasing our funding for the development and construction of rapid-transit projects, the purchase of additional zero or low-emission transit vehicles, and the enhancement of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure in our communities.

I want to thank our community's transportation advocates and local leaders for working together to get this much-needed infrastructure bill passed.

This November also marks the 20-year anniversary of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP). Much progress has been made in improving our transportation systems, but there is still much to be done. In the months ahead, we will share with our residents what we've achieved under the PTP, and we'll explore where we are headed as we enter the next 20+ years.

Oscar J. Braynon, Chair  
Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust

## The CITT Hosts North Corridor Information Session



In December 2021, the CITT hosted an information session to receive an overview and update on the progress of the North Corridor

Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study and learn about the corridor's Request for Proposals (RFP) process.

The event was attended by local residents; local, County and State elected officials; as well as representatives from the Florida Department of Transportation, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization, and Miami-Dade County's Department of Transportation and Public Works.

A video playback of this information session is available on the CITT's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/TransportationTrust/>.



## County Redesigns Bus System

In the fall of 2021, Miami-Dade County's Department of Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) received final approval to implement its comprehensive bus network redesign – also known as the 'Better Bus Network.'

The Better Bus Network is a community-driven effort that seeks to increase the number of bus routes with frequent service and create better connections for transit riders. It will increase the number of major bus route corridors with 15-minute frequent service during peak and off-peak (i.e., "rush hour") service hours.



Photo courtesy of Transit Alliance Miami

The new bus network is expected to be implemented this year. Riders can view the approved changes to the network, including changes to route frequencies and bus stop locations, at: [www.miamidade.gov/betterbus](http://www.miamidade.gov/betterbus).

## The CITT Welcomes Miami-Dade County's New Transit and Public Works Director



The CITT welcomes Eulois Cleckley, who is the new Director and CEO of Miami-Dade County's Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW), one of the largest Departments in the County.

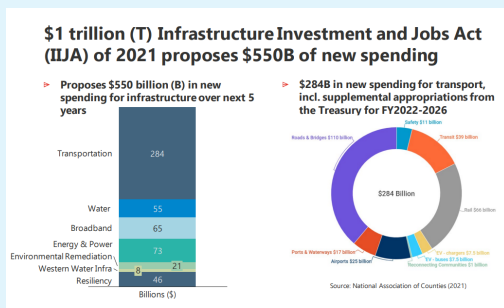
Director Cleckley previously led the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI) for the City and County of Denver, where he ran one of the city's largest and most dynamic departments, which focused on modernizing Denver's transportation system and constructing public facilities, among other improvements.

Cleckley said he aims for his Department to help lead the next generation of transportation infrastructure and be the best County in terms of transportation and mobility systems.

# The CITT Takes a Deep-Dive Look at the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021

In November 2021, President Joe Biden signed into law the \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2021, which will greatly benefit transportation projects across the United States, including those here in South Florida.

In an effort to maximize funding opportunities to implement local transit projects, the CITT commissioned its strategic consultant, IMG Rebel Advisory, Inc., to conduct a deep-dive analysis of the IIJA bill.



To read the CITT and IMG Rebel analysis of the IIJA bill and view a recording of a one-hour Zoom webinar regarding the IIJA bill, visit the CITT's website at: [www.miamidade.gov/citt](http://www.miamidade.gov/citt).

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# The CITT Lends Support to Bicycle & Pedestrian Infrastructure

During the mid to late 2021, members of the CITT participated in several events that celebrated the success, or opened a new phase, of programs and infrastructure that will make it safer for cyclists and pedestrians to use walking and cycling as a safe transportation alternative, or as first-and-last mile connection to transit.



Hosted by the City of Miami Beach and Miami-Dade County District 5 Commissioner Eileen Higgins, Trust Members and staff toured streets in Miami Beach where the Flamingo Park Slow Streets Pilot Program made it possible for residents and cyclists to safely use the streets during the COVID-19 pandemic when many residents resorted to walking and bicycling as their primary mode of transportation, as well as outdoor activity and exercise.

Trust representatives also participated at the groundbreaking for the Ludlam Trail and the second phase of The Underline. Both of these projects provide safe trails for cyclists and pedestrians to exercise and connect to transit services, community amenities, and other destinations.

# The CITT Elects New Officers & Welcomes New Members

In the fall of 2021, the CITT elected its new Trust Officers and welcomed two new Trust members.

Heading the Trust is Chair Oscar J. Braynon, who represents Miami-Dade County Commission District 1. Alfred J. Holzman, who represents District 6, was elected as First Vice-Chair; and Robert Wolfarth, who represents District 4, was elected as Second Vice-Chair.

Member Meg Daly, who represents District 7, was appointed by the Chair to lead the CITT's Community Outreach Committee; Member Eli Stiers, who represents the Miami-Dade League of Cities on the Trust, was re-appointed to lead the CITT's Municipal Program Committee; and the Honorable Peggy Bell, who represents District 8, was appointed by the Chair to lead the CITT's Audit Committee.



Ernie Thomas



Qjuezari Harvey

The Trust also welcomed new Trust Member Ernie Thomas, who will represent District 10 on the Trust; and Qjuezari Harvey, who will represent District 3.

To learn more about how to apply to join the Trust, visit [www.miamidade.gov/citt](http://www.miamidade.gov/citt) and click on the 'Member Recruitment' tab on the left side of the homepage. You can also call **305-375-1357** to obtain more information and request an application.

For more information on the People's Transportation Plan and the Transportation Trust, visit [www.miamidade.gov/CITT](http://www.miamidade.gov/CITT).



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