

Memorandum



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To: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

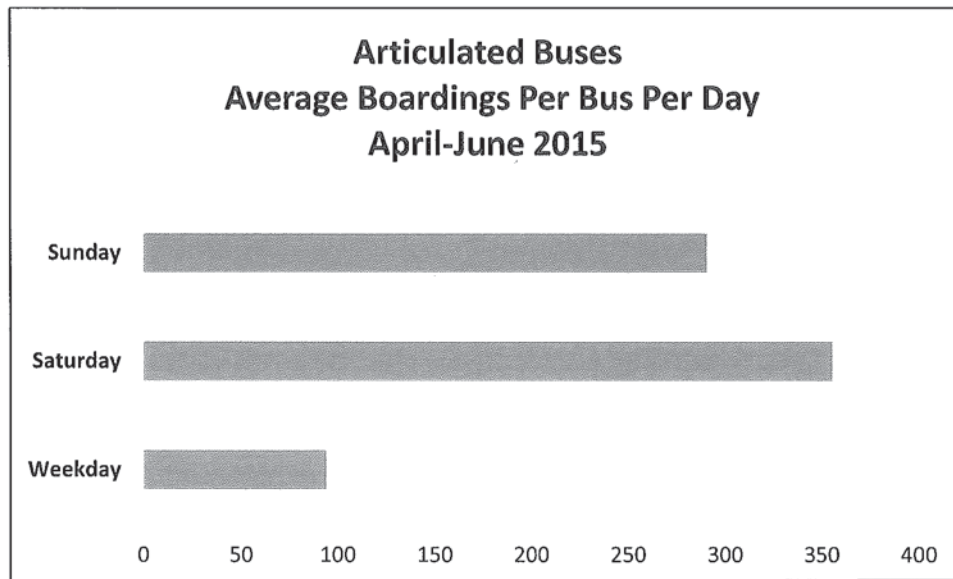
From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

Subject: Miami-Dade Transit Articulated Bus Ridership – Second Quarter 2015 - Directive 150352

This report is provided in response to a request for quarterly status updates on the Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) Articulated Bus Ridership. This report reflects data for the months of April 2015 through June 2015 (R-448-14).

Quarterly Articulated Ridership Report

During the reporting period referenced above, the department's 25 articulated buses serviced their primary route assignments Monday through Friday (Kendall Enhanced Bus Service and I-95 Managed Lanes). On weekends, the buses were then placed on the following routes, which are experiencing a great deal of overcrowding: Route 119 (Collins Avenue), Route 11 (Flagler Street) and Route 38 (South Dade Busway). The chart below illustrates the daily number of boardings for Sunday through Saturday. As shown, the ridership that these articulated buses experience for the weekend triples the number of boardings during their regular service on the Kendall Enhanced and I-95 Managed Lanes routes.



Additionally, MDT requested and received authorization from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to remove these buses from the Kendall and I-95 routes and redirect them to those routes that are experiencing over-crowding. Following that approval, the articulated buses have been reassigned to the overcrowded routes that service the Miami Beach Corridor.

In September 2015, MDT began accepting delivery of 43 new 60-foot articulated buses and began the post-delivery inspection process required by the FTA. Therefore, the Third Quarter report will reflect an increased articulated bus total. As of October 13, 2015, 24 buses have been placed into revenue service on Routes 34 (Busway Flyer) and 38 (Busway MAX) along the South Miami-Dade Busway. The remaining 19 buses will be placed in revenue service on the Biscayne and 27 Avenue corridors, as they become available.

Since deploying these buses into service, MDT has realized a significant decrease in the number of overcrowded bus complaints on the routes where the articulated buses have been placed. Attached are some photographs showing the successful integration of the articulated buses into the Busway routes.

Per Ordinance 14-65, this memorandum will be placed on the next available Board of County Commissioners meeting agenda.

If additional detail is required, please contact Alice N. Bravo, P.E, Director of Miami-Dade Transit, at (786) 469-5307.

Attachment

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