

## TABLE DEPICTING MINORITY REPRESENTATION ON DECISION-MAKING BODIES

### **Background**

Miami-Dade County is a political sub-division of the State of Florida and is governed by an Executive Mayor, elected at-large, and 13 Commissioners elected from single-member districts. The day-to-day operations of the government are overseen by the Executive Mayor.

All functions, responsibilities and services of the County are provided through 25 departments headed by department directors. ***Miami-Dade Transit is one of these departments.***

On November 5, 2002, Miami-Dade County voters approved a half penny increase in the sales surtax to support the People's Transportation Plan (PTP), which is a publicly-supported transportation improvement program established to develop an integrated mass transportation network and to complete roadway improvements in Miami-Dade County and its municipalities. The plan required that the proceeds from the Surtax be overseen by the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) and that the funding be used for transit and transportation projects only. In approving the PTP ordinance (Ordinance 02-116) in 2002, the Board included the list of planned improvements (Exhibit 1) along with expanding Golden Passport, providing free fare on Metromover, and setting aside 20% of surtax revenues to the original 31 participating municipalities.

Pursuant to Ordinance 02-117, the CITT was established to monitor, audit, oversee and investigate the use of the Surtax proceeds and the implementation of the PTP.

### **Transportation Trust Member Recruitment Process**

The Trust Board is comprised of 15 Members, who are selected through a process that includes a Nominating Committee. Thirteen members are appointed by individual County Commissioners and must reside in the Commission District. One Member is appointed by the County Mayor and one Member is appointed by the Miami-Dade League of Cities. The OCITT is the Department that provides professional staff support to the Trust and its subcommittees. The Executive Director of the OCITT is appointed by the Trust.

The Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (Transportation Trust) recruits new members through a multi-media outreach program targeted to reach all segments of the community. Components of the recruitment program include newspaper ad buys in major print media outlets and in smaller community based periodicals. Radio advertising, promotion on the County web portal and the CITT website, use of social media and making direct contact with community and business leaders and also used to recruit Trust members.

Applications are accepted year round and are available online and can be requested in person and by phone at the Transportation Trust office. The applications remain active for two years and applicants are given the opportunity to reactivate the applications if desired.

All applications are screened by the CITT Nominating Committee and anyone applying for a seat on the Trust must live and be registered to vote in Miami-Dade County.

**TABLE**

<b>BODY</b>	<b>WHITE NON HISPANIC</b>	<b>AFRICAN AMERICAN</b>	<b>HISPANIC</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
Population Miami- Dade County Percentage	16% (a)	19.3% (a)	64.5% (b)	2.1% (c)
Citizen's Independent Transportation Trust Percentage	54.5%	27.2%	.09%	.09%
Numerical Representation	6	3	1	1

(a) Includes persons reporting one race

(b) Hispanics may be of any race, so also included in applicable race categories

(c) Includes American Indians, Alaskan Native, Asian Native, Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders