

Summary of Feedback Received during Speak Up Broward's 12 Speakers Bureau Engagements from April 3, 2014 through June 31, 2014



Broward County Transit (BCT):

- ✓ The buses do not have sufficient bike racks.
- ✓ The access to public transportation is limited from certain neighborhoods.
- ✓ Reduced bus service to Tri-Rail has made using Tri-Rail very inconvenient. A former rider now has to rely on driving to Miami. Improved and more frequent bus services to Tri-Rail are needed.
- ✓ Better east to west connections are essential to make public transportation more feasible.
- ✓ Many low income or families on fixed incomes cannot afford to use the transit system.
- ✓ Bus drivers are inconsiderate of passengers and drive by stops.

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) / Tri-Rail:

- ✓ Will the Wave and cars traverse in the same space on the roadway? If yes, where will the bikes travel?
- ✓ What is the exit strategy if the All Aboard Florida and the Commuter Rail are not successful?
- ✓ Tri-rail needs to improve its scheduling of shuttle services and connections to stations.
- ✓ There seems to be challenges to FEC commuter rail in Martin and other counties that do not want the service in their community. What is the expected outcome?

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Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT):

- ✓ Why were the toll roads designed? It seems counter intuitive to charge a few people in the toll lanes to fund transportation. There are more vehicles travelling in the non-managed lanes.
- ✓ I am opposed to managed lanes on I-95
- ✓ Toll/managed lanes divide the rich from the poor. The message is rich people are more important.
- ✓ Is I-95 self-sustaining because of the funds generated from the addition of managed lanes? (If not, will it be?)
- ✓ The pricing structure of toll lanes seems to be inverted.
- ✓ What is the point of the flyover/HOV lane on I-95; I meet the same cars on I-95 when they come off of the flyover.
- ✓ Are there plans to improve the east west traffic conditions?
- ✓ What is going to be done to improve the flow of traffic on SR7?
- ✓ Traffic flow east and west needs improvement
- ✓ West/ East traffic is very congested. What is being done to improve the flow of traffic? Specifically Atlantic, Commercial and Cypress Creek Boulevards.
- ✓ Many elderly are driving that should not be driving. The elderly need transportation options that enable them to remain independent.
- ✓ The number of lanes on Oakland Park Boulevard should not be reduced.

Broward County Traffic Engineering Division:

- ✓ When will the traffic lights be synchronized? This would improve the flow of traffic.
- ✓ Street light synchronization is essential, especially on major roadways.

Bicycle / Pedestrian:

- ✓ Drivers, cyclists and pedestrians all require education to co-exist on the roadways, streets and sidewalks. A public education campaign is needed.
- ✓ Consistent bike lanes are needed.

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Miscellaneous / Other:

- ✓ What is the point of the MPO with all of the elected officials? They are only concerned about their respective municipalities not the overall County.
- ✓ There does not seem to be any coordination between the agencies managing the different modes of transportation.
- ✓ How is technology being introduced into transportation plans for tomorrow?
- ✓ Is All-Aboard Florida a reality?
- ✓ Today's transportation system is:
 - slow
 - poor
 - inadequate in terms of rail
 - lacking walkability
 - uncoordinated
 - not people friendly
 - a concrete jungle of unsafe and unwelcoming roads.
 - not pleasant
 - needs a lot of work
 - inconvenient in terms of connections
 - congested
 - unsafe in terms of bicycle lanes
 - in need of light synchronization
 - unreliable
 - unfriendly to pedestrians
 - dingy
 - disconnected
 - lacking mass transit
 - choppy
 - not going where I want to go
 - gridlocked
 - unable to sustain housing growth
 - without viable public transportation alternatives
 - dangerous
 - too full of cars
 - car dependent (the entire country)
 - lacking interconnectivity
 - not convenient

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- poor in terms of access to neighborhoods
- too expensive
- unreliable
- ✓ Tomorrow's transportation system should have:
 - infrastructure improvements
 - better transportation options
 - more compatibility between the cities and county
 - convenient to major destinations (port, airport regional destinations)
 - FEC Commuter rail.
 - easy bus and rail connections
 - better light synchronization
 - limited to one car per family,
 - no toll roads on I-95
 - relaxing environments
 - the ability to move people effectively
 - more accessible mass transit
 - a walkable and cycle friendly downtown
 - safe and user-friendly transit availability
 - regional connectivity
 - frequent stops
 - synchronized lights
 - feeder roads along the major highways
 - mono-rail service
 - trolleys
 - helicopters