

Summary of Event

EVENT: Speak Up Broward “Let’s Talk Transportation” presentation

DATE/TIME: March 11, 2014, 7:00 PM

LOCATION: **Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations**, Fort Lauderdale City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

PRIMARY AUDIENCE: Council members and residents of the City of Fort Lauderdale

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED: 25

PROJECT TEAM MEMBER PARTICIPATION: Speakers Up Broward Team Ian Debnam (speaker) and Pamela Adams (facilitator)

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SUMMARY OF EVENT:

- ✓ Pamela Adams introduced the Speak Up Broward initiative, provided a brief overview about the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, and introduced and the speaker Ian Debnam.
- ✓ Ian Debnam shared the Speak Up Broward, “Let’s Talk Transportation” presentation.
- ✓ During and following the presentation, the audience voiced many concerns about the current transportation system and challenges in planning for the future:
 - The county and most of the cities have adopted “complete streets” but without the support of FDOT. Without FDOT support conditions related to sidewalks and bike lanes will not improve.
 - New residential development on SE 17th St. is going to increase traffic congestion on SE 17th Street. There was no public discussion (in the city) concerning the impact on traffic. What can be done?
 - Nothing has been done to construction safe of bike lanes on the roadways. The bike lanes that have been added are not safe. They are the bike lanes to nowhere. Safety is major concern.
 - An attendee commented that a recent study indicated that public transportation utilization is down in Fort Lauderdale versus other areas of the state such Pompano Beach and Miami. How does that information align with Speak Up Broward.
 - The lack of connectivity to Tri-Rail makes it inconvenient to use.
- ✓ Ms. Adams made a “Call to Action”. She asked the audience to join the Speakers Bureau, to

provide new presentation opportunities and to follow Speak Up Broward on social media.

- ✓ Ms. Adams asked for the audience to complete the surveys.

FOLLOW UP / ACTION RESULTS:

- ✓ Ms. Mammano will forward the list of attendees to the team.
- ✓ Ms. Adams will coordinate with Ms. Mammano a follow up presentation to the group.
- ✓ Ms. Mammano will send the Speak Up Broward web site link to all civic groups and place it on the council website.

EVALUATION OF EVENT: The meeting resulted in a constructive conversation about transportation challenges today and what is needed for an improved future transportation system.

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