



TAKING IT TO THE COURTS

The next time you are summoned for jury duty or need to address a legal matter, avoid traffic and parking fees by getting to your judicial courts on Tri-Rail.*

15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT: PALM BEACH COUNTY

Main Judicial Complex – 205 N. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach 33401. Take Tri-Rail to West Palm Beach Station. Take Palm Tran Route 1N to Quadrille North stop.

North County Courthouse – 3188 PGA Boulevard, Palm Beach Gardens 33410. Take Tri-Rail to West Palm Beach Station. Take Palm Tran Route 1N to courthouse.

South County Courthouse – 200 W. Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach 33444.

Take Tri-Rail to Delray Beach Station. Take Palm Tran 81 or Delray Beach Downtown Roundabout to courthouse.

17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT: BROWARD COUNTY

Main Judicial Complex – 201 S.E. 6th Street, Fort Lauderdale 33301. Take Tri-Rail to Fort Lauderdale Station. Take FL1 Shuttle Bus to courthouse.

North Regional Courthouse – 1600 W. Hillsboro Boulevard, Deerfield Beach 33442. Take Tri-Rail to Deerfield Beach Station. Courthouse is adjacent to the west parking lot of the station.

South Regional Courthouse – 3550 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood 33021. Take Tri-Rail to Hollywood Station. Take Broward County Transit Route 7 westbound to courthouse.

11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Miami-Dade County Courthouse – 73 West Flagler Street, Miami 33130. Take Tri-Rail to Metrorail Transfer Station. Take Metrorail to Government Center Station and walk one block south to Flagler Street.

Lawson E. Thomas Courthouse Center – 175 N.W. 1st Avenue, Miami 33128. Take Tri-Rail to Metrorail Transfer Station. Take Metrorail to Government Center Station. The courthouse is on the east side of Government Center.

Richard E. Gerstein Justice Building – 1351 N.W. 12th Street, Miami 33125. Take Tri-Rail to Metrorail Transfer Station. Take Metrorail to Civic Center Station and walk three blocks south to N.W. 12th Street. Make a right and walk one block west to courthouse.

* Please refer to each county's transit agency for information on schedules and transfer fees.



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MORE BIKE LOCKERS NOW AVAILABLE!

In a period of less than six months, new bicycle lockers have been

installed at all Palm Beach County Tri-Rail stations, and the project continues to steamroll into Broward County. The SFRTA is pleased to announce that bike lockers are now available at the Deerfield Beach and Cypress Creek stations. The Pompano Beach Station was intentionally passed over due to pending construction projects coming soon, but the installers shall return to that station once construction is completed.

Make your daily commute even easier by registering for your bike locker today, so that you can have your bicycle contained to prevent weather-related damages and vandalism. Save money when you register for two lockers, and have the convenience of riding your bicycle for the first and last leg of your trip. Please call 1-800-TRI-RAIL (874-7245) or log onto www.tri-rail.com for pricing and locker availability information.



DECEMBER 2010 - JANUARY 2011

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The latest news from the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority - a partnership between Broward, Miami-Dade & Palm Beach counties.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This year was a momentous one for the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA). After spending 12 years making countless trips to Tallahassee to meet with legislators, a dedicated funding source was finally passed in a special session held last December.

While it was not the \$2-a-day surcharge on rental cars which we had been seeking, it is enough of a dedicated revenue stream to guarantee that we can continue to run our current schedule of 50 trains each weekday and 16 trains on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. It is not enough, however, for us to begin work on any expansion projects.

The SFRTA owes a debt of gratitude to the members of the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate, to Governor Charlie Crist, and to the members of the SFRTA Governing Board, who worked tirelessly for the bill's passage. We are also grateful to the counties for their support and to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) as well, for its unwavering financial support of the Authority.

The challenges are many in the years ahead of us. FDOT is wrapping up a three-year study on the feasibility of putting passenger rail on the FEC Corridor. This would take trains through the most populated areas of our region. The study has predicted that commuter rail on the FEC Corridor could carry up to 59,000 passengers a day.



We are on the verge of implementing a regional smart card system with Miami-Dade Transit (MDT), which will substantially modernize our current fare collection process. It is being designed so that all of the transit agencies in the region will have the opportunity to eventually join MDT and the SFRTA by participating in it.

The Federal Government has already given the state \$1.5 billion dollars to launch high-speed rail. Commuter rail is an integral part of the connectivity of this system and the SFRTA expects to be actively involved in its development.

Over the past year, the American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) "Telling Our Story" initiative gathered hundreds of our riders' letters in an effort to let our elected officials know just how important public transportation is to them. I thank you for sharing your very compelling stories. They were heard and they made a difference. We pride ourselves in providing a service that residents and visitors to South Florida appreciate, and we continue to strive towards a quality transportation system for the future of this region.

MENSAJE DEL DIRECTOR EJECUTIVO

Este año fue de gran importancia para la Autoridad de Transporte Regional del Sur de la Florida (SFRTA). Después de 12 años de incontables

viajes a Tallahassee para reunirnos con los legisladores, en una sesión especial que se realizó en diciembre del año pasado, finalmente se aprobó una fuente de financiación dedicada.

Aunque no es el recargo de \$2 por día en los automóviles de alquiler que pretendíamos, se trata de una fuente de ingresos dedicada suficiente para garantizar que podemos seguir con nuestro cronograma actual de 50 trenes por día durante la semana, y 16 trenes los sábados, domingos y días festivos. No obstante, no es suficiente para que comencemos a trabajar en proyectos de expansión.

La SFRTA tiene una deuda de gratitud con los miembros de la Cámara de Representantes y el Senado de la Florida, con el Gobernador Charlie Crist y con los miembros del Consejo Directivo de la SFRTA, que trabajaron incansablemente para la aprobación del decreto. También estamos agradecidos con los condados por su apoyo y con el Departamento de Transporte de la Florida (FDOT) por la constante ayuda económica que le brinda a la Autoridad.

En los años venideros, nos esperan muchos desafíos. El FDOT está finalizando un estudio de tres años sobre la posibilidad de poner trenes de pasajeros en el Corredor de la Costa Este de la Florida (FEC). Esto llevaría trenes a través de las áreas más pobladas de nuestra región. El estudio ha pronosticado que el tren suburbano en el Corredor FEC podría transportar hasta 59.000 pasajeros por día.

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Estamos a punto de implementar un sistema regional de tarjetas inteligentes con el Departamento de Tránsito de Miami-Dade (MDT) que modernizará sustancialmente el proceso actual de cobro de pasajes. Se está diseñando para que todas las agencias de tránsito de la región tengan la oportunidad de unirse, con el tiempo, al MDT y a la SFRTA a través de la participación en este sistema.

El Gobierno Federal ya le ha dado al estado \$1,500 millones de dólares para lanzar el tren de alta velocidad. El tren suburbano es parte esencial de la conectividad de este sistema y la SFRTA espera participar activamente en este desarrollo.

Durante el último año, la iniciativa "Telling Our Story" de la Asociación Estadounidense de Transporte Público (APTA) recolectó cientos de cartas de nuestros pasajeros en un esfuerzo por hacer que los funcionarios electos supieran lo importante que es para ellos el transporte público. Les agradezco por compartir sus persuasivas historias, que fueron escuchadas y marcaron la diferencia. Nos enorgullece prestar un servicio que los residentes y visitantes del Sur de la Florida aprecian, y seguimos esforzándonos por lograr un sistema de transporte de calidad para el futuro de esta región.

YON MESAJ DIREKTÈ EGZEKITIF LA

Ane sa a, se te yon kokennchenn ane pou Otorite Transpò Rejyonal Sid Florid (SFRTA). Apre nou fin pase 12 ane ap fè wwayaj san konte nan Tallahassee pou rankontre avèk lejislatè yo, to te adopte yon pwòje-lwa sou sous finalman nan yon sesyon espesyal yo te fè desanm pase a.

Alòske se pa t yon peman anplis \$2 pa jou sou vwati lokasyon nou t ap chèche jwenn yo, se kantite revni espesyal ki deziyen pou garanti nou kapab kontinye fonksyone orè nou genyen kounye a pou 50 tren chak semèn ak pou 16 tren jou samdi, dimanch ak jou ferye. Men, li pa ase pou nou kòmanse travay sou okenn pwòje ogmantasyon.

SFRTA gen yon dèt rekonesans pou manm Chanm Reprèzantan Eta Florid ak Chanm Sena a, Gouvènè Charlie Crist, ak manm SFRTA Ki Alatèt Konsèy la, epi ki te travay san pran souf pou pase pwòje-lwa sa a. Nou gen rekonesans tou pou konte yo pou sipò yo ak pou Depatman Transpò Eta Florid (FDOT) tou, pou sipò finansye Otorite detèmine li.

Defi yo anpil nan ane k ap vini yo. FDOT ap fè yon etid sou twazan sou posiblite pou mete sèvis tren wwayaj sou Koulwa FEC. Sa ta ka

mennen tren yo nan zòn ki pi popilè yo nan rejyon nou an. Etid la prewva tren banlye ki sou Koulwa FEC a ta ka pote apeprè 59,000 pasaje pa jou.

N ap mete anplas yon sistèm kat entèlijen rejyonal avèk Sèvis Transpò Miami-Dade (MDT) k ap modènize anpil sou pwosesis nou genyen kounye a pou touche pri tikè a. Li deziyen yon fason pou tout ajans sèvis transpò ki nan rejyon an jwenn opòtinite pou antre pètèt nan MDT ak SFRTA lè yo patisipe ladan.

Gouvènman Federal la deja bay eta a \$1.5 bilyon dola pou lanse transpò nan tren a Gran Vitès. Tren banlye se yon pati entegral posiblite pou koneksyon sistèm sa a, epitou SFRTA prewva ap patisipe aktivman nan devlopman li.

Ane pase, Inisyativ "Rakontaj Istwa Nou" Asosyasyon Transpò Piblik Ameriken (APTA) te rasanble anpil santèn lèt pasaje nan yon efò pou fè ofisyèl eli nou yo konnen kijan transpò piblik la enpòtan pou yo. Mwen di ou mèsì poutèt ou rakonte istwa enteresan ou yo. Nou te tandè yo, epitou yo te make yon diferans. Nou gen fyète pou tèt nou nan ofri yon sèvis moun k ap viv nan Sid Florid ak vizitè Sid Florid yo apresye, epitou n ap kontinye fè efò pou ofri yon bon kalite sistèm transpò pou avni rejyon sa a.



HELP EXTEND THE TRANSIT COMMUTER BENEFIT

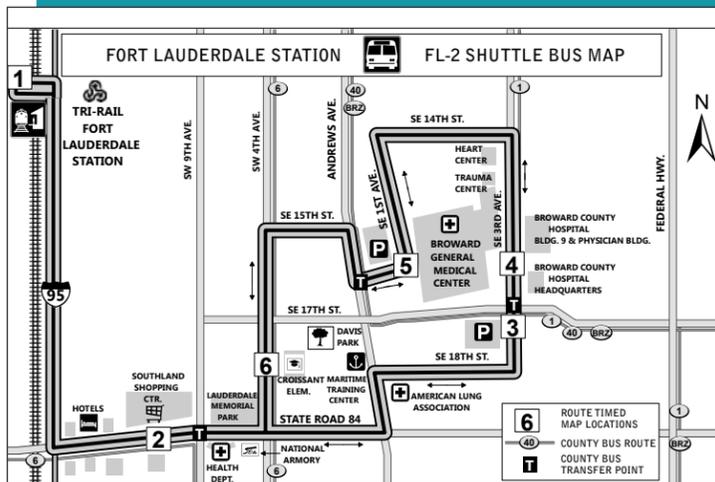
The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) is encouraging commuters to reach out to their congressional representatives to help extend the maximum transit commuter tax benefit at the level equal to the parking benefit. This benefit expires December 31, 2010, and APTA is spearheading a nationwide outreach effort to ask the public to contact their elected officials.

The transit commuter benefit would keep transit and vanpool benefits at the current \$230 per month; however, this reverts to the \$120 per month when the provision runs out at the end of the year. Unless Congress acts, a financial bias in the tax code against transit use will be reinstated at a time when transit-users are still dealing with the daily burden of an uncertain economy.

APTA recommends that all interested commuters call or write their congressional representative and/or senator. Mention that the average household spends 18 cents of every dollar on transportation and public transportation provides an affordable, and for many, a necessary alternative to driving. Remind these representatives that this benefit helps their working class, middle-income constituents.

Use your preferred social media to let your friends know about this, and what they can do to support it. For sample letters and other resources, please visit www.apta.com.

TWO NEW FREE TRI-RAIL SHUTTLES

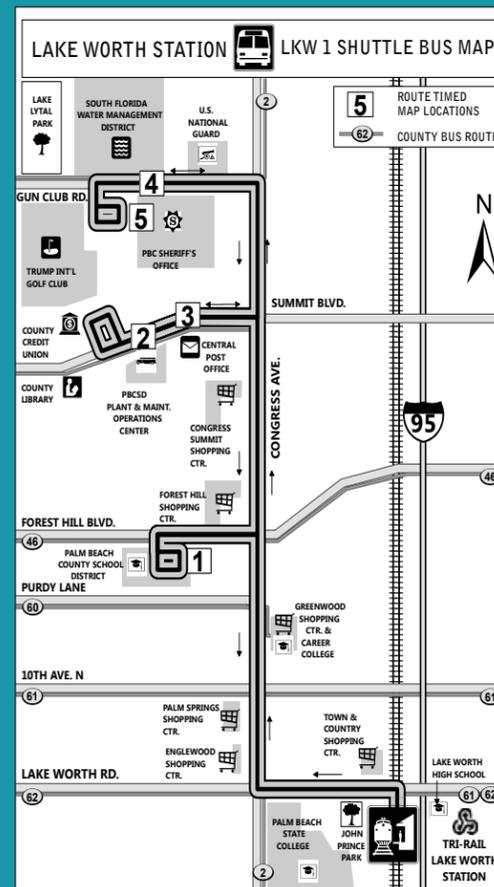


The SFRTA launched two FREE Tri-Rail Shuttles on December 6, 2010, servicing the Lake Worth and Fort Lauderdale stations. The shuttles are funded through a Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) grant from the Federal Transit Administration and by the SFRTA.

The Lake Worth LKW 1 Shuttle Bus serves several government agencies along Congress Avenue, north of Lake Worth Road, as well as many company-members of the Employer Discount Program (EDP) that are located along the route. Numerous shopping plazas are now more accessible to the local community with this shuttle bus.

The Fort Lauderdale FL 2 Shuttle Bus serves the business district surrounding the Broward General Medical Center on South Andrews Avenue, a location that has long been in need of a direct connection to Tri-Rail.

With the addition of these new shuttles to the Tri-Rail fleet, the SFRTA will not only add better accessibility to the trains, but also provide greater mobility to South Florida. For more information, please visit www.tri-rail.com or call 1-800-TRI-RAIL (874-7245).



NEW PARKING LOT AT CYPRESS CREEK STATION

The construction of a new parking lot at the Cypress Creek Station proved its worth promptly after its completion in mid-November. From the moment the new lot, adjacent to the station's west platform was open, Tri-Rail riders were happy to put it to use. Passengers no longer have to park on the east side of the station on Andrews Avenue and cross six lanes of traffic to get to the train!

The new lot has 345 spaces with a bus lane and a 235-foot pedestrian canopy leading to the station. There are also designated areas for taxis and cars to drop off passengers. The project included paving, drainage, new LED lighting, 16-foot wide canopy structures, landscaping and irrigation.

The SFRTA's free shuttle buses that operate from the Cypress Creek Station (CC1, CC2 and CC3) will now load from the west parking lot, though Broward County Transit (BCT) buses will continue to pick up passengers in the east Park & Ride lot. The east side of the station will remain available for passenger drop-off, and the east lot will still be accessible as relief parking in the event that the new lot were to reach capacity.

EASY CARD UPDATE: PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIRED FOR DISCOUNTS

With the anticipation of the SFRTA/Tri-Rail EASY Card projected to arrive in early spring 2011, OnBoard will continue to provide an "EASY Card Update" column with pertinent information about the new system in the upcoming months.

One of the features of the EASY Card is that passengers traveling with a discounted ticket, including students, seniors, persons with disabilities, and members of the Employer Discount Program (EDP), will not have to carry additional identification to qualify them to receive their discount. All passengers traveling at a discount will have to be pre-qualified to receive a SFRTA/Tri-Rail EASY Card with discount options.

To be pre-qualified, passengers traveling at a discount must bring their proof of discount eligibility* to any Tri-Rail Ticket Kiosk. Once the Station Agent verifies eligibility, a photo of the passenger will be taken and affixed to a new SFRTA/Tri-Rail EASY Card. Once activated, this is all the proof needed to present to the officers on the train. Plus, passengers will have the added benefits of Smart Card Technology, including balance protection in the event that the EASY Card is lost or stolen.

The SFRTA/Tri-Rail EASY Card will streamline the ticket fare and discount verification, with many more options all in one card. It's the EASY way to go.

**Proof of eligibility includes a government-issued photo; and depending on your particular discount, a valid EDP ID Card, Medicare Card, Disabled Veterans ID from any transit system in the tri-county area, or a physician's certification. Students will either need to show a valid student ID, a current class schedule, or a letter on school stationery which indicates active status.*

