



COUNTY ROUTE UPDATES

BROWARD COUNTY TRANSIT

Broward County Transit (BCT) implemented a new transfer policy, effective July 10, 2011. Tri-Rail passengers boarding BCT at locations other than at a Tri-Rail station will be required to pay the \$1.75 regular fare, or 85 cents reduced fare, to board the bus. Reduced-fare passengers must present proper ID as per BCT's policy. Transfers from Tri-Rail to BCT remain at 50 cents, upon the presentation of a valid EASY Card with receipt, or a Tri-Rail paper ticket. However, passengers with an EASY Card loaded with a 12-Trip Pass or cash value, are not able to transfer at a discount at this time.

For more information, please contact Broward County Transit Customer Service at (954) 357-8400.

MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT

Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) recently made adjustments to several routes, including some that connect with Tri-Rail stations. Below are just a few of the routes with changes, but visit www.miamidade.gov/transit for more details and a complete listing of the bus service updates, or call MDT's Customer Service directly at 305-891-3131.

Dade-Broward Express (Fort Lauderdale and Sheridan Street stations): Morning northbound trips from SE 1st Street and 1st Avenue will depart 5 minutes earlier than the current schedule.

Route 238 (Miami Airport Station): The East-West Connection route will be detoured due to long-term construction along the NW 72nd Avenue Flyover.

Route L (Metrorail Transfer Station): Until further notice, eastbound buses are being detoured at E 3rd Avenue and 32nd Street due to construction, and at E 4th Avenue and 25th Street, due to no left turn signal.

PALM TRAN

Effective July 11, 2011 to August 15, 2011, Palm Tran will be re-routing several bus routes that connect to the Tri-Rail West Palm Beach Station, due to construction at the railroad crossing on Okeechobee Blvd. Routes 1, 40, 44, and 45 are all affected.

For more information, please contact Palm Tran Customer Service at 561-841-4BUS (4287) or 1-877-930-4287.



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EDP MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Employer Discount Program (EDP) members are still getting acquainted with the EASY Card's functions. Many who recently received their renewal notifications have wondered if they would receive a new card in the mail, as they did in the past with EDP ID cards. EDP members can continue to use the same EASY Card after renewing their EDP membership, provided they have already been pre-qualified, and had their photo affixed to their EDP-encoded EASY Card. EDP ID cards will no longer be issued. Here are some other good tips for EDP members to remember:

- EASY Cards expire after three years from their issue date, but EDP membership must still be renewed annually during your expiration month.
- Failure to renew your membership, or keep your account information updated, may lead to the discontinuation of your EDP benefits.
- If you are signed up through a payroll deduction program with your employer, or a third-party company, your membership is not automatically renewed.
- Keep a current email address on your account at all times, to ensure that you receive any notifications, and other important Tri-Rail information.
- Once your EASY Card expires after three years, you must obtain a new card at a \$2 charge in order to continue receiving EDP benefits.
- If you change jobs, contact us to determine whether your new employer is enrolled in the program, or would like more information to join.

For more information, contact an EDP Outreach Team Member at 954-788-7929.

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

TRI-RAIL BREAKS ALL PREVIOUS RIDERSHIP RECORDS ON DUMP THE PUMP DAY 2011

Tri-Rail carried more passengers on June 16, National Dump the Pump Day 2011, than on any other day in its 22-year history. A record 19,731 trips were logged, breaking the previous record by more than 1,000, which was set on the day of the victory parade for the Miami Heat in 2006.

"The overwhelming turnout to this year's Dump the Pump Day is a strong indicator that people are willing to explore new options for getting around the region," said Bonnie Arnold, Director of Marketing and Customer Service for the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, which operates Tri-Rail. "It was especially encouraging to see so many young people on the trains, because the earlier in life that they discover there are alternatives to driving, the more likely they are to use them."

Dump the Pump Day was created by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) six years ago as a means to encourage people to leave their vehicles at home for a day and use public transportation for their commute instead. As gas prices have climbed, it has become increasingly more successful each year. This year, more than 125 transit systems nationwide participated in the effort.



TRI-RAIL SUPERA SUS MARCAS PREVIAS DE PASAJEROS EN EL DUMP THE PUMP DAY 2011

El 16 de junio Tri-Rail trasladó a más pasajeros que cualquier otro día de sus 22 años de historia en la jornada en que se celebró el National Dump the Pump Day (Día Nacional "Bota la Bomba") 2011. Se registró una marca de 19,731 viajes, lo que supera en más de 1,000 a la marca anterior establecida en el día del desfile de la victoria de Miami Heat en 2006.

"El abrumador resultado del Dump the Pump Day de este año es un potente indicador

de que la gente tiene la voluntad de explorar nuevas opciones para trasladarse por la región", comenta Bonnie Arnold, Directora de Marketing y Servicio al Cliente de la Autoridad Regional de Transporte del Sur de la Florida, en la que opera Tri-Rail. "Fue especialmente alentador ver tanta gente joven en los trenes, porque cuanto antes descubran que tienen alternativas al uso del vehículo, más probabilidades hay de que las usen".

El Dump the Pump Day fue creado por la Asociación Estadounidense de Transporte Público (APTA, por sus siglas en inglés) hace seis años como un medio de instar a las personas a que dejen sus vehículos en su

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casa por un día y, en su lugar, usar el transporte público para llegar a sus trabajos. Dado los aumentos que sufrieron los precios de la gasolina, cada año tiene más y más éxito. Este año, más de 125 sistemas de tránsito de todo el país participaron de este esfuerzo.

TRI-RAIL BAT TOUT ANSYEN REKÒ SOU KANTITE PASAJE NAN JOUNEN DUMP THE PUMP 2011

Tri-Rail te pote plis pasaje nan dat 16 jen, Jounen Nasyonal Dump the Pump 2011, pase nan nenpòt lòt jou nan istwa 22 ane li a. Nou te note yon rekò 19,731 wwayaj, sa ki bat rekò anvan ki te reyalize nan jou parad pou laviktwa Miami Heat nan ane 2006 a plis pase 1,000.

Bonnie Arnold, ki se Direktè Maketing ak Sèvis Kliyantèl pou Otorite Transpò Rejyonal Sid Florid, k ap opere Tri-Rail, di konsa: “Kokennchenn patisipasyon nan Jounen Dump the Pump ane a se yon bon endikatè ki montre moun yo vle explore nouvo posiblite toupatou nan reyon an.” “Sa te ankourajan sitou pou wè tout kantite moun sa yo nan tren yo, paske pi bonè yo dekouvri nan lavi yo gen lòt chwa olye yo kondi, tank y ap yo pi ka itilize yo.”

Se American Public Transportation Association [Asosyasyon Transpò Piblik Ameriken, (APTA)] ki te kreye Jounen Dump the Pump depi sis (6) ane kòm yon mwayen pou ankouraje moun yo kite veyikil yo lakay yo pou yon jounen, epi pou yo itilize sèvis transpò piblik pou deplasman yo pito. Pandan pri gaz la ap monte, sa vin bay yon pi gwo siksè chak ane. Ane sa a, plis pase 125 sistèm transpò toupatou nan peyi a te patisipe nan efò a.

YOUR BACK-TO-SCHOOL CONNECTION

Tri-Rail’s connection with county bus routes provides access to many schools throughout the region. Here is a list of stations that connect to most South Florida higher education campuses, easily accessible by train. Call 1-800-TRI-RAIL (874-7245) for specific directions and further assistance with your trip-planning.

| STATION | SCHOOL/CAMPUS |
|-------------------------|---|
| West Palm Beach | Palm Beach Atlantic University |
| Lake Worth | Palm Beach State College |
| Boca Raton | Florida Atlantic University Lynn University Palm Beach State College |
| Cypress Creek | City College Keiser University University of Phoenix |
| Fort Lauderdale | Broward College Florida Atlantic University |
| Fort Lauderdale Airport | Broward College Florida Atlantic University McFatter Technical Center Nova Southeastern University |
| Sheridan Street | Sheridan Technical Center |
| Hollywood | Broward College Prospect Hall School of Business |
| Opa-locka | Florida Memorial College Miami-Dade College St. Thomas University |
| Metrorail Transfer | Florida International University Miami-Dade College University of Miami |
| Hialeah Market | Caribbean Center for Advanced Studies/ Miami Institute of Psychology |



TRAIN EVACUATION DRILL

In accordance with federal safety guidelines, a Joint Hialeah Yard / Metrorail Transfer Station evacuation drill was held on June 22, 2011. Residents and passengers saw rescue teams in action, heard loud, repeated sirens from the Hialeah Rail Yard, and witnessed smoke conditions. Volunteers were evacuated from the train at the Metrorail Transfer Station, which was also evacuated, simulating a real emergency.

Participants included representatives of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, Amtrak, CSX Transportation, Florida Department of Transportation, and the Hialeah Fire Department. An emergency drill is required by federal regulations to be performed at a minimum of every two years. The drill caused no impact to train service.

APTA YOUTH SUMMIT TO ADVANCE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Generation Green on Board: A Youth Summit to Advance Public Transportation is sponsored by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) to provide high school students with an opportunity to experience five days in the nation’s capital, to learn the importance of public transportation in our future, as presented by our political leaders. Fifty students were selected from across the country to participate in the summit, which was held from June 26 - 30. The group was able to participate in local transit tours and discover the wide range of exciting career paths within the transit industry.

Nicole Lembovski, an honors student from Spanish River High School in Boca Raton, and a self-proclaimed environmentalist and public transportation advocate, was one of the students selected to join the group. Nicole’s mother, Katherine Lembovski, works in the SFRTA Finance Department. Nicole wrote us a letter to share some of her experiences in Washington, D.C.

“This opportunity has moved me to strengthen the way I see public transportation,” she wrote. “Public transportation is one of the most important methods of helping people and society, protecting the environment and guaranteeing our future. It should be widely known that it affects all of us in some way, even those who do not use it. Transit enhances the social and economic quality of life of all Americans.” The SFRTA congratulates Nicole and all the selected students for being chosen for this year’s youth summit, and appreciates their passion to make public transportation a vital priority as we look toward the future.



U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood with Nicole Lembovski.



APTA President William Millar (center) with students selected for the 2011 Youth Summit.