



CELEBRATE THE CENTENNIAL OF RAILROADS IN FLORIDA AT THE FLAGLER MUSEUM

On January 22, 1912, railroad baron Henry Morrison Flagler arrived aboard the first train into Key West, marking the completion of the Florida East Coast Railway's Over-Sea Railroad. At that time, Key West was one of the most heavily populated

cities in the state, with more than 20,000 people calling the country's southernmost point home.

The catalyst for Flagler to launch construction of the Over-Sea Railway was the announcement in 1905 that the United States intended to build the Panama Canal. With Key West being the closest Florida seaport to the Canal, Flagler envisioned a train depot in Key West as an economic generator for the entire state.

The construction of the Over-Sea Railroad is regarded as one of the greatest engineering feats of the 20th century. It required thousands of laborers, vast amounts of money and many engineering innovations.

For years the railroad and Key West flourished, but in time, industries on the island faltered, a demise hastened by the 1935 hurricane that destroyed the Over-Sea Railroad and took thousands of lives with it. The sole remaining section of the Railroad is now a fishing bridge south of Marathon adjacent to the Seven Mile Bridge.

There is no better place to celebrate 100 years of railroads in Florida than Whitehall, the opulent home that Flagler built on the shores of Lake Worth in Palm Beach County. Completed in 1902, Whitehall was considered one of the most magnificent mansions in the world. It is now home to the Flagler Museum, one of South Florida's most treasured historic sites.

There is a wealth of information about the Over-Sea Railroad at the museum. The restored Pullman Car that Flagler triumphantly rode into Key West, rests in a grand pavilion overlooking the lake. There is also a fascinating video lecture by Les Standiford, the South Florida author who wrote the best seller, "Last Train to Paradise," the story of the construction, and ultimately, the destruction of the Over-Sea Railroad.

For more information about the Flagler Museum, go to www.flaglermuseum.us.

TO GET THERE BY TRI-RAIL: Take Tri-Rail to the West Palm Beach Station. Transfer to Palm Tran northbound Route 41 (No Sunday Service) and exit the bus at S. County Road and Cocomanut Walk. Walk a short distance west to Cocomanut Row straight to the front of the Flagler Museum.

GO FOR THE GOLD

In the true spirit of the Olympics, Tri-Rail reached for the stars with the launch of its "Go for the Gold" campaign. This multimedia effort delivered the message that when you ride Tri-Rail you are a winner by saving lots of money. With television commercials, radio spots and live remotes at select train stations, print ads and even bag stuffers at South Florida Pollo Tropical locations, Tri-Rail reached thousands of potential riders. And to watch Olympic athletes go for the gold during the Summer Games, Tri-Rail also offered a chance to win a 50" HDTV from www.tri-rail.com. Congratulations to Rosa Naranjo of Boynton Beach who was randomly selected as the winner. It pays to ride Tri-Rail!



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NEW AIRPORTLINK METRORAIL PROJECT OPENED JULY 28

On July 28th, a new era in transportation was launched in South Florida. On that day, Miami-Dade Transit put into service its new Metrorail extension to Miami International Airport (MIA), benefitting both local residents and visitors from around the globe. The new Orange Line includes a 2.4-mile extension of Metrorail that will run from the existing Earlington Heights Metrorail Station to the new MIA Metrorail Station, which is part of the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) and will provide access to the airport.

The MIA Metrorail Station is considered to be the centerpiece of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP), approved by Miami-Dade County voters in 2002. The bulk of the funding for the \$506 million project came from the PTP half-penny tax, with the Florida Department of Transportation contributing \$101.3 million. Construction of the line began in May 2009.

The MIA Metrorail Station at the MIC is a world-class, futuristic architectural masterpiece that would be the envy of any major international city. It was designed by the local architectural firm Perez & Perez. The station design has won awards from the Society of American Registered Architects (2007), the American Institute of Architects Florida (2006), and the American Institute of Architects Miami (2006).

Its gleaming steel is graced by a series of installations by celebrated artist Michele Oka Doner, whose work can be seen in museums and private collections, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, the Louvre in Paris, The Art Institute of Chicago and the Wolfsonian-FIU in Miami Beach.

After the MIA Metrorail Station opens, Tri-Rail passengers will still have the option of accessing the Miami International Airport by riding to the Hialeah Market Station and connecting to the free airport shuttle. The new Tri-Rail Station at the MIC is scheduled to open in approximately 18 months, and will provide direct access to the airport via the MIA Mover.

NUEVO PROYECTO AIRPORTLINK DE METRORAIL SE INAUGURÓ EL 28 DE JULIO

El 28 de julio se lanzó una nueva era en el transporte del sur de Florida. Ese día, Miami-Dade Transit puso en servicio su nueva extensión del Metrorail al Aeropuerto Internacional de Miami (MIA), que beneficiará tanto a



The new MIA Metrorail Station.

residentes locales como a visitantes de todo el mundo. La nueva "Orange Line" (línea naranja) incluye una extensión de 2.4 millas de Metrorail que se extenderá desde la actual estación Earlington Heights a la nueva estación MIA Metrorail, que es parte del Centro Intermodal de Miami (MIC) y brindará acceso al aeropuerto.

La estación MIA Metrorail se considera la pieza central del Plan de Transporte de Personas (People's Transportation Plan, PTP) que aprobaron los votantes del condado Miami-Dade en el año 2002. La mayor parte de la financiación del proyecto de \$506 millones provino del impuesto de medio centavo del PTP, con el aporte de \$101.3 millones del Departamento de

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Transporte de la Florida. La construcción de la línea comenzó en mayo de 2009.

La estación MIA Metrorail en el MIC es una obra maestra arquitectónica futurista de clase mundial que debería ser la envidia de cualquier ciudad internacional importante. Fue diseñada por el estudio de arquitectura local Perez & Perez. El diseño de la estación ha ganado premios de la Sociedad de Arquitectos Registrados de Estados Unidos (2007), del Instituto Estadounidense de Arquitectos de Florida (2006) y del Instituto Estadounidense de Arquitectos de Miami (2006).

Su reluciente acero está adornado por una serie de instalaciones a cargo de la celebrada artista Michele Oka Doner, cuya obra se puede apreciar en museos y colecciones privadas, incluido el Museo Metropolitano de Arte de la ciudad de Nueva York, el Louvre en París, el Instituto de Arte de Chicago y el Wolfsonian-FIU en Miami Beach.

Luego de la inauguración de la estación MIA Metrorail, los pasajeros de Tri-Rail continuarán teniendo la opción de acceder al Aeropuerto Internacional de Miami al viajando hasta la estación Hialeah Market y conectar con el servicio de enlace gratuito del aeropuerto. La apertura de la nueva estación de Tri-Rail en el MIC está prevista

en aproximadamente 18 meses, y brindará acceso directo al aeropuerto a través del MIA Mover.

NOUVO PWOJÈ AIRPORTLINK METRORAIL LOUVRI 28 JIYÈ

Nan dat 28 jiyè, yon epòk tounèf nan sèvis transpò lanse nan South Florida. Nan jou sa a, Miami-Dade Transit (Sèvis Transpò Miami-Dade) mete an sèvis nouvo pwolongasyon Metrorail li a nan Miami International Airport (MIA), nan avantaj sitwayen zòn nan ak vizitè ki sòti toupatou sou latè. Nouvo Orange Line (Liy Oranj) gen ladan yon pwolongasyon Metrorail sou yon distans 2.4 mil k ap kòmansè nan Estasyon Earlington Heights Metrorail ki la deja pou rive nan nouvo Estasyon MIA Metrorail, ki se yon pati nan Miami Intermodal Center (MIC), epi k ap mennen nan ayewopò a.

Yo konsidere Estasyon MIA Metrorail kòm poto-mitan Plan Transpò Moun yo (PTP), epi elektè Konte Miami-Dade yo te apwouve li nan ane 2002. Pi gwo pati finansman pou pwojè \$506 milyon dola a te sòti nan mwatye lajan taks PTP, avèk Depatman Transpò Florida ki bay yon kontribisyon \$101.3

milyon dola. Konstriksyon liy lan te kòmansè nan mwa me 2009.

Estasyon MIA Metrorail ki nan MIC se yon kokennchenn travay achitekti klas mondial pou fiti monn lan ki ta fè nenpòt gwo vil entènasyonal fè jalouzi. Se antrepriz achitekti Perez & Perez ki te fè plan an. Plan estasyon an te resewa rekonsanpans Society of American Registered Architects (2007), American Institute of Architects Florida (2006), ak American Institute of Architects Miami (2006).

Asye briyan li a anbeli avèk yon seri enstalasyon. Se atis selèb Michele Oka Doner ki te fè enstalasyon sa yo. Yo kapab wè travay li nan mize ak nan koleksyon prive, tankou Metropolitan Museum of Art ki nan Vil New York, Louvre ki nan Vil Paris, The Art Institute of Chicago ak Wolfsonian-FIU ki nan Miami Beach.

Apre Estasyon MIA Metrorail fin louvri, pasaje Tri-Rail yo ap toujou gen posiblite pou jwenn aksè nan Ayewopò Entènasyonal Miami depi yo fè trajè ki mennen nan Estasyon Hialeah Market, ak si yo pran koneksyon nan otobis ki mennen nan ayewopò a pou gratis. Estasyon tounèf Tri-Rail ki nan MIC pwograme pou louvri nan apeprè 18 mwa, epi l ap bay aksè dirèk nan ayewopò a depi ou monte nan MIA Mover.

WAVE STREETCAR AWARDED \$18 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT



Broward County Commissioner and SFRTA Chair Kristin Jacobs addresses Wave supporters at a press conference announcing the FTA's \$18 million grant to support the project. She is joined by (l to r) Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, City of Fort Lauderdale Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom, City of Hollywood Commissioner Richard "Dick" Blattner, Broward County Commissioner Chip LaMarca, City of Fort Lauderdale Commissioner Romney Rogers, Downtown Development Authority Chair Gregory Durden, Congressman Alcee Hastings, and Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood.

The Wave Streetcar, the long talked about project for downtown Fort Lauderdale, was awarded an \$18 million grant through the Federal Transit Administration's TIGER program. The grant will be administered by the SFRTA, which will also lead the design and construction efforts. The Wave Streetcar is expected to open in late 2015.

SFRTA Chair and Broward County Commissioner Kristin Jacobs said, "I am very excited about the future of Broward County with the Wave Streetcar. Creating a sustainable community through transit options and being environmentally responsible have long been among my priorities."

The Wave Streetcar will eventually operate along a 2.7 mile corridor. The starter line will serve the core activity centers in the downtown area, including the Judicial Complex, the Financial District, Universities, the Museum of Art, Broward Government Center/Main Library, City Hall and the Federal Courthouse. The total cost for the starter line is projected to be \$83 million.

The project has been the work of a regional team of partners that includes the SFRTA, Downtown Development Authority of Fort Lauderdale, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, Broward County, Broward County Transit, City of Fort Lauderdale, and the Florida Department of Transportation.

MIAMI HEAT PARADE GENERATES THIRD HIGHEST DAILY RIDERSHIP IN TRI-RAIL'S HISTORY

They came by the thousands, sporting their Miami Heat attire with pots and pans to make a lot of noise to celebrate the NBA's champions. The Miami Heat scored big numbers for the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA)/Tri-Rail on Monday, June 25, 2012. Passenger counts show that 18,355 people rode Tri-Rail on the 25th, many of them headed for the Miami Heat Victory Parade, making it the third highest ridership day in the history of the commuter rail system.

Some trains operated at or near capacity. A special 5-car Diesel Multiple Unit set was added to better manage the crowd overflow. Security officers at the stations and on the trains reported that the celebrants were in a festive mood, helping each other find a few inches of space where they could. For crowds of this magnitude, it's notable that no disorderly conduct was reported.

Tri-Rail's highest ridership day was June 16, 2011, when 19,731 passengers were carried on National Dump the Pump Day. The second highest was June 23, 2006, when 18,613 passengers boarded the train, many to attend the Miami Heat's 2006 Victory Parade.



WPLG Anchor Jen Herrera and Bree Fried



WPLG Sportscaster Will Manso and Bryce Fried

WPLG VIEWERS LOVE RIDING TRI-RAIL

During the summer break, the question in a lot of parents' minds is what to do with their kids for fun. In March, WPLG Channel 10 asked viewers to weigh in on the top 10 South Florida activities to do with out-of-school children. Taking a ride on Tri-Rail came in at number 4, so news anchor Jen Herrera and sports announcer Will Manso hopped on the train with a camera crew to see what all the excitement was about.

During the summer months, it's not unusual to see a group of parents with half a dozen children out for a train ride. They go to one of the fun destinations accessible by Tri-Rail, such as Bayside, CityPlace or the International Game Fishing Association and Outdoor World. Beating out Tri-Rail in the poll were Zoo Miami in first place, the Hollywood Boardwalk in second and the Museum of Discovery and Science in third.