



SFRTA/TRI-RAIL EASY TICKET INTRODUCED

A new fare media was introduced during the SFRTA 2012 Job Fair last month, as the first 300 event attendees were offered a free Tri-Rail One-Way Pass in the form of an EASY Ticket.

The EASY Ticket mirrors the capability offered by the EASY Card, which was introduced as part of the new fare collection system in February 2011. The SFRTA/Tri-Rail EASY Tickets are equipped with the chip needed to tap on and tap off the Tri-Rail system, but will not work to transfer to other systems. EASY Tickets will be used for pre-paid group travel requests, as well as complimentary tickets for marketing and outreach purposes, but will not be available at train stations. EASY Tickets will only be good for the use of one pass, and will have an expiration date which is stamped on the back of the ticket.

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FTA ADMINISTRATOR SHOWS SUPPORT FOR "AMERICA BUILT TO LAST" PROPOSAL

Federal Transit Administrator Peter Rogoff joined Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Congressman Alcee Hastings and SFRTA Chair/Broward County Commissioner Kristin Jacobs, for a press conference at the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport Station at Dania Beach, to voice support for the Federal FY 2013 budget proposal that encourages a greater investment in transit infrastructure as a part of "An America Built to Last."

"President Obama's commitment to boost transportation funding is critical for building a modern transportation network that creates jobs, spurs development and reduces our country's dependence on foreign oil," Administrator Rogoff said. "More and more Americans are looking for greater choices in transportation today, and it's important we provide the funding to ensure that transit remains one of those choices."



From left to right: Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, SFRTA Chair/Broward County Commissioner Kristin Jacobs, Federal Transit Administrator Peter Rogoff and Congressman Alcee Hastings

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

SFRTA UNVEILS PLAN TO BRING PASSENGER SERVICE BACK TO THE FEC

The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) has recently developed its "Fast Start Plan for Tri-Rail Coastal Service." This innovative proposal would bring passenger service back to the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway Corridor in a 3-5 year timeframe.

The highly desirable FEC corridor runs through the downtown areas of numerous coastal cities and municipalities between Jupiter and Miami. Passenger service was discontinued on the FEC in the 1960s and it is now strictly a freight railroad. Fortunately, FEC Railway ownership and the State of Florida are interested in reintroducing passenger rail service, which would bring tremendous economic development benefits and a sorely needed new transportation option to the region.

SFRTA's Fast Start Plan proposes directly connecting existing Tri-Rail service with the FEC corridor at an east-west rail crossover in Pompano Beach. These east-west tracks, located between Copans Road and Atlantic Boulevard (south of the existing Tri-Rail Pompano Beach Station) would allow for up to half of current Tri-Rail trains to continue onto the FEC and directly serve downtown Fort Lauderdale and downtown Miami, along with other very important destinations and employment centers. The Fast Start Plan also proposes a new FEC service between Fort Lauderdale and Miami and a limited FEC regional service between Jupiter and Miami to be operated by SFRTA. Service would also continue on the current Tri-Rail Mangonia Park to Miami International Airport route.

The Fast Start Plan has been warmly embraced by public officials thus far, due to its reasonable capital and operating costs and ability to be up-and-running in the near term. These reasonable costs are possible in part because of SFRTA's recent investment in new railcars and locomotives. (Passengers may have noticed the two new railcars that were recently added to the Tri-Rail fleet.) Twenty-two additional railcars and ten new locomotives will be arriving within the next two years. These new railcars and locomotives will provide extra passenger capacity for the existing Tri-Rail system, while also making it possible for long-sought expansion onto the FEC to occur.

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SFRTA's Fast Start Plan will be presented and discussed at numerous public meetings in the coming months. You can follow the Fast Start Plan's progress and learn more details at www.tri-railcoastalservice.com.

LA SFRTA REVELA PLAN PARA RETORNAR EL SERVICIO DE PASAJEROS A LA FEC

La Autoridad Regional de Transporte del Sur de la Florida (SFRTA) recientemente ha desarrollado su "Fast Start Plan for Tri-Rail Coastal Service" (Plan de inicio rápido para el servicio costero de Tri-Rail.) La innovadora propuesta retornaría el servicio de pasajeros nuevamente al corredor ferroviario de la costa este de la Florida (FEC) en un término de 3 a 5 años.

El atractivo corredor de la FEC recorre áreas céntricas de numerosas ciudades y municipios costeros entre Jupiter y Miami. El servicio de pasajeros fue interrumpido en la FEC en los años '60 y actualmente es estrictamente una vía férrea de transporte de carga. Por fortuna, los propietarios de la vía férrea de la FEC y el estado de Florida tienen interés en reincorporar el servicio ferroviario de pasajeros, el cual traería beneficios por el enorme desarrollo económico y una opción de transporte para la región profundamente necesaria.

El Fast Start Plan de la SFRTA propone directamente conectar el servicio actual de Tri-Rail con el corredor de la FEC en un cruce ferroviario de este a oeste en Pompano Beach. Estas vías de este a oeste, ubicadas entre Copans Road y Atlantic Boulevard (al sur de la ya existente estación Pompano Beach de Tri-Rail), permitirían que hasta la mitad de los trenes de Tri-Rail sigan circulando por la FEC y presten servicio directamente a las áreas céntricas de Fort Lauderdale y Miami, junto con otros importantes destinos y centros laborales. Asimismo, el Fast Start Plan propone un nuevo servicio para la FEC entre Fort Lauderdale y Miami, y un servicio regional limitado para la FEC entre Jupiter y Miami que será operado por la SFRTA. El servicio también continuaría circulando por la ruta actual de Tri-Rail, desde Mangonia Park hasta el Aeropuerto Internacional de Miami.

Los funcionarios públicos hasta ahora han recibido al Fast Start Plan con los brazos abiertos, debido a su capital y costos operativos razonables, además de

su capacidad de estar listo y en funciones en un plazo cercano. Estos costos razonables son posibles en parte por la reciente inversión de la SFRTA en nuevos vagones y locomotoras. (Pasajeros podrán reconocer los dos nuevos vagones que hace poco se incorporaron a la flota de Tri-Rail.) Veintidós vagones adicionales y diez nuevas locomotoras llegarán durante los próximos dos años. Estos nuevos vagones y locomotoras brindarán la capacidad necesaria para el actual sistema de Tri-Rail, a la vez que posibilita el desarrollo de la tan esperada expansión en la FEC.

El Fast Start Plan de la SFRTA se presentará y debatirá en gran cantidad de audiencias públicas en los próximos meses. Puede seguir los avances del Fast Start Plan y conocer más detalles en www.tri-railcoastalservice.com.

SFRTA DEWALE PLAN POU OFRI SÈVIS POU PASAJE YO ANKÒ NAN FEC

Dènyèman, Otorite Transpò Rejyonal Sid Florid (SFRTA) te devlope "Fast Start Plan for Tri-Rail Coastal Service" (Plan Rapid li pou Sèvis Tri-Rail sou Lakòt la.) Pwopozisyon tounèf sa a ta ofri sèvis pou pasaje yo ankò nan Koridò Chemennfè ki sou Lakòt Lès Florid (FEC) nan yon peryòd 3-5 ane.

Koulwa FEC yo vle toutbon an pase nan zòn anba lavil nan plizyè vil ak minisipalite lakòt la ant Jupiter ak Miami. Sèvis pou pasaje yo te sispann sou FEC nan ane 1960 yo, epi kounye a li se sèlman yon sèvis transpò sou chemennfè. Erezman, moun ki posede Sèvis Chemennfè FEC ak Eta Florid

entereze pou bay sèvis chemennfè pou pasaje yo ankò, sa ki ta pote anpil avantaj devlopman ekonomik ak yon nouvo posibilite transpò ki vrèman nesèsè nan rejyon an.

Fast Start Plan SFRTA pwopoze pou konekte sèvis Tri-Rail ki la deja avèk koulwa FEC nan yon lyezon chemennfè lès-lwès nan Pompano Beach. Chemennfè lès-lwès sa yo ki ant Copans Road ak Atlantic Boulevard (sid Estasyon Tri-Rail Pompano Beach ki la deja) ta konsidere jiska mwaye tren Tri-Rail yo kontinye nan FEC epi sèvi dirèkteman anba lavil Fort Lauderdale ak anba lavil Miami, ansanm avèk lòt kote ak sant travay ki trè enpòtan. Plan Rapid la pwopoze tou yon nouvo sèvis FEC ant Fort Lauderdale ak Miami ak yon sèvis rejyonal limite FEC ant Jupiter ak Miami, epi se SFRTA ki ta dwe opere li. Sèvis la ta kontinye tou sou ant Tri-Rail Mangonia Park ak wout Ayewopò Entènasyonal Miami.

Jiska prezan, ofisyèl piblik yo sipòte plan rapid la, akòz kapital ak depans eksplwatasyon rezonab li ak mwayen pou yo reyalize li nan yon tan ki pa lwen. Depans rezonab sa yo posib anpati akòz dènye envestisman SFRTA nan nouvo otoray ak lokomotiv. (Pasaje yo ka remake de (2) nouvo otoray yo te ajoute pa twò lontan nan konvwa Tri-Rail la.) Vennde (22) lòt otoray ak dis (10) nouvo lokomotiv pral rive nan pwochen de (2) ane yo. Nouvo otoray ak lokomotiv sa yo ap ofri mwayen ki nesèsè pou sistèm otoray ki la deja, pandan l ap fè li posib tou pou ogmantasyon y ap chèche a kapab fèt nan FEC.

Y ap prezante Plan Rapid SFRTA ak diskite sou li nan plizyè reyinyon piblik nan pwochen mwa yo. Ou kapab swiv pwogrè Plan Rapid la ak jwenn plis detay nan sitwèb www.tri-railcoastalservice.com.



CONGRESSMAN JOHN MICA HOSTS MIC TOUR



Congressman John Mica (R-Winter Park, FL) invited more than 100 elected officials and transit professionals from across the country to tour the new Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) and to ride Tri-Rail's Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU). Congressman Mica is Chair of the House of Representative's Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and was instrumental not only in acquiring funding for the construction of the MIC, but also in acquiring the DMUs for the SFRTA's use at a time when growing ridership caused capacity issues on the trains.

Among the states represented were Georgia, Texas, New York, Illinois, Missouri and of course, there were many attendees from all over Florida. The MIC construction is expected to be completed in 2014.

FLA 1 SHUTTLE BUS UPDATE



Effective March 14, SFRTA's FLA 1 Shuttle Bus that operates from the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport Station at Dania Beach, will be temporarily re-routed for access to the airport. This route modification is taking place due to construction on a section of Perimeter Road. The road is expected to re-open at the end of 2014, when the airport's South Runway Expansion Project is expected to be completed.

The change will provide an opportunity to run the FLA 1 as an express route, which will offer more frequent service to the airport from the train and vice versa.

For more information on the modified route and schedule, visit www.tri-rail.com or call 1-800-TRI-RAIL (874-7245).

SFRTA JOB FAIR A GREAT SUCCESS!

SFRTA's inaugural 2012 Job Fair proved to be another great success for the agency, giving job seekers the opportunity to meet with 22 employers from the tri-county area, hoping to build their workforces.

Approximately 500 job-seekers attended the free event, which was held at the International Game Fish Association in Dania Beach, adjacent to the Tri-Rail Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport Station at Dania Beach. A complimentary shuttle was available to transport train passengers to and from the event, with more than 100 passengers taking advantage of the free service.

Event-goers also had a chance to learn how to use public transportation to reach their prospective employment offices, as Broward County Transit, Miami-Dade Transit, Palm Tran and Tri-Rail information was made available at transportation booths during the event.

The SFRTA is proud to have participated in this effort, and looks forward to continue to educate the public about the transit options available in the tri-county area, which provide accessibility to thousands of South Florida employers.

