

# TRI-RAIL'S FIRST BIKE CAR INTRODUCED



Tri-Rail's first bike car was added to the regular fleet on Friday, July 24. With more passengers boarding the train with bicycles, the new bike cars will improve the experience of traveling with accumulating bicycles on the train.

Passengers bringing bicycles onboard had been limited to two bicycle straps per car, causing an overflow of bicycles that sometimes made traveling on the train challenging. The new bike car contains 14 racks that will provide more room to maneuver bicycles on and off the train. A set of seats were removed from the lower level of the vehicle to make room for the bike racks. The bike car is added as an additional coach to the standard three-car set, now making it a four-set train with extra seating.

The bike car will be marked with a large bicycle symbol on the outside of the vehicle to help passengers identify the correct car prior to boarding; conductors will also assist with announcements as they arrive at each station. Additionally, nine coach cars are being retrofitted with bike racks, to eventually get a bike car available on every train.

Tri-Rail continues to encourage the public to use their bicycles for trips in combination with the train by providing bike racks at all stations. Bicycle lockers are also available at all stations, with the exception of the Pompano Beach and the Miami Airport stations due to recent construction work, though both stations are expected to have lockers available in the near future.

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# OnBoard

News from The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority/Tri-Rail

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## HURRICANE SEASON STARTS AGAIN AFTER 10 QUIET YEARS

This year marks the tenth anniversary of Hurricane Wilma, the last hurricane to hit South Florida since October of 2005. The hurricane devastated many communities in our region and put Tri-Rail out of service for a distressing 17 days.

The hurricane cut power to all 18 stations, brought overhead warning devices crashing down, brought down crossing gates and took out many of the signals. What made this hurricane unique was the fact that it was a huge, wide storm that impacted us all. Normally, a hurricane will impact a portion of the system, allowing us to operate limited service. Not so in the case of Wilma.

This is the time of year when we remind our passengers of our hurricane procedures. There has been a major change this season. Since taking over the maintenance and dispatch of the rail corridor in March, SFRTA is responsible for everything that happens on these tracks. This includes deciding when the system is to be shut down if a hurricane is approaching. Once sustained winds reach 35 miles per hour, it becomes necessary for us to suspend service in order to secure the gates. Our policy has always been, and continues to be, that we will not take you to a destination unless we are sure we can get you back later.

As usual, the customer service call number 1-800-TRI-RAIL (874-7254), Tri-Rail's website [www.tri-rail.com](http://www.tri-rail.com) and the local media are your best sources for information and updates in the event of a storm. Here's hoping that you won't need this information, but after 10 years, you have to question when

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## WE HAVE 10,000+ FACEBOOK LIKES!

Tri-Rail surpassed 10,000 fans on Facebook in just under five months of launching its social media page. SFRTA/Tri-Rail's other social media pages have also continued to grow steadily, accommodating passenger preference on how they "follow" the agency.

Maintaining an active presence on social media has helped in our efforts to communicate important information to a large number of our passengers, as well as to connect with the general public more openly. We will continue to issue content that is informative, engaging and useful.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS

As of July 28, 2015

**Facebook** ..... 10,760  
**Twitter** ..... 908 + 111\*  
**Instagram** ..... 365  
**LinkedIn** ..... 212  
**Google+** ..... 53  
**YouTube** ..... 44

\*@Tri\_Rail and @TriRailAlerts, respectively.

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our luck will run out. Remember, in 1992, we only had one storm named Andrew and it devastated Miami-Dade County.

Now is the time to prepare, not when a storm is approaching. Have a plan to keep yourself and your family safe. Tri-Rail has one.

### SE REANUDA LA TEMPORADA DE HURACANES LUEGO DE 10 AÑOS DE INACTIVIDAD

Este año se cumplen 10 años desde el Huracán Wilma, el último huracán en azotar el sur de Florida en octubre del 2005. Este huracán causó devastación en muchas comunidades de nuestra región y dejó a Tri-Rail sin poder prestar el servicio por unos angustiantes 17 días. El huracán produjo apagones en cada una de las 18 estaciones, provocó que los equipos de advertencia y alerta elevados se vinieran abajo, las barreras ferroviarias se cayeron y también se llevó varios semáforos tras su paso. Este huracán fue algo único, ya que se trató de una enorme y extensa tormenta que nos afectó a todos.

Por lo general, un huracán suele afectar tan solo a una parte del sistema, lo que nos permite poder seguir operando aunque brindando un servicio limitado. Pero esto no fue lo que ocurrió con Wilma.

Esta es la época del año donde nos ocupamos de recordarles a nuestros pasajeros acerca de los procedimientos en caso de huracanes. Esta temporada hemos tenido un cambio importante. Desde que se retomaron las tareas de mantenimiento y despacho del corredor en marzo, la Autoridad de Transporte Regional del Sur de Florida (SFRTA) es la entidad responsable de todo lo que pase con estas vías. Esto incluye tomar

la decisión sobre cuándo se cierra el sistema si se avecina un huracán.

Cuando los vientos alcanzan una velocidad constante de 35 millas por hora, resulta necesario suspender el servicio para poder asegurar las puertas. Nuestra política siempre ha sido, y continúa siendo, no llevar a ningún pasajero hasta un destino a menos que podamos luego traerlo de regreso.

Normalmente, el número del servicio de atención al cliente 1-800-TRI-RAIL (874-7254), el sitio web de Tri-Rail (www.tri-rail.com) y los medios locales son las mejores fuentes para obtener información actualizada en caso de producirse una tormenta. Esperamos realmente que no necesite esta información en el futuro pero, tras 10 años, uno debe preguntarse cuándo se nos terminará esta suerte. Recuerde que en 1992 solo tuvimos el paso de un huracán llamado Andrew y este terminó devastando el Condado de Miami-Dade.

Ahora es el momento de ocuparnos de estar preparados, no cuando se avecina un huracán. Océpese de tener un plan para que usted y su familia estén seguros; Tri-Rail tiene uno.

### SEZON SIKLÒN LA AP REKÒMANSE APRE 10 LANE KALM

Ane sa a make 10yèm anivèsè Siklòn Wilma, ki te dènye siklòn pou fwape Sid Eta Florid depi Oktòb 2005. Siklòn la teravaje anpil kominote nan rejyon an epi li te mete Tri-Rail ò sèvis pandan 17 jou difisil.

Siklòn la te koupe kouran nan tout 18 estasyon yo, te fè tonbe atè anpil aparèy avètisman ki vise sou enstalasyon yo, te detwi pasaj anivo yo epi te rache anpil nan pano siyal yo. Sa ki te fè siklòn sa a pa t gen parèy



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## WATER PARKS

It's been a typical hot summer in South Florida this year. Cool down by visiting a water park and let Tri-Rail take you there.

### Broward County

**Castaway Island Water Park at Topeekeegee Yugnee (T.Y.) Park  
3300 N Park Road, Hollywood 33021**

Take Tri-Rail to the Sheridan Street Station. Board the Tri-Rail Shuttle Bus Route SS-1 (weekdays) to T.Y. Park entrance or take Broward County Transit Route 12 to N Park Road and walk north approximately ¼ mile to T.Y. Park entrance.

**For more information: 954-357-8811 | broward.org/Parks**

### Miami-Dade County

**Grapeland Water Park  
1550 NW 37th Avenue,  
Miami 33126**

Take Tri-Rail to the Miami Airport Station. Transfer to Miami-Dade Transit Route 37 southbound to bus stop next to park entrance on NW 37th Avenue and NW 16th Street.

**For more information: 305-960-2950 | miamigov.com/grapeland**



### Palm Beach County

**Rapids Water Park  
6566 Military Trail, Riviera Beach 33407**

Take Tri-Rail to the Mangonia Park Station. Transfer to Palm Tran Route 31 northbound to Military Trail, then take Palm Tran Route 3 northbound to the park entrance.

**For more information: 561-848-6272 | rapidswaterpark.com**

## F. MARTIN PERRY AND GERRY O'REILLY RE-APPOINTED TO SFRTA GOVERNING BOARD



**F. Martin Perry**



**Gerry O'Reilly**

F. Martin Perry and Gerry O'Reilly were named to the Governing Board of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), with their terms beginning July 1, 2015. Mr. Perry was appointed as the business representative for Palm Beach County by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners. Mr. O'Reilly has been named to represent the Florida Department of Transportation by FDOT Secretary Jim Boxold.

F. Martin Perry previously served on the SFRTA Governing Board beginning in 2008 and continuing until 2012, serving as Governor Scott's appointee. He is an attorney with Perry & Taylor, P.A. and has extensive experience in commercial

litigation, with an emphasis on mechanic's lien and construction litigation. He is well-experienced in major real estate transactions and land development, as well as planning, zoning and land-use law. For two years, he served as zoning counsel to Palm Beach County.

Mr. Perry is a member of the Florida Bar, the American Bar Association and the Palm

Beach County Bar Association, for which he served as president of the Young Lawyers Section from 1973-1974. He has served on the Palm Beach County Impact Fee Review Committee from 1993-2003, Palm Beach County Convention Center Advisory Committee from 1994-1995 and the Palm Beach County Land Use Advisory Board Policy Development Task Force from 1997-1998.

Active in the community, Mr. Perry serves on the Economic Council of Palm Beach County and is also a "Director for Life" of the Boys and Girls Club of Palm Beach County, Inc., for which he served as president from 1988-1991. Additionally, Mr. Perry is a director of the Law

Enforcement Assistance Foundation, as well as the Pine Jog Environmental Education Center.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts from Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania and attended Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania. In 1966, he was awarded a Juris Doctor from the School of Law at the University of Miami.

Gerry O'Reilly has worked for the Florida Department of Transportation since 1988. He began in the District Four Design Department rising through the ranks from entry level engineer to District Design Engineer, and on to Director of Transportation Development in 2001. He was instrumental in advancing the \$1.8 billion I-595 P3 project which is now open to traffic. On March 2, 2015, Mr. O'Reilly was appointed District Secretary of District Four.

Mr. O'Reilly graduated from University College in Dublin, Ireland with a Bachelor of Engineering Degree in 1984 and a Master's in Engineering Science Degree in 1986. He is a registered Professional Engineer in Florida and a Chartered Engineer in Ireland. Mr. O'Reilly previously served on the SFRTA Governing Board from February to June of 2008.