

# TRI-COUNTY TRANSIT UPDATES

## Broward County

Broward County Transit (BCT) is looking for feedback from bus riders as the transit agency tests its new real-time bus arrival information tool. Visit [MyRide.Broward.org](http://MyRide.Broward.org) to search your route and plan your trip, and submit your feedback to [www.surveymonkey.com/r/MyRide](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MyRide). BCT's MyRide is also being tested as a phone app. Call 954-357-8400 for more details on downloading to your phone and taking part in the testing stages.

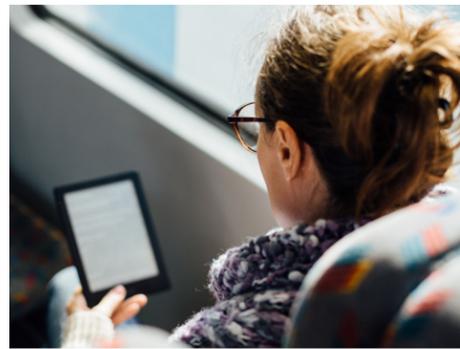
## Miami-Dade County

The Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW, formerly MDT) redesigned the public agency's Miami-Dade Transit Tracker App. The updated app has a fresh new look with additional features, including the inclusion of municipal trolley schedules. Search Miami-Dade Transit Tracker on your iPhone or Android device to download or to update to the new version.

## Palm Beach County

The Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is holding a photo contest that is open to the public to submit their best transportation photos in Palm Beach County. The top photo will be selected and recognized by the MPO Board.

For more information, including rules and how to enter, visit [www.PalmBeachMPO.org/PhotoContest](http://www.PalmBeachMPO.org/PhotoContest).



# OnBoard

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

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## A BACK-TO-SCHOOL REMINDER ABOUT TRAIN SAFETY

As students get ready for another fantastic school year, the SFRTA would like to remind your family to make it a safe one! This year has proven to be a record-breaking year, both good and bad. Unfortunately we have seen an increase in fatalities along the South Florida Rail Corridor (SFRC). There have already been two fatalities on the corridor involving Tri-Rail since the beginning of 2016.

Recently in Broward County, there have been four juveniles prosecuted for being on the railroad right-of-way and two in Palm Beach County for trespassing. These persons are subject to prosecution for throwing objects at the train from the right-of-way or near the right-of-way. As a reminder, not only is it extremely dangerous for your children to be on a railroad right-of-way, it is also illegal.

As per Florida State Statute 810.09 and 860.21, persons violating these statutes are subject to strict fines and/or prosecution. The SFRTA is already gearing up for safety and security patrols along the corridor, with cooperation from G4S, the contracted security provider, as well as local police departments for enforcement of the above mentioned statutes. While staff from

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## SCHOOL BELLS ARE RINGING!

Heading to class? Tri-Rail offers a 50% fare discount for students. To renew or obtain a Student Discount Fare EASY Card, take your class schedule to a Tri-Rail Station Ticket Kiosk or visit [www.tri-rail.com](http://www.tri-rail.com) to request online.

### Mangonia Park Station

Lincoln Tech

### West Palm Beach Station

Palm Beach Atlantic University

### Lake Worth Station

Palm Beach State College

### Boca Raton Station

Florida Atlantic University / Lynn University / Palm Beach State College

### Cypress Creek Station

Atlantic Technical College / City College / Keiser University and University of Phoenix

### Fort Lauderdale Station

Broward College / Florida Atlantic University / The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale

### Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport Station at Dania Beach

Broward College / Florida Atlantic University / McFatter Technical Center / Nova Southeastern University / University of Florida Davie Campus

### Sheridan Street Station

Sheridan Technical College

### Hollywood Station

Broward College

### Opa-locka Station

Florida Memorial College / Miami-Dade College / St. Thomas University

### Metrorail Transfer Station and Miami Airport Station

Florida International University / Miami-Dade College / Miami International University of Art & Design / University of Miami



## COMTO SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



The Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) Fort Lauderdale Chapter held its 2nd annual Scholarship Awards on August 3, at which three South Florida students were recognized for their academic achievements. During the ceremony, SFRTA's Executive Director was also honored by having a new scholarship dedicated in his name to be introduced in the 2017 COMTO Fort Lauderdale Scholarship Program. The Jack L. Stephens Graduate Scholarship was dedicated to Mr. Stephens for his commitment and service to the chapter.



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the SFRTA/Tri-Rail encourages you and your family to take advantage of the hundreds of fun events, festivals and attractions accessible by Tri-Rail, we truly hope that you keep in mind Operation Lifesaver's message of "See Tracks, Think Train." If you would like more information about train safety, log onto [www.SeeTracksThinkTrain.com](http://www.SeeTracksThinkTrain.com). Always stay alert around the railroad right-of-way and always expect a train.

Thank you for your constant support of public transportation! And as always, if you see something that just doesn't look right for some reason, say something to someone of authority.

## RECORDATORIO DE SEGURIDAD FERROVIARIA EN EL REGRESO A CLASES

Mientras los estudiantes se preparan para otro fantástico año escolar, la SFRTA quisiera recordarles a sus familias que tomen las precauciones para que sea un ciclo seguro. Este año demostró ser uno en el que se rompieron marcas, tanto buenas como malas. Desafortunadamente, hemos visto un aumento de casos fatales en el Corredor ferroviario del Sur de la Florida (SFRC). Ya se han producido dos casos fatales en el corredor que implican a Tri-Rail al comienzo del año 2016.

Hace poco, en el condado de Broward, se enjuició a cuatro jóvenes por estar en la zona del derecho de paso del ferrocarril y a dos en el condado de Palm Beach por cruces indebidos. Estas personas también quedan sujetas a procesos judiciales por arrojar objetos al tren desde la zona del derecho de paso o cerca de la misma. A modo de

recordatorio, no solo es muy peligroso para sus hijos estar en el derecho de paso ferroviario, sino que también es ilegal.

Según el Estatuto 810.09 y 860.21 del Estado de la Florida, las personas que trasgreden estas normas quedan sujetas a multas estrictas y/o acciones legales. La Autoridad Regional de Transporte del Sur de la Florida (SFRTA) ya se está equipando con patrullas de seguridad y protección en todo el corredor con la colaboración de G4S, el prestador de seguridad contratado, y los departamentos de policía locales para la aplicación de los estatutos anteriormente mencionados.

Si bien el personal de SFRTA/Tri-Rail insta a usted y a su familia a aprovechar los cientos de eventos, festivales y atracciones divertidas a las que pueden acceder mediante Tri-Rail a medida que se acerca el clima más frío, realmente esperamos que tenga en cuenta el mensaje de la Operación Salvavidas con respecto a "Ves las vías, piensa en el tren". Si quisiera obtener más información sobre la seguridad ferroviaria, inicie sesión en [www.SeeTracksThinkTrain.com](http://www.SeeTracksThinkTrain.com). Siempre esté alerta en los alrededores de los pasos ferroviarios y siempre espere al tren.

¡Gracias por su constante apoyo al transporte público! Y, como siempre, si ve algo que no parece ser lo correcto por algún motivo, coménteselo a una persona con autoridad.

## YON RAPÈL OSIJÈ SEKIRITE KI GEN POU WÈ AK TREN

Pandan elèv yo ap apre pou yon lòt lane lekòl fantastik, SFRTA ta renmen pou ou pran yon ti moman pou fè fanmi ou sonje po ane

sa a se yon ane ki san danje! Ane sa a se te yon ane kit e bat tout rekò yo, nibon ni movè rekò. Malerezman, nou te konstate yon ogmantasyon kantite moun ki mouri nan Koridò Ray Sid Eta Florid (South Florida Rail Corridor SFRC). Deja gen de (2) moun ki mouri nan koridò a ki gen pou wè ak Tri-Rail depi kòmansman lane 2016.

Resaman nan Konte Broward, te gen kat (4) delenkan yo te pouswiv poutèt yo te sou vwa pasaj tren an ki bay tren an priyorite ak de (2) delenkan nan Konte Palm Beach pou entriyon. Moun sa yo te pase devan yon tribinal poutèt yo t ap jete bagay nan direksyon tren an apatide oswa toupre vwa pasaj priyorite an. Kòm rapèl, non sèlman li trè danje pou pitit ou yo rete sou vwa pasaj priyorite tren an, men sa ilegal tou.

Konfòmman ak Estati Eta Florid 810.09 ak 860.21, moun ki pa respekte règ yo ap dwe peye amann epi/oswa sibi pouswit devan lajistis. Ajans Transpò Rejyonal Sid Eta Florid (South Florida Regional Transportation Authority SFRTA) ap pare pou kòmans fè patwouy sekirite nan tout longè koridò a, avèk kowoperasyon G4S, founisè sekirite anba kontra nou an ansanm ak depatman lapolis lokal yo pou mete anplas règ ki dekri anlà yo.

Pandan estaf SFRTA/Tri-Rail ankouraje ou ansanm ak fanmi ou pou pran plezi ou nan santèn evènman, festival ak atraksyon ki amizan kote ou kapab Tri-Rail antanke mwayen transpò pandan lameteyo live ap pwoche, nou espere sensèman ou pa bliye mesaj Operasyon Sove lavi (Lifesaver) an ki se "Lè ou wè Ray, Tren an pa lwen." Si ou ta renmen jwenn plis enfòmasyon osijè sekirite ki gen pou wè ak tren, konekte nan [www.SeeTracksThinkTrain.com](http://www.SeeTracksThinkTrain.com). Toujou rete sispèk lè ou bò vwa pasaj priyorite tren epi toujou panse yon tren ap vini.

Mèsi pou sipò ou bay transpò leta san rete! Epi menmjan ak anvan, si ou wè yon bagay ki sanble ki pa nòmal, kèlkeswa rezon an, avèti yon moun ki gen otorite.



## MAINTENANCE WORK FOR 2016

SFRTA has scheduled continuous maintenance work on the South Florida Rail Corridor to replace rail ties on the tracks. The work started in the summer and originated in Miami, moving north until it ends at the Mangonia Park Station. The maintenance work on the entire corridor is expected to be completed in late 2016.

The rail tie replacement work is mostly occurring overnight, but some of the work could impact the first two trains of the morning and the last two trains of the evening with delays of up to 10 minutes.

Check your train's status before traveling by using the Tri-Rail mobile app or Tri-Rail Tracker on [tri-rail.com](http://tri-rail.com).

Thank you for your patience as we improve our corridor.

## SFRTA UNVEILS NEW TRI-RAIL COMMUTER CONNECTOR

At the August 2016 meeting of the Governing Board, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) unveiled the first of its new Tri-Rail Commuter Connectors. The fleet of 28 new vehicles and two refurbished vehicles will replace the existing Tri-Rail shuttle buses. The fleet will consist of four heavy-duty 35-foot and 26 medium-duty 35-foot buses and can accommodate up to 50 passengers each. All connectors will be wrapped in Tri-Rail's iconic color scheme to make them easily identifiable to passengers. They are free for the use of Tri-Rail passengers.

The new vehicles aim to solve the quandary many commuters face of navigating the first and last mile of their ride. According to C. Mikel Oglesby, SFRTA Deputy Executive Director, the new commuter connectors "will significantly enhance the customers' experience and are equipped with amenities to ensure that the focus remains on the customers' safety and comfort."

Specifically to address safety issues, each connector has a seven-camera system of interior and exterior units providing for the capability of audio and visual recording. The cameras will be able to monitor the activities of passengers and the driver on the bus, as well as any external conditions that might impact the commute. There is real-time tracking built into the Tri-Rail App (Q1 2017) and Wi-Fi will be installed in vehicles in the future.

The new vehicles are designed to provide fixed-route service 365 days a year and offer increased capacity. Airport connectors will have enhanced seating, standing room and luggage capacity. An Americans with Disabilities Act ramp can be lowered and raised at the push of a button by the driver, allowing for easier wheelchair access or for rolling luggage on-board. The airport connectors were designed to improve passenger flow. There are dual entry and exit doors and a push-button system to open and close them. They each contain a 108-inch luggage rack for additional storage space.

Fixed-route connectors will also have increased capacity for passengers. All connectors will be able to accommodate two wheelchairs and will have a three-space bike rack. ADA enhancements will make the new connectors more accommodating for persons with disabilities. The operator can remain inside the connector to activate the ADA ramp through push-button automation. The ramp will provide a low floor entry free of curbside steps.

The first new connector began service at the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport Station on Labor Day weekend. The entire new fleet will be in service by January 2017. Tri-Rail's Commuter Connector service is operated by Keolis under a five year contract with two one-year options which went into effect March 1, 2016. The value of the contract is \$39.8 million.

