

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY STRATEGIC REGIONAL TRANSIT PLAN FOR SOUTH FLORIDA

SFRTA's Strategic Regional Transit Plan: The Goal

Think creatively to define a bold vision and strategic plan for regional transit's role in the overall regional transportation system to ensure mobility, economic viability and quality of life in the South Florida region for the next generation.

The Case for Transit

South Florida faces complex and diverse transportation, land use, economic and development issues which, without a strategy, will continue into the future.

The future of South Florida must include investment in rail transit. The days of adding more and more pavement to our highway system are rapidly coming to an end, hastened by fluctuating land values, high gas prices and the realization that future population and employment growth can only be accommodated through compact, high-density land use served by transit.



14 new Tri-Rail cars are expected in 2009/2010

Why Transit?

- Economic Development
- Access to Jobs
- Environmental Benefits
- Redevelopment Opportunities
- Mobility for All

How does the plan help the environment?

- 160 million less vehicle miles traveled per year
- 230,000 pounds per day less greenhouse gas emissions
- 700 million BTU's per day less energy consumption*

How can land use help the environment and transit?

Smart growth neighborhoods can achieve 90 percent infiltration of rainwater and generate 40 percent less automobile trips than a conventional subdivision. **



400 Cars = 8 Buses = 1 Commuter Train

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Your Support is Needed

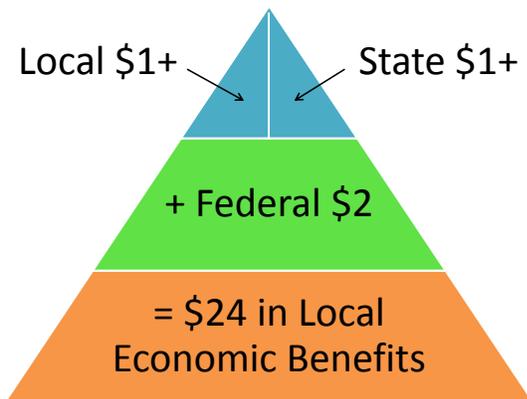
As the SFRTA moves forward, we will be looking for assistance from local organizations, the business community and public agencies to make this plan a reality.

The benefits are too important for South Florida to miss: economic development, job access, environmental preservation, redevelopment opportunities and improved mobility.

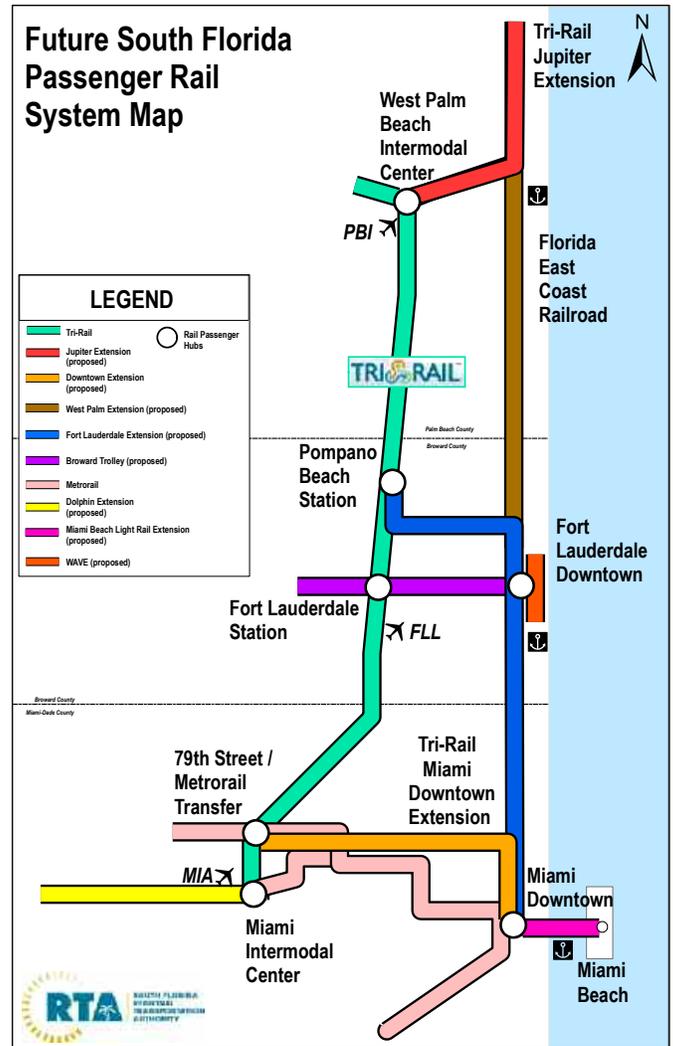
But these benefits hinge on local dedicated funding for the SFRTA.

Every local dollar raised generates an incredible level of economic benefits for the South Florida vision. Generous state and federal matches magnify the return on these funds even more.

Support transit and show how fast we can change our future with the choices we make.



\$1 in local funding generates \$6 in local economic benefits (APTA). Accordingly, \$4 in funding generates \$24 in local economic benefits.



Transit helps the family budget.

Using public transportation may eliminate the need for a second car, saving a household more than \$8,400 per year.

Source: APTA

What does the public think?

More than 65 percent of the public thinks that transit is an important part of South Florida's overall transportation system.

Source: SFRTA Public Opinion Survey, November 2008 - January 2009

How can transit expansion be funded?

The SFRTA needs local dedicated funding of at least \$50 million annually to build and operate its transit network over the next 20 years.

Possible funding sources include:

- Per-gallon fuel tax
- One-time automobile title fee
- Daily rental-car tax
- Annual automobile registration fee
- Regional sales tax
- Property tax
- Toll revenue