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Broward County Transit Awarded DHS Security Grant *\$600,000 made available for improved transit security*

Broward County Transit (BCT) has been awarded a \$600,000 Transit Security Grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to purchase additional closed circuit televisions for BCT transit facilities, and an access control/alarm monitoring card reader system. This is a one-time grant award; no matching funds are required.

“We are delighted to receive these much-needed funds from the Department of Homeland Security which will be spent towards the safety and security of our transit riders and the general public,” stated Broward County Mayor Ben Graber. “The funds will be used to develop and enhance our current security system utilizing advanced technology.”

Across the nation, DHS awarded \$136 million in grants to protect transit systems and the traveling public. The Transit Security Grant Program, which is part of the department’s Infrastructure Protection Program, strengthens the nation’s ability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters, and other emergencies that could impact this country’s critical infrastructure.

“These awards bolster our nation’s ability to protect and secure important critical infrastructure sectors, particularly rail, bus and ferry systems,” said DHS Under Secretary for Preparedness George Foresman.

In July, DHS announced \$123 million in funding to Tier 1 urban areas, which are comprised of high passenger density and rail systems with significant infrastructures. Both Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA/Tri-Rail) received rail grants. MDT received a bus system grant as well.

With three of the four Southeast Florida transit systems - BCT, MDT and SFRTA – each receiving a Transit Security Grant, the region will benefit from the increase in transit security.

For more information on the grant allocations, please visit www.dhs.gov. For information on Broward County Transit, visit www.broward.org/bct or call 954-357-8400.