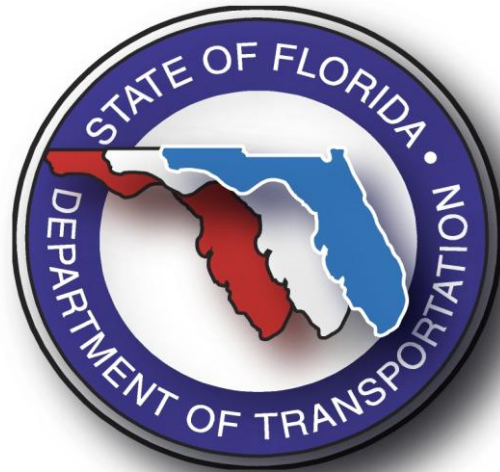


# **New Starts Transit Program**



**Florida Transportation Commission**

**May 23, 2006**

# *New Starts Transit Program*

*Created in SB 360, "Growth Management"*

## ◆ Program Purpose

- ✓ Assist local governments in the development of fixed guideway and bus rapid transit (BRT) projects
- ✓ Use state funds to leverage local revenues and secure federal discretionary transit New Starts funding

## ◆ Eligibility

- ✓ Major new transit capital projects in metropolitan areas
- ✓ Support local plans to direct growth where desired

## ◆ Funding

- ✓ Matching program to leverage local and/or federal funds



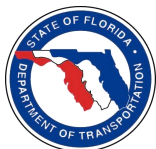
# Transportation Investments to Support Growth Management

Senate Bill 360 (Chapter 2005-290, Laws of Florida)

(\$ in millions)

Uses of Additional Funds	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	TOTAL
Strategic Intermodal System	\$300	\$475	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$485	\$485	\$485	\$4,730
State Infrastructure Bank	\$100										\$100
<b>Regional/Local Priorities</b>											
New Starts Transit Program	\$54	\$65	\$70	\$70	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$709
Small County Outreach Program	\$27	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$342
Transportation Regional Incentive Program	\$275	\$200	\$135	\$135	\$135	\$135	\$135	\$135	\$135	\$135	\$1,555
County Incentive Grant Program	\$25										\$25
Subtotal	\$381	\$300	\$240	\$240	\$245	\$245	\$245	\$245	\$245	\$245	\$2,631
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$781</b>	<b>\$775</b>	<b>\$740</b>	<b>\$740</b>	<b>\$745</b>	<b>\$745</b>	<b>\$745</b>	<b>\$730</b>	<b>\$730</b>	<b>\$730</b>	<b>\$7,461</b>

Note: These are funds that are new to transportation that will be added to the Florida DOT Work Program. The amounts above are Work Program "commitments" that would be generated from the cash from General Revenue nonrecurring of \$575 million in fiscal year 2005-06 and Documentary Stamps Tax of \$541.75 million annually beginning in fiscal year 2005-06 to be deposited in the State Transportation Trust Fund.



# Legal and Policy Direction

- ◆ Legal Requirements
  - ✓ State funding up to 50% of non-federal share
- ◆ Policy Direction
  - ✓ Eligible costs: final design, ROW, construction, and equipment (not planning)
  - ✓ Programming requires MPO adopted Locally Preferred Alternative and matching local funds
  - ✓ Joint Participation Agreement on Federal project requires “Medium” or “Exempt” rating from FTA



# Local Financial Commitment

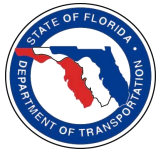
- ◆ FDOT/FTA Requirements:
  - ✓ Dedicated local dollars to match state contribution
- ◆ FTA Financial Criteria:
  - ✓ Share of total project costs from other than FTA discretionary funds (proposed match)
  - ✓ Stability and reliability of the capital finance plan (dedicated funding)
  - ✓ Agency's ability to fund operation and maintenance of the entire transit system, including existing and planned service, once the guideway is built



# FDOT Project Selection Criteria

## Minimum Thresholds

- ◆ Local Financial Commitment
- ◆ Does the project support local and/or regional growth management plans?
- ◆ Local Support: MPO support, inclusion in local plans, dedicated funding commitment
- ◆ DOT support for the project: Is it a good transportation project? Does it fit in with FDOT plans? Is it a good investment of state dollars?
- ◆ Technical Criteria: Piggyback on FTA New Starts Evaluation Process

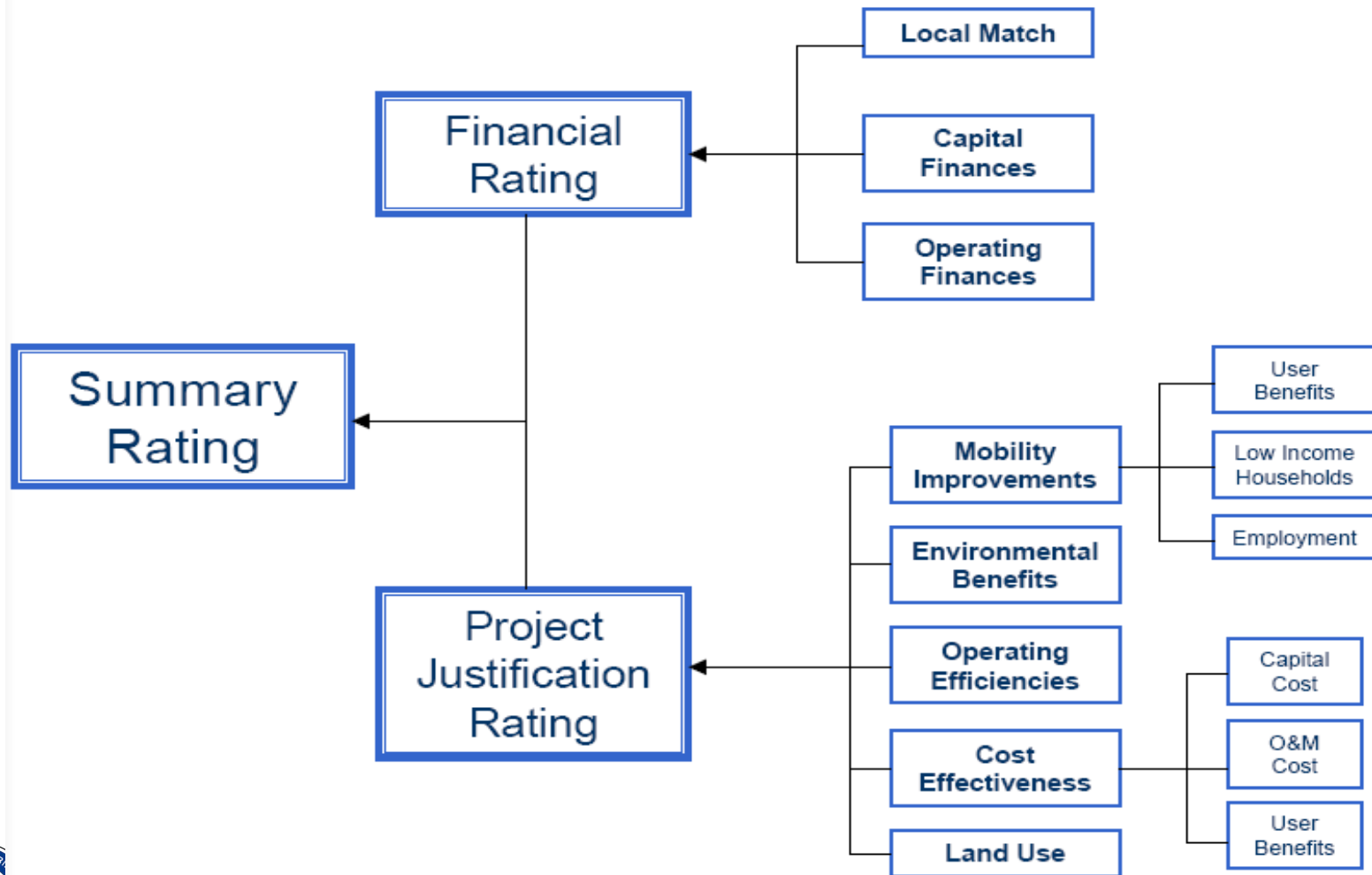


# Federal Transit Administration New Starts Process

- ◆ Systems Planning
- ◆ Alternatives Analysis
- ◆ Preliminary Engineering
- ◆ Final Design
- ◆ Full Funding Grant Agreement
- ◆ Construction

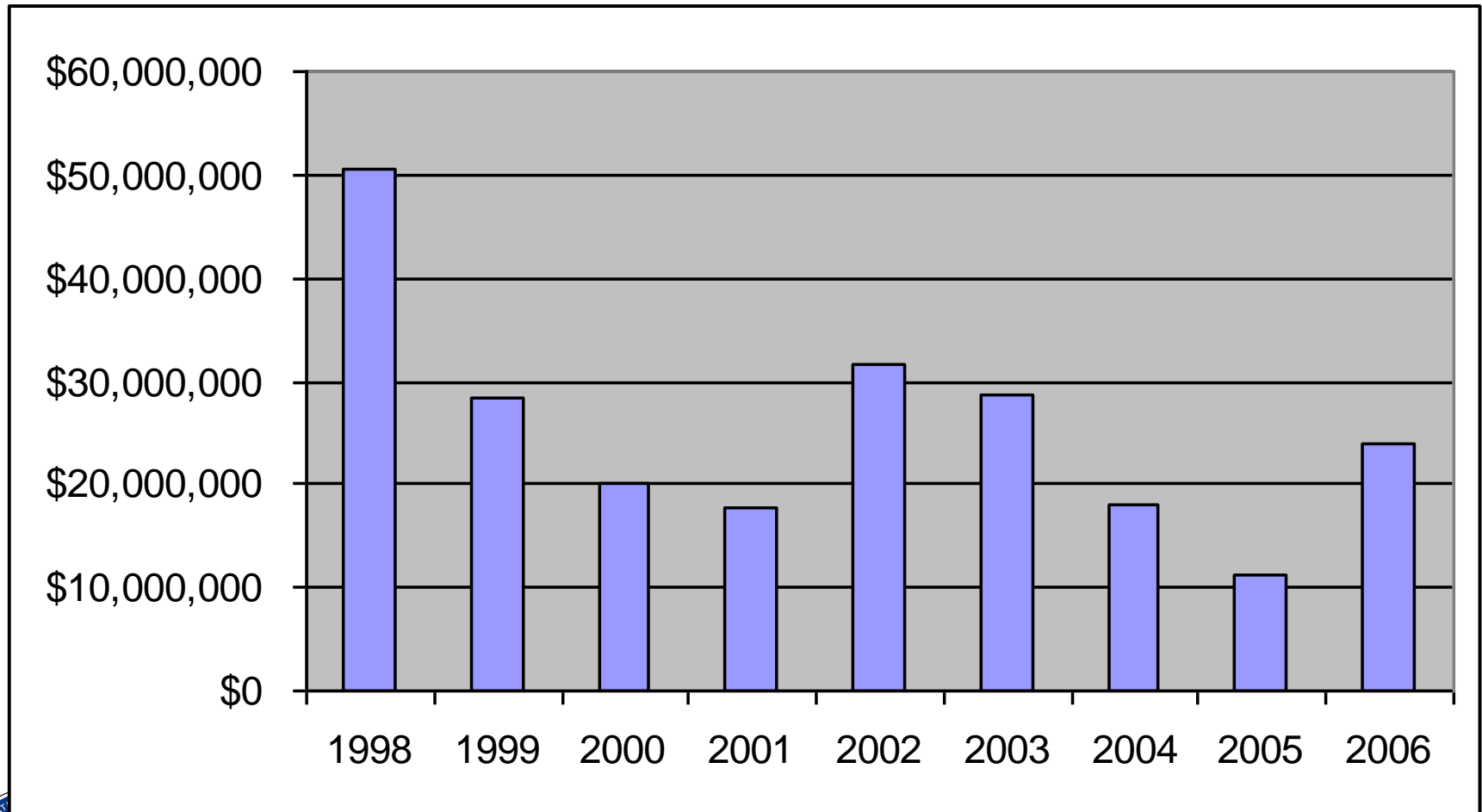


# New Starts Evaluation Criteria





# Congressional Appropriations of New Starts to Florida



# *FDOT New Starts Strategy*

- ✓ Seek Federal dollars for larger projects that can best meet FTA standards
- ✓ Forego Federal dollars (and process) for smaller projects that serve strong growth management purpose
- ✓ FTA is likely to fund some New Start projects in Florida, but not all
  - Seek \$1+ billion FTA for MDT North Corridor and East/West
  - Fund \$200 million Miami Streetcar with state/local
    - As a Small Start, maximum FTA would only be \$75 million



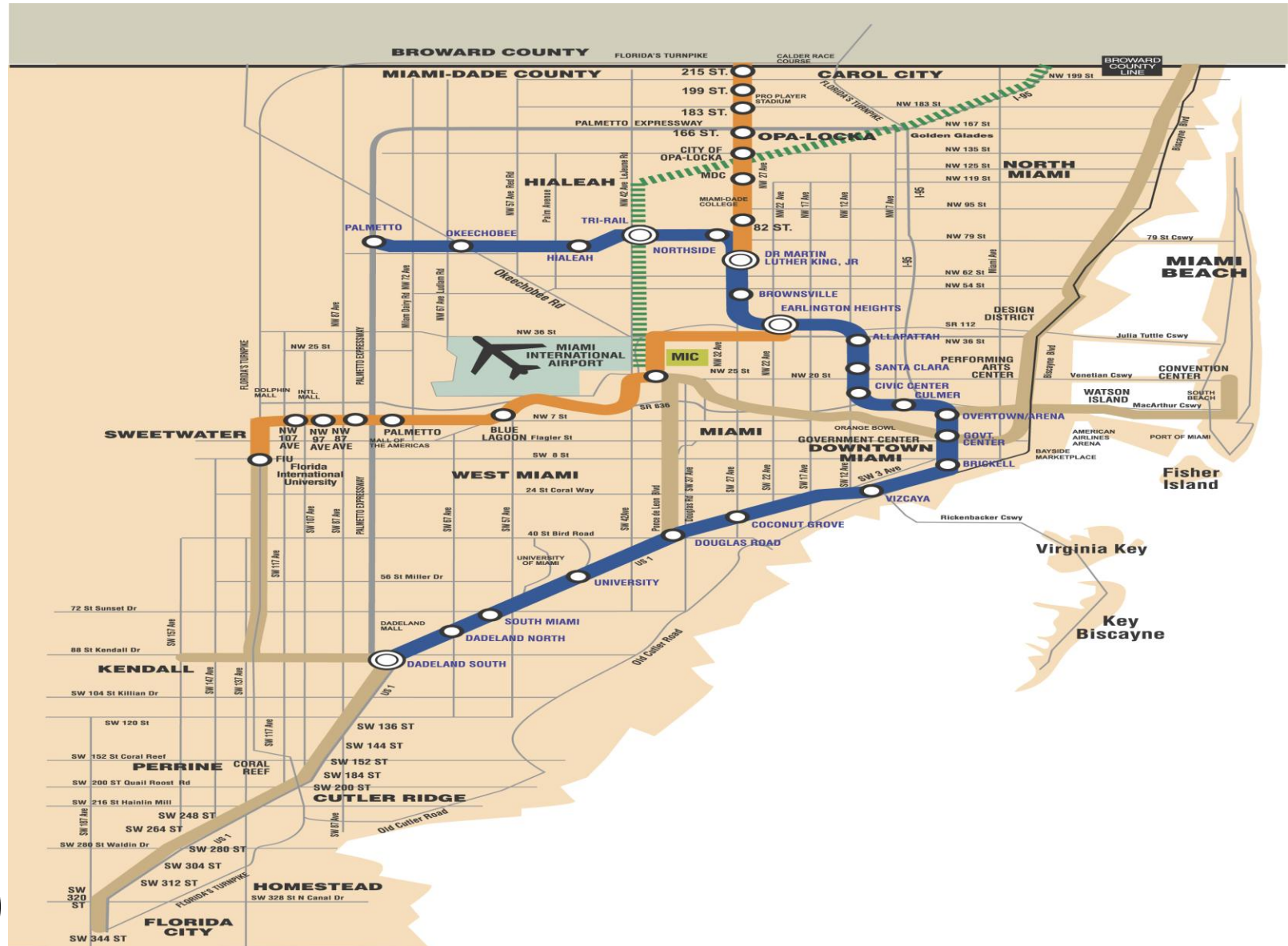
# New Starts Projects in the Pipeline

## (with local funding commitments)

- ◆ Miami-Dade Transit
  - ✓ MIC/Earlington Heights
  - ✓ North Corridor
  - ✓ East-West Corridor
- ◆ Jacksonville BRT
- ◆ Central Florida Commuter Rail
- ◆ City of Miami Streetcar
- ◆ Ft. Lauderdale Downtown Light Rail
- ◆ Others projects seeking local funding commitments
  - ✓ Central Broward East-West Transit

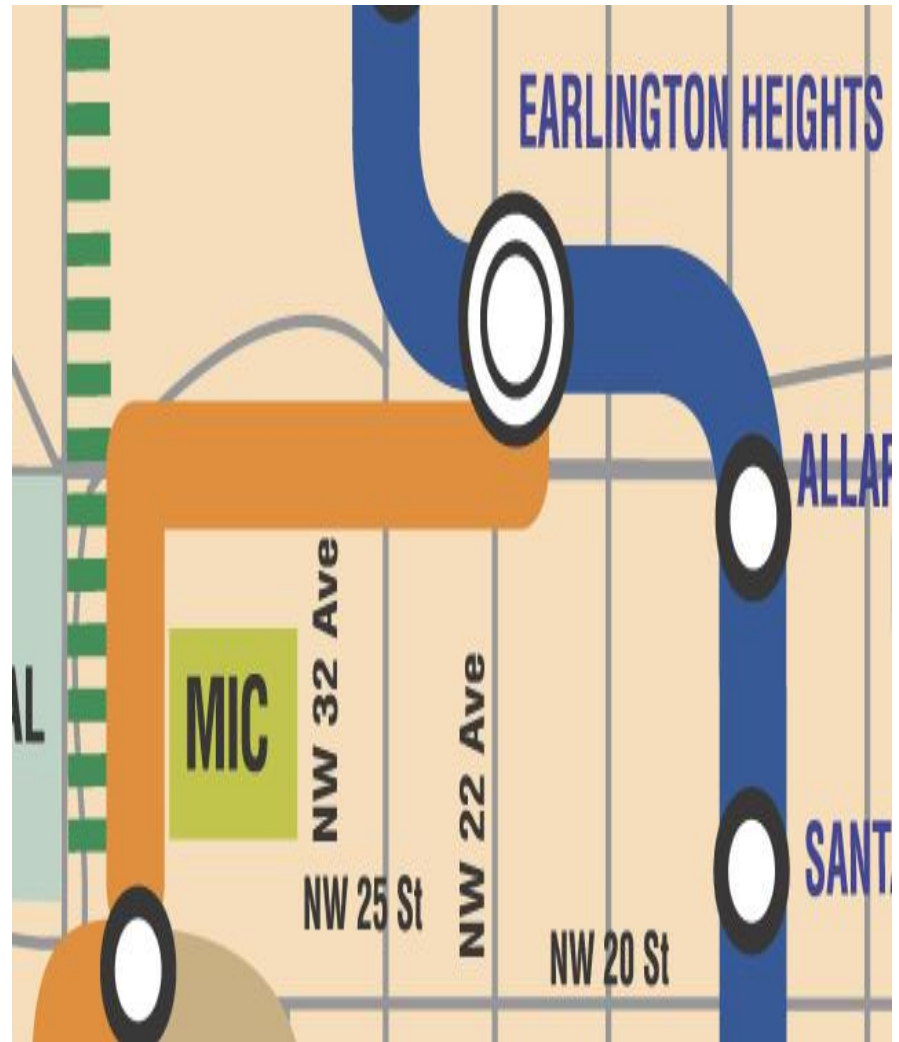


# Miami-Dade Transit Orange Line



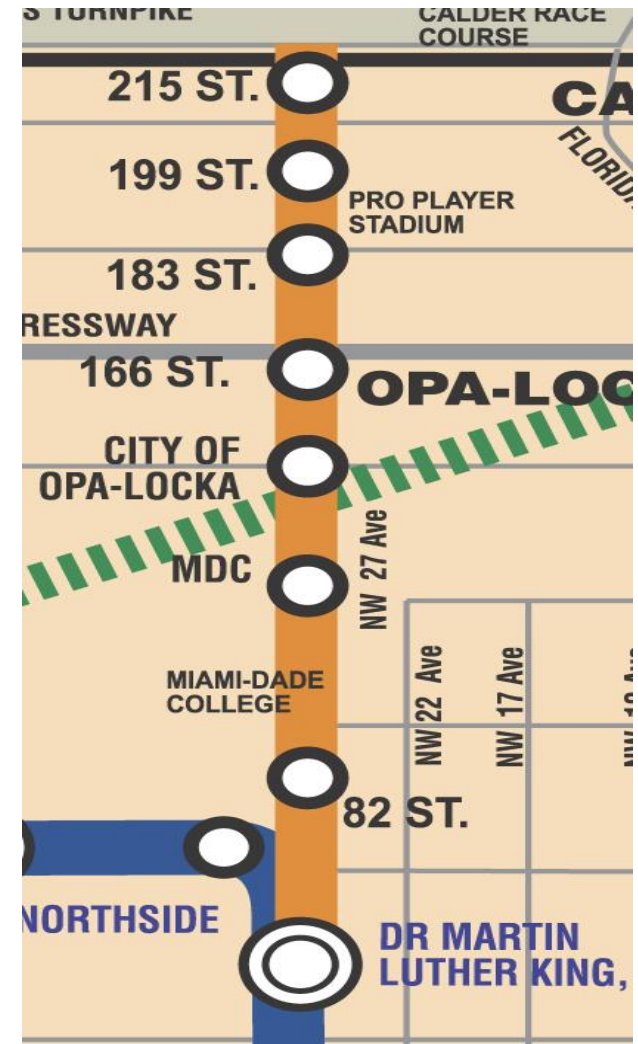
# *Miami-Dade MIC/Earlington Heights*

- ◆ The MIC-Earlington Heights Corridor is a 2.6-mile heavy rail extension of Metrorail that will extend from the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC), located north of NW 21 Street and east of NW 42 Avenue, to the existing Earlington Heights Metrorail Station at NW 22 Avenue.
- ◆ The project includes one station at the MIC.
- ◆ The estimated cost of the project is \$340 million in Year-of-Expenditure (YOE) dollars.



# Miami-Dade North Corridor

- ◆ The North Corridor is a 9.5-mile heavy rail extension of Metrorail that will extend along N.W. 27th Avenue from just north of the existing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Metrorail Station to the Broward/Miami-Dade County Line.
- ◆ The project includes seven (7) stations and four multilevel parking garages.
- ◆ The estimated cost of this project is \$914 million in Year-of-Expenditure (YOE) dollars.



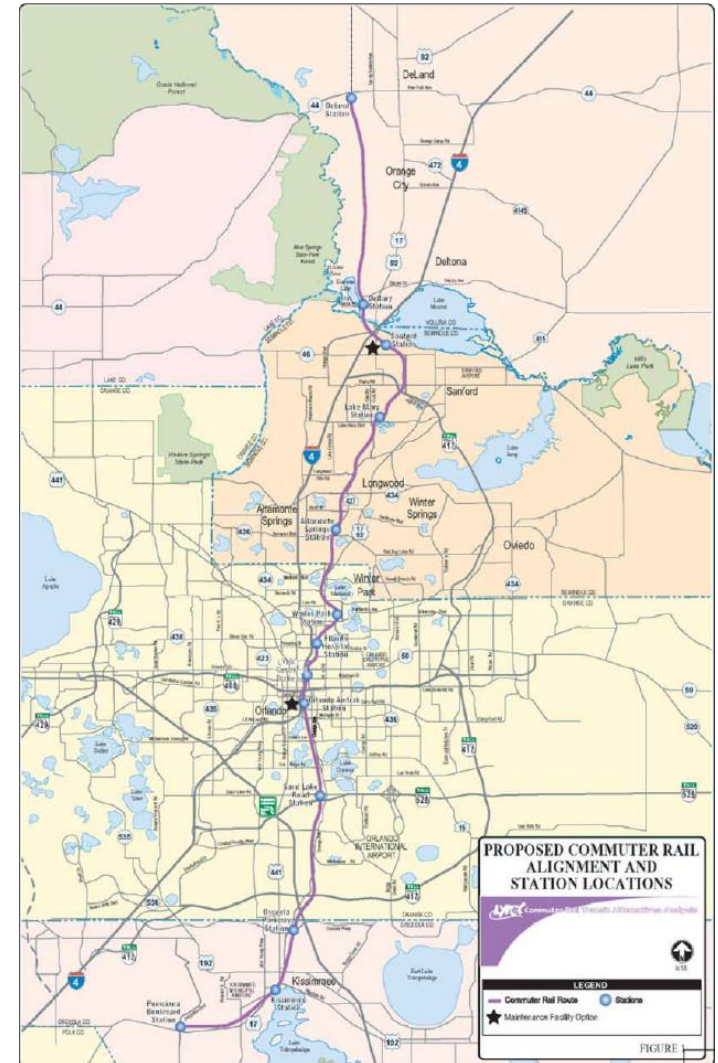
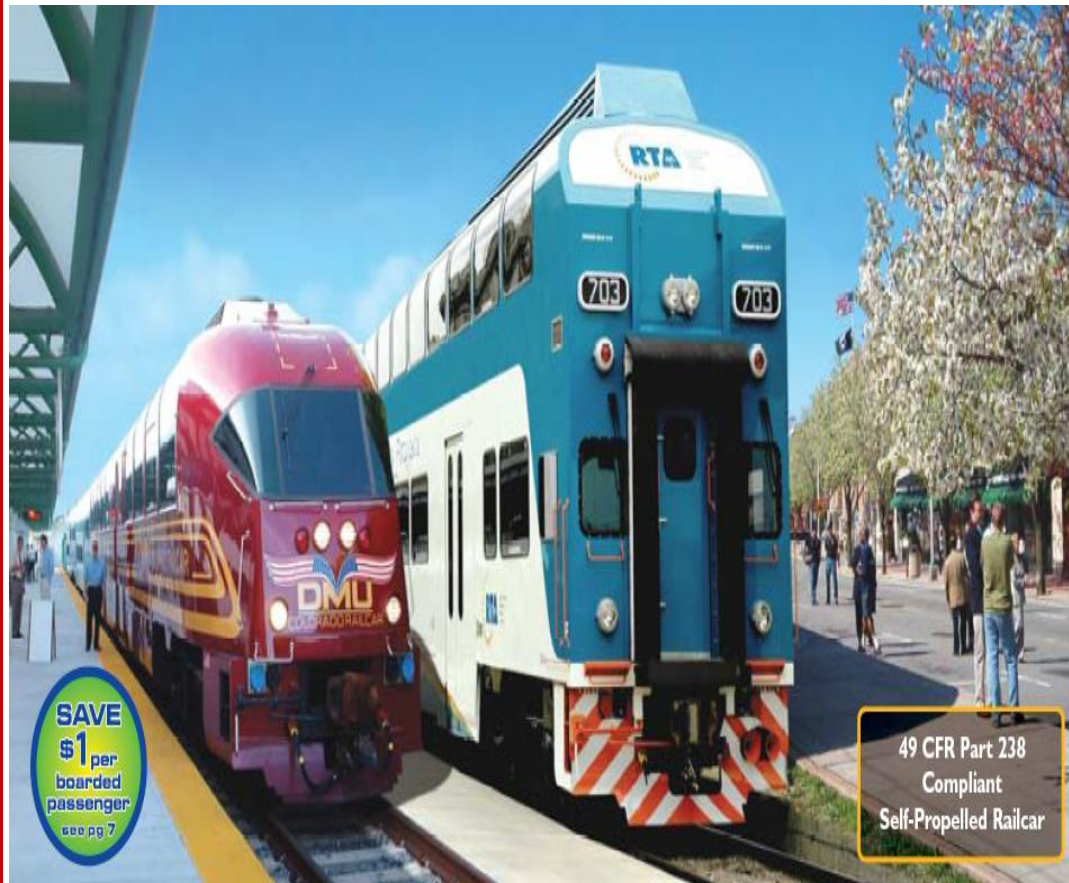


# Miami-Dade East/West Corridor

- ◆ The MIC to FIU segment of the East-West Corridor will extend 10.1 miles from the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) to Florida International University (FIU) and includes a total of seven (7) stations.
- ◆ The estimated cost of this project (MIC to FIU) is \$1.38 billion in Year-of-Expenditure (YOE) dollars

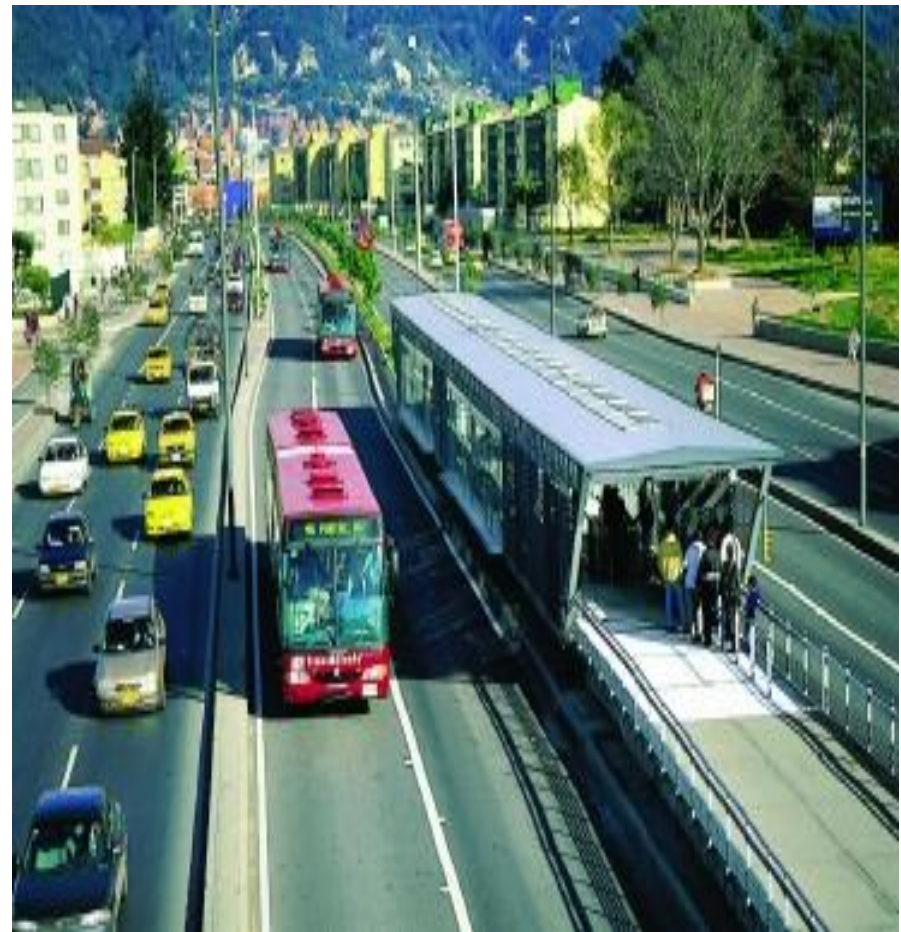
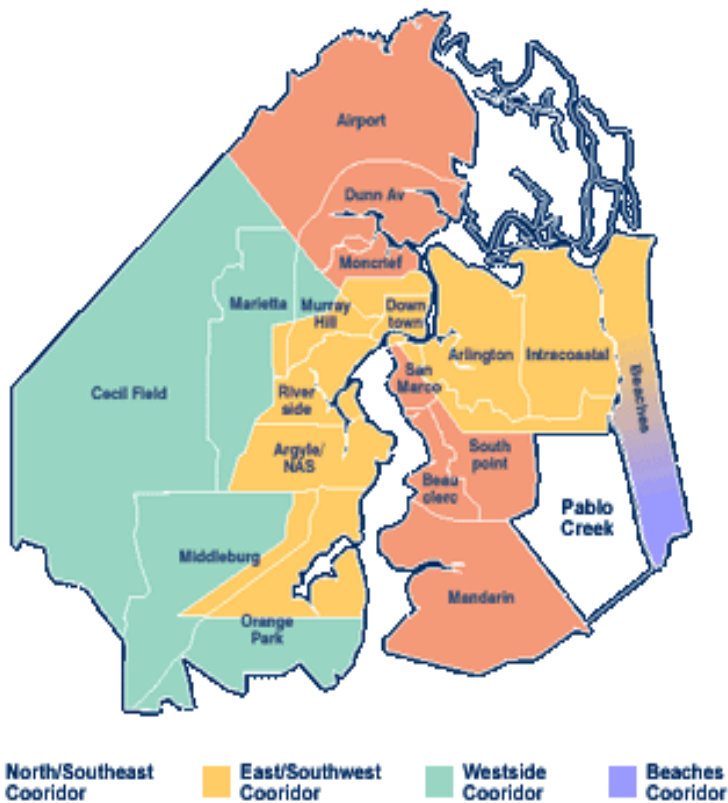


# Central Florida Commuter Rail

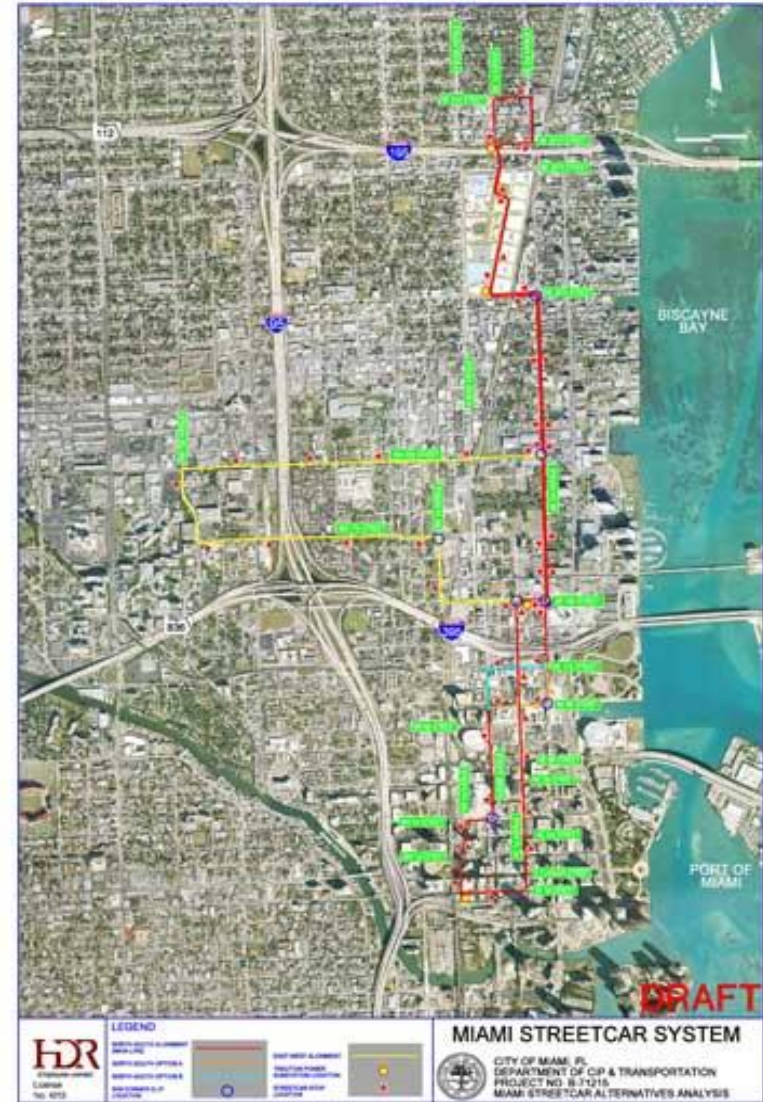




# *Jacksonville Rapid Transit Initiatives*



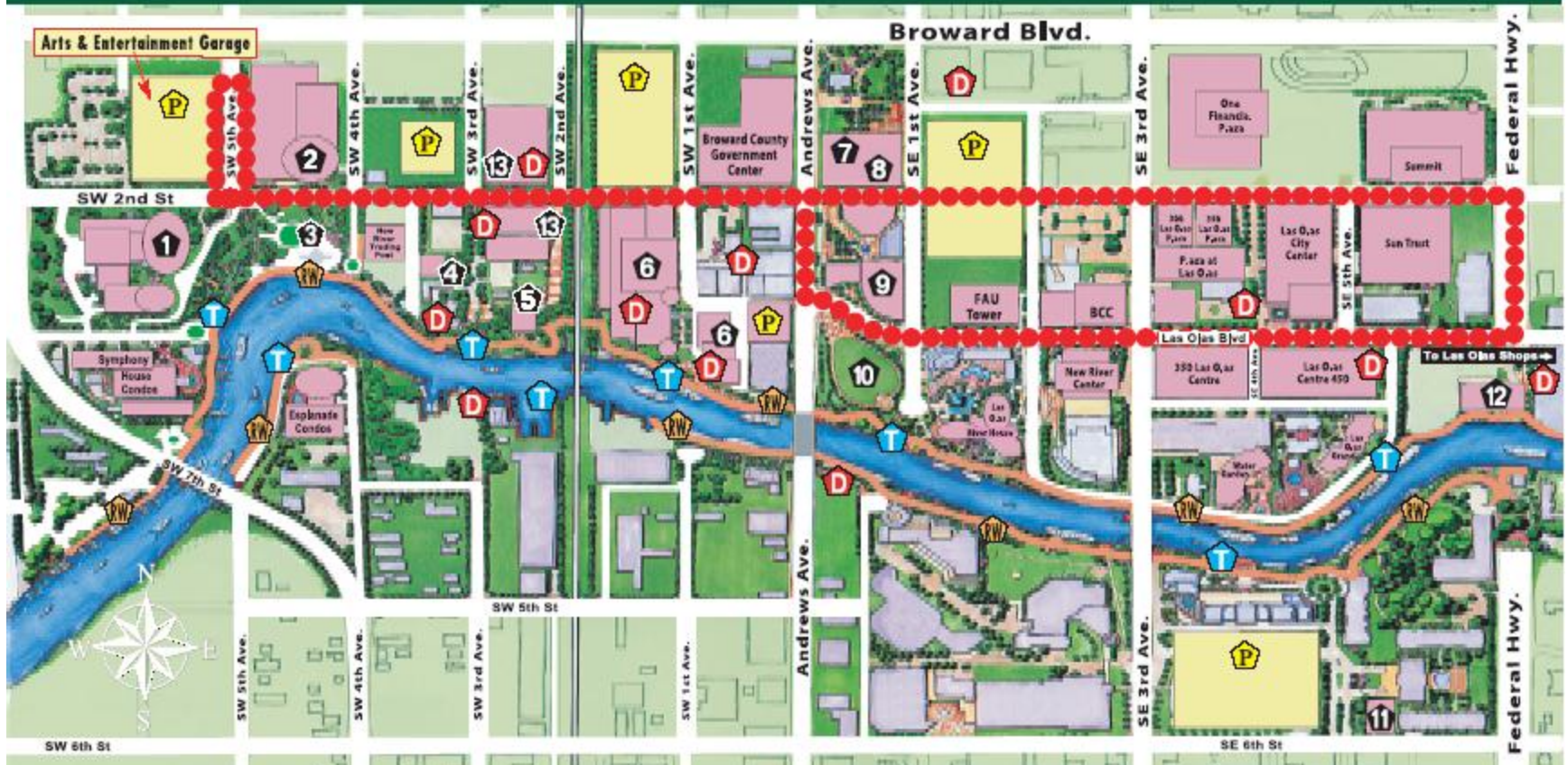
# City of Miami Streetcar System





# *Ft. Lauderdale Downtown Light Rail*

## Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District



# Central Broward East-West Transit Analysis – Recommended Alignment



# Ongoing Efforts...

- ◆ Assess project needs, local funding and district support
- ◆ Develop realistic finance plans and partnering strategies
- ◆ Work with local agencies and FTA to develop and strengthen New Starts/Small Starts applications where applicable
- ◆ Refine finance plans and issue funding commitments
- ◆ Program project funds
- ◆ Develop support in Washington to receive earmarks and Full Funding Grant Agreements where applicable

Execute Joint Participation Agreements



