

SFRTA/TRI-RAIL PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE



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OVERVIEW

- **Tri-Rail History**
- **South Florida Regional Transportation Authority Transition**
- **SFRTA/Tri-Rail Today**
- **Performance Measures/Surveys**
- **Future Regional Needs**



HISTORY OF TRI-RAIL



- 1981 FDOT Commissioned Study Of South Florida's Future Transit Needs
- 1983 Feasibility Study Recommended Commuter Rail As A Temporary Traffic Mitigation Measure
- 1986 TCRO Formed

HISTORY OF TRI-RAIL



- 1988 FDOT Purchased South Florida Rail Corridor From CSXT
- 1988 State Legislature Made “Tri-Rail” A Permanent Fixture. TCRO Became TCRA
- TCRA Began Tri-Rail Service In January 1989

HISTORY OF TRI-RAIL

➔ First New Commuter Rail Line In 25 Years



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HISTORY OF TRI-RAIL

- ➔ Started Service With 28 Weekday Trains, 14 Saturday Trains And 12 Sunday Trains
- ➔ One And Two-Hour Headways During The Weekday
- ➔ Two And Three-Hour Headways During The Weekend



HISTORY OF TRI-RAIL

→ TCRA & FTA Officials Signed
A \$327 Million FFGA In
June 2000

- FFGA Provided Tri-Rail With
Funds To Complete Double
Tracking Along The Entire
72-Mile FDOT Corridor
- Double Track Corridor
Improvement Program Issued
NTP In January 2002



HISTORY OF TRI-RAIL

➔ Some Of The Benefits Expected From Double Tracking Program Included:

- Reduced Travel Times
- Enhanced Station Amenities
- Enhanced Safety & Security
- Increased Frequency Of Trains
- Increased On-Time Performance
- Increased Ridership



HISTORY OF TRI-RAIL

**Tri-Rail Ridership Increased
By 15% In August 2000,
With Schedule Change
Implementing Hourly Headways.**

MASS TRANSIT
**Ridership
numbers
see sharp
upturn**

- *Sun-Sentinel, May 7, 2001*



SFRTA TRANSITION

- Regional Business Alliance Spearheads TCRA Transition Into The SFRTA In 2001
- Florida Legislature Creates The SFRTA, Effective July 1, 2003
- South Florida's Three Counties Begin Effort To Work As A Single Entity Creating A Multimodal Mass Transit System



SFRTA MISSION

To Coordinate, Develop And Implement, In Cooperation With All Appropriate Levels Of Government, Private Enterprise And Citizens At-Large In The Community, A Viable Regional Transportation System In South Florida That Endeavors To Meet The Desires And Needs For The Movement Of People, Goods And Services.



SFRTA FUNDING RELATIONSHIP

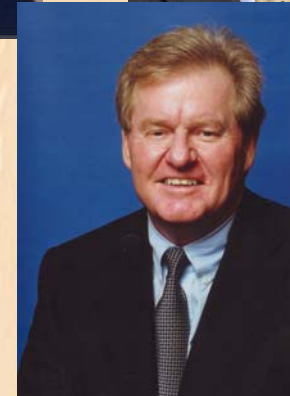
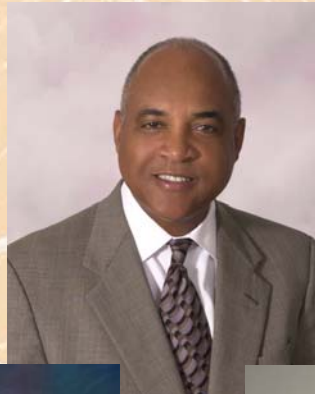
→ New Legislation Outlines
Funding Relationship Between
The SFRTA And Broward,
Miami-Dade And Palm Beach
Counties:

- The State (FDOT) Contributes
50% Of SFRTA'S Net Deficit,
Which Is Then Matched By The
Three Counties Collectively



SFRTA BOARD COMPOSITION

→ Governing Board Consists Of Nine (9) Representatives



SFRTA BOARD COMPOSITION

→ Three Representatives Appointed Per County Served:

- One (1) Commissioner And One (1) Business Representative Appointed By County Commissions
- One (1) FDOT Appointee
- Remaining Board Members (From The Counties In Which The FDOT Appointee Does Not Reside) Appointed By The Governor

SFRTA COMMITTEES

→ Technical and Standing Committees Formed To Provide Recommendations To The Governing Board:

– Technical Committees Include:

- Legislative Committee
- Marketing Committee
- Operations Committee
- Planning Technical Advisory Committee

SFRTA COMMITTEES

→ Technical and Standing Committees Formed To Provide Recommendations To The Governing Board:

– Standing Committees Include:

- ADA Advisory Committee
- Audit Committee
- Citizens' Advisory Committee
- Construction Oversight Committee
- Property Task Force

AS PART OF THE SFRTA ...

MILESTONES

- Boynton Beach Station Dedicated; First Station Completed As Part Of The Segment 5 Project In 2004



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MILESTONES

- ➔ Major Progress Continued With The Segment 5 Project Track Work And Station Renovations In 2005



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MILESTONES

- ➔ Major Double Tracking Project Completed, March 2006
 - Reduced Travel Times And Headways
 - Station/Bridge/Track/Road Crossing Enhancements



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MILESTONES

**Tri-Rail Ridership
Continued To Rise With A
30% Increase In
June, July, August
And September 2006,
Over The Same Months In 2005.**

Ridership up 36 percent in July

- Palm Beach Post, August 3, 2006



AS PART OF THE SFRTA ... MILESTONES

3,008,314 PASSENGERS

**On December 11, 2006,
For The First Time Ever,
Tri-Rail Carried More Than
3-Million Passengers In A Single
Calendar Year.**



AS PART OF THE SFRTA ...

MILESTONES

- Tri-Rail Named Fastest Growing Commuter Rail Line In 2006, According To APTA



AS PART OF THE SFRTA ...

MILESTONES

- ➔ New River Bridge Project Completed, April 2007
 - 55-Foot High, Fixed-Level Bridge
 - \$80 million (+) invested



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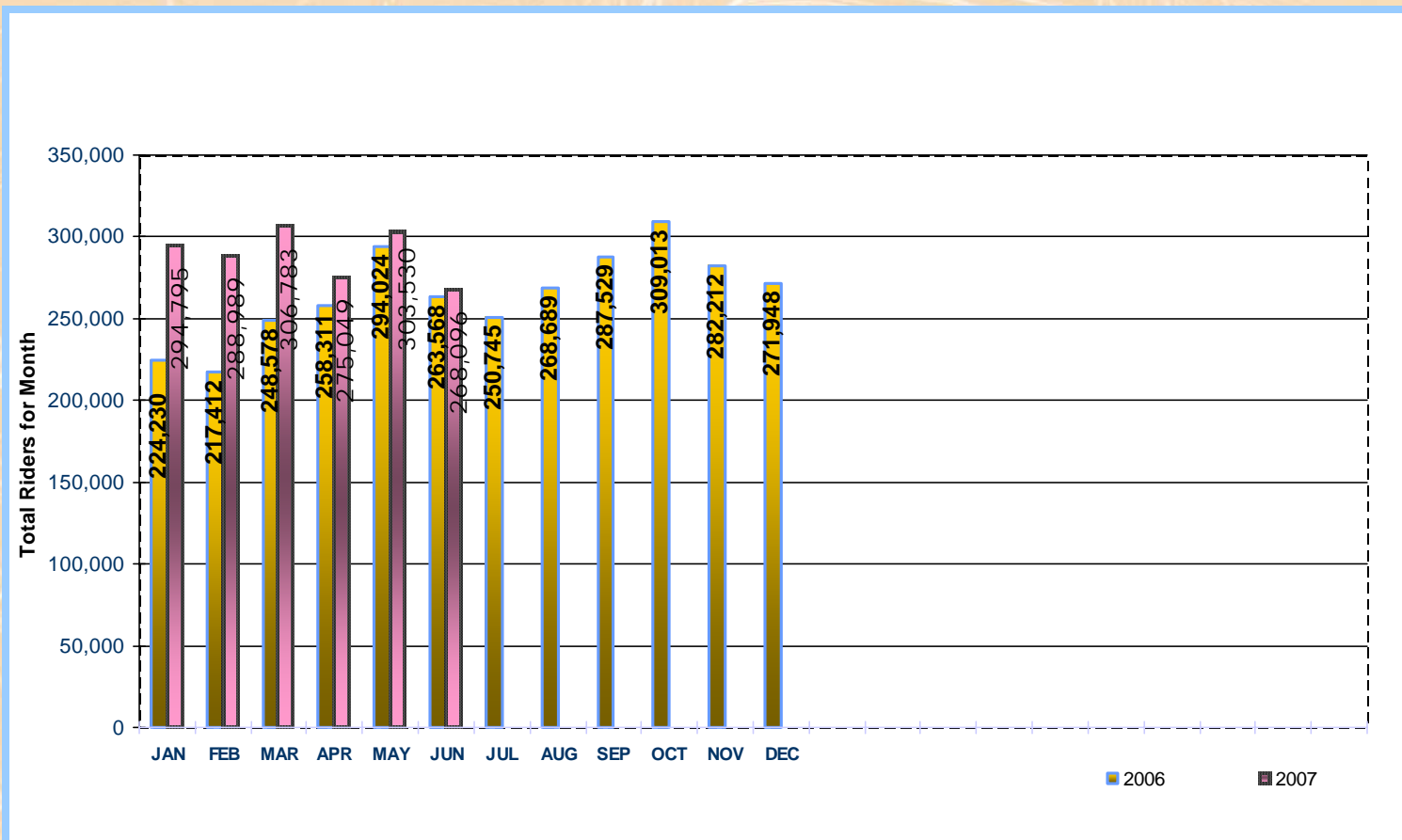
TRI-RAIL SERVICE

- Operates 50 Trains Per Day, M-F
(A 33% Service Increase From The Year Prior)
- Operates 16 Trains, Sat., Sun. & Holidays
- 20 And 30-Minute Headways During Rush Hours, M-F
- Two-Hour Headways, Sat., Sun. & Holidays



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TRI-RAIL RIDERSHIP



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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- ➔ Daily Conference Calls With All Contractors (Amtrak, Bombardier, Limousines of South Florida, Inc./Sovereign Coach, Meridian, Veolia) And CSXT
- ➔ Penalties Assigned For Accountability And Incentives Assigned For Rewards

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Participation in Train Crew Tests And Observations
- Safety/Environmental Site Visits
- Weekly Project Meetings

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MARCH 2007 SURVEY

- All-Day Survey, Every Train Covered
 - 10,214 Total Riders
 - 6,047 Surveys Completed (59.2%)
 - Detailed Origin & Destination, Rider Profile & Customer Satisfaction Questions
 - Cooperation With FDOT And FTA
 - Results used For Regional Travel Model (SERPM 6)

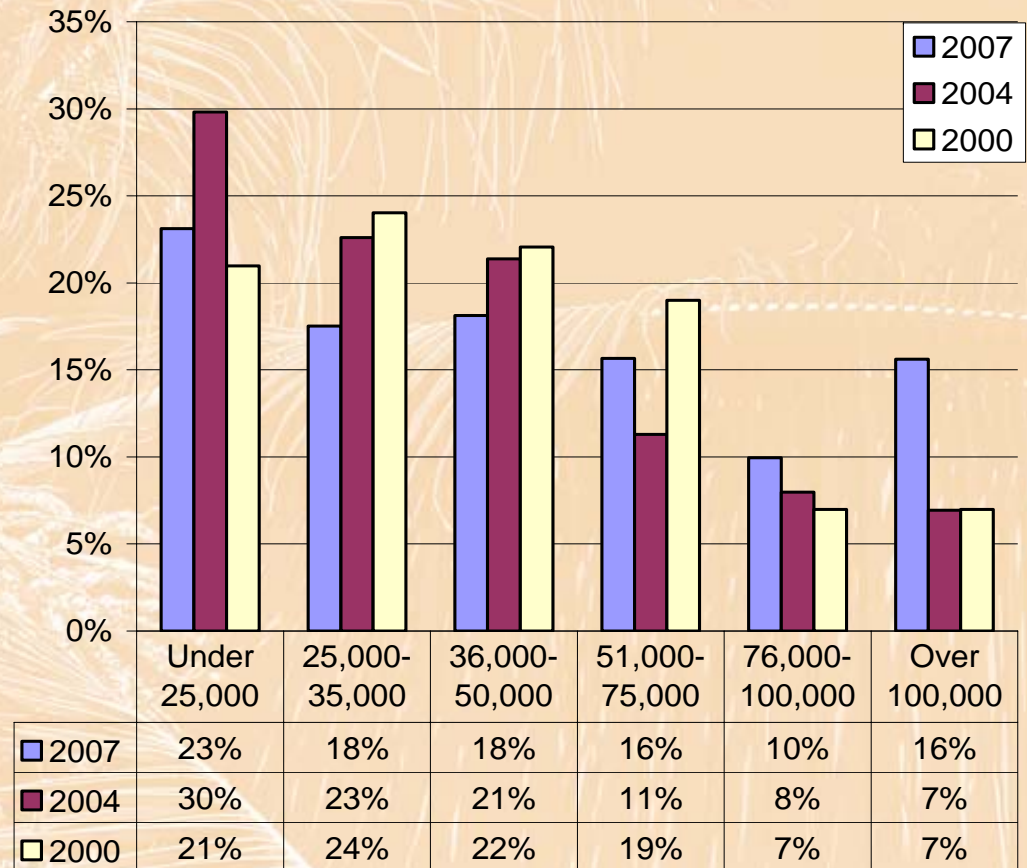


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MARCH 2007 SURVEY

Household Income:

- More Even Distribution Than In Past
- Ridership Growth In Upper Income Categories



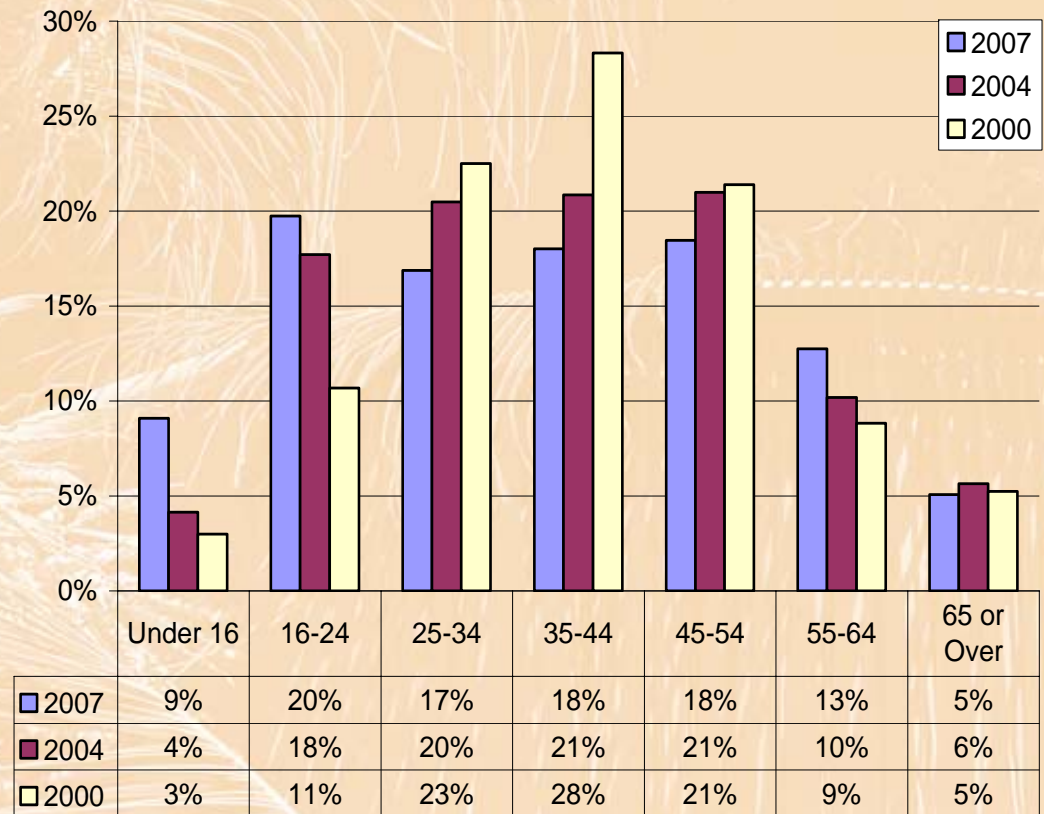
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MARCH 2007 SURVEY

Age:

→ More Even
Distribution Than
In Past

→ Growth In
– Under 16
– 16 to 24
– 55 to 64



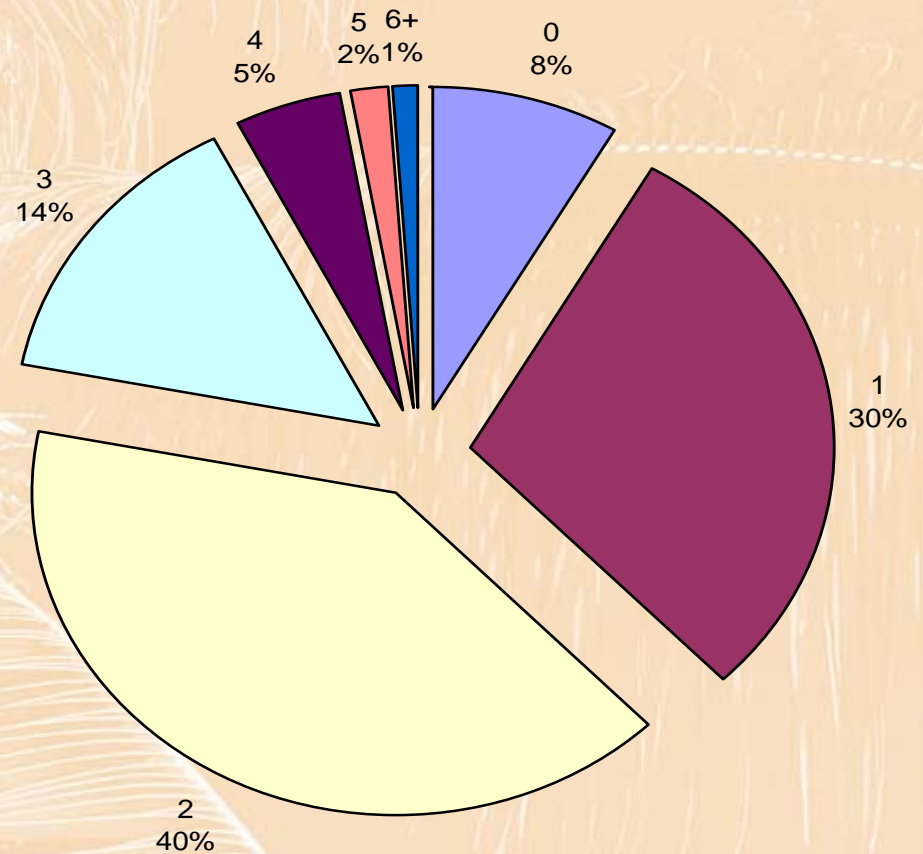
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MARCH 2007 SURVEY

Choice Riders:

- 74% Have A Driver's License
- 63% Had Access To A Car, But Chose To Ride Tri-Rail Instead

CARS PER HOUSEHOLD



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MARCH 2007 SURVEY

Customer Satisfaction:

Question	<u>Very Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Okay</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Very Good</u>
Number of Trains	12%	25%	36%	19%	7%
On Time Performance	29%	31%	23%	11%	6%
On-Board Crew	5%	5%	33%	35%	22%
Cleanliness	9%	13%	36%	30%	12%
Restrooms	29%	23%	26%	16%	6%
Announcements	6%	11%	30%	34%	19%
Door Operations	3%	3%	28%	42%	24%
Air Conditioning	3%	5%	27%	40%	25%
Sense of Security	4%	5%	28%	39%	24%
Overall Value	5%	7%	32%	31%	25%

NOW, AS PART OF THE SFRTA ... STAFFING

→ Agency's Overall Efforts To Recruit, Employ, Promote And Retain Females And Minorities, As Well As Overall Commitment To EEO, Noted "Exceptional" in 2005



- Executive Summary Report, The Champion Services Group, Inc.



NOW, AS PART OF THE SFRTA ...

AWARDS

→ Finance

- Recipient Of “Certificate Of Achievement For Excellence In Financial Reporting” By GFOA For The Past 13 Years

Certificate of
Achievement
for Excellence
in Financial
Reporting

Presented to
South Florida
Regional Transportation Authority
Authority

For its Comprehensive Annual
Financial Report
for the Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2005

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Thomas J. Flannery

President

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Executive Director



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AWARDS

→ Marketing

- Recipient Of First Place APTA AdWheel Awards For Five Consecutive Years
- Recipient Of Four First Place FPTA Marketing Awards In 2006



NOW, AS PART OF THE SFRTA ...

AWARDS

→ Procurement

- Recipient Of The “Award For Excellence In Public Procurement By FAPPO For Two Years
- Recipient Of The National “Excellence in Public Procurement And Best Practices Award” For Four Years



TRACK TO SUCCESS

- Public, Elected Officials And Transportation Agencies Must Work Together With One Mission And One Goal
- Land-Use Policies Must Be Transit-Supportive
- Successful Negotiation Between FDOT And CSXT On Moving To Phase B
- Dedicated Funding Is Key To Garnering Increasingly Tight Federal Dollars

DEDICATED FUNDING

- ➔ In 2006, Florida House Passed A \$2 Rental Car Daily Surcharge To Support Public Transportation (Passed By Vote Of 103 - 14)
- ➔ Florida Senate Passed Same Bill (34 - 4)
- ➔ Strong Local Support
- ➔ Former Governor Vetoed Bill June 2006

DEDICATED FUNDING

- ➔ Legislature Passed A Bill Signed By The Governor In June 2007 Allowing The SFRTA To Receive Dedicated Funding Once A Source Is Identified
- ➔ Due To Legislature Focus On Property Tax Issue, No Revenue Source Was Identified

REGIONAL NEEDS

With Successful Transitioning To Phase B
And An Established Dedicated Funding Source,
The SFRTA/Tri-Rail Looks Forward To
Excellence In Service And Supporting The Future
Economic, Mobility And Quality-Of-Life Needs
For South Florida





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