Status of Public Transit in Florida

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Florida Public Transportation Association (FPTA) Mission

• Our Mission is to fulfill the following objective:
  – To provide a forum for public transit service providers and affiliated organizations to exchange experiences, studies and to engage in meaningful discussion of mutual problems, concerns and issues.
Florida Public Transportation Association
Member Agencies

• 32 transit systems operate “fixed route” services in Florida.
• Annual Ridership = 245 million (2010)
• Covered Population = 14.4 mil
• Revenue Miles = 135.8 mil
Florida Fixed-Route Systems

Bay
Brevard
Broward
Citrus
Collier
Escambia
Gainesville
Hernando
Hillsborough
Indian River
Jackson
Jacksonville
Key West
Lake
Lakeland
Lee
Manatee
Martin
Miami
Ocala/Marion
Okaloosa
Orlando
Palm Beach
Pasco
Pinellas
Polk
Putnam
St. Johns
St. Lucie
Sarasota
Sumter
Tamahassee
Taylor
Tri-Rail
Volusia

FDOT DISTRICT OFFICES

District 1
District 2
District 3
District 4
District 5
District 6
District 7
District 8

* SunTran in Ocala received a reporting waiver from NTD in 2010. Citrus County Transit, JTrans, Key West Transit, Putnam Transit, Sumter County Transit and Big Bend Transit are classified as rural systems and do not report to NTD.
Benefits of Public Transportation

• Helps build a strong economy
• Reduces dependence on foreign oil
• Cuts air pollution and carbon emissions
• Relieves traffic congestion
• Provides critical support during emergencies
• Offers mobility in small urban and rural areas
• Provides access for people of all ages
Recent Transit Research Results

- Generation Y More Likely to Not Want to Own a Car
- Public Transit Users are Healthier and Live Longer
- Public Transportation Continues to be a Responsible Environmental Choice
Florida Transit System Funding

Statewide Summary of Operating Funds*

- Local Funds: 49%
- State Funds: 28%
- Federal Funds: 13%
- Directly Generated Funds: 10%

* - As reported to the National Transit Database (2010)
Farebox Recovery Rate

- Florida: 22.46%
- Atlanta: 31.80%
- Austin: 9%
- Cleveland: 21.50%
- NY City (MTA): 36.20%
State Per Capita Transit Funding

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Public Transit Block Grant

• $83,087,187
  – 15% to the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged

• $70,624,109 allocated to urbanized areas

• Formula = 1/3- County Pop, 1/3- Revenue Miles and 1/3- Passenger Trips
Access for All Ages & Income

• Miami-Dade Transit: Golden Passport & Patriot Passport
• Manatee County: 80 + ride free
• PSTA: “Show Me” Service
New Transit Initiatives

• Miami-Dade County
  – AirportLink Metrorail Extension Project
• Broward County
  – Fort Lauderdale Wave Streetcar Project
• Orange, Seminole, Volusia and Osceola Counties
  – SunRail
• Tallahassee
  – 3 Zero Emission, All-Electric Buses
• Lee County
  – New Administration and Maintenance Facilities
• Gainesville
  – New Administration and Maintenance Facilities
• Pinellas County
  – Alternatives Analysis & Potential Light Rail Project
Transit Highlights of MAP-21

- Mass Transit Account of the Highway Trust Fund
  - $8.478 billion in FY 2013
  - $8.595 billion in FY 2014

- Consolidation of Programs (Sec. 5310 & Sec. 5317)
- Increased funding for Rural Area Grants (Sec. 5311)
  - $599.5 million in FY 2013
  - $607.8 million in FY 2014

- “100 bus rule” language
2012 Legislative Recap

• House Bill 599
  – Bus Bench/Stops
  – Toll Exemption
  – PSTA/HART
  – Shoulder Usage
  – SFRTA Board Altered

• Transportation Disadvantaged TF Increased
2013 Legislative Issues*

• MPOAC Revenue Estimating Study Recommendations.
• Support efforts to keep committed General Revenue Funds dedicated to the STTF.
• Support legislation that restricts use of texting and non-furnished electronic devices by transit employees while vehicles are in motion

* - Not approved by the FPTA board
Questions?

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