

# TRI-RAIL PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

*Presented by:*

**Brad Barkman, Director of Operations**

**South Florida Regional Transportation Authority**

**July 12, 2007**



# OVERVIEW

- **Tri-Rail History**
- **Tri-Rail Today**
- **Tri-Rail Tomorrow**
- **Dedicated Funding**
- **Regional Needs**

# HISTORY OF TRI-RAIL



- 1988 State Legislature Makes Tri-Rail A Permanent Fixture. TCRO Becomes Tri-County Commuter Rail Authority.
- TCRA Begins Tri-Rail Service In January 1989
- First New Commuter Rail Line In 25 Years

# HISTORY OF TRI-RAIL

- Regional Business Alliance Spearheads TCRA Transition Into The SFRTA In 2001
- Florida Legislature Creates The SFRTA, Effective July 1, 2003
- Legislation Outlines Funding Relationship Between The SFRTA And Broward, Miami-Dade And Palm Beach Counties

# NOW, AS PART OF THE SFRTA ...



- ➔ Major Double Tracking Project Completed
  - \$500 million (+) invested
- ➔ Operates 50 Trains Per Day, M-F
- ➔ 20 And 30-Minute Headways During Rush Hour
- ➔ Fastest Growing Commuter Rail Line In 2006, According To APTA

# REGIONAL CONNECTORS

## → Connecting properties:

- Broward County Transit (bus)
- Miami-Dade Transit (bus and rail)
- Palm Tran (bus)



# TRI-RAIL'S FUTURE

→ Diesel Multiple Units



# TRI-RAIL'S FUTURE

- **Get Passenger Transportation Started Where There Is Existing Rail**
  - Jupiter Extension
  - Kendall Extension
- **Begin Operations Through Downtown Areas (Florida East Coast Rail Corridor)**
- **Extend Service Operations To Marry East-West Connectors To North-South Providers**

# 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**
- **Dedicated Funding Is Key To Garnering Increasingly Tight Federal Dollars**

# DEDICATED FUNDING FOR SFRTA

- **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 FOR SFRTA

- **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

→ **Billions Of Transit Infrastructure Is Required To Support The Future Economic, Mobility And Quality-Of-Life Needs For South Florida**



# SKETCH PLAN OF REGIONAL TRANSIT NEEDS

- **Central Broward East-West Transit**
- **Florida East Coast Corridor**
- **Jupiter/Scripps Extension**
- **Kendall Extension**
- **Regional Bus Rapid Transit**

# SKETCH PLAN OF REGIONAL TRANSIT NEEDS

- **Regional Integrated Fare Collection System (Smart Card)**
- **Regional Transit Oriented Development Program**
- **Tri-Rail Service Enhancements**



**SOUTH FLORIDA  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

800 NW 33rd Street, Suite 100

Pompano Beach, FL 33064

954-942-7245

[www.sfrta.fl.gov](http://www.sfrta.fl.gov) or [www.tri-rail.com](http://www.tri-rail.com)

