

## Comments Recieved

### General Website Comments

**Date Received: 1/15/15**

Response Summary:

Name: Bob Herrington  
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Comments: Is this Forum the same as was held in Orlando at the Dolphin?

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**Date Received: 1/20/15**

Response Summary:

Name: Ann G. Kagdis  
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Comments: Are you planning to schedule a transportation meeting at a location in the treasure coast?

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**Date Received: 1/22/15**

Response Summary:

Name: Stephen LeBow  
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Comments: Look forward to meeting with Florida DOT to discuss our projects and systems to work with Florida's transportation needs and issues and also while generating revenue simultaneously.

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**Date Received: 1/22/15**

Response Summary:

Name: Luis Ayanez

Organization: Ryder Trucks

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Comments: My vision for transportation for florida is one that gets a person from pony a to point be quickly and efficiently ---a combination of road improventss, light rail and rail.

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**Date Received: 1/22/15**

Response Summary:

Name: Miriam Delgado

Comments Metro mover seats were removed during marlins system and therefore, we need more seats on all transportation forms. As well, as cleaners atmosphere in all transportation options.

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**Date Received: 1/22/15**

Response Summary:

Name: Daniel

Email: lucerod1@yahoo.com

Comments: Extend the metro rail to FIU. That way, students can get there far more easily. UM has its own station, so FIU should as well. An east-west connection is needed very badly as well.

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**Date Received: 1/23/15**

Response Summary:

Name Stefano Alessio

Organization: Miami Resident, Local Businessman

Email: alchemistislexi@gmail.com

Comments Greetings: Yesterday I came to attend the Miami-Dade County Transportation Summit for 2015.

While I was pleased, on the whole, with particulars discussed, and with my conversation with FDOT's two representatives at the Summit, after making a point to use Dade County's public transportation system (MetroRail, Metromover, Trolleys, Buses) for the past year since my

return to South Florida, I have been witness to and noted that the current system leaves much to be desired. If I were to rate it as to what it offers in terms of transportation options and experience, on the best days this would be a B-, and in general, a C+.

Based on what I came to learn by attending yesterday's Transportation Summit, it would seem that both the MetroRail and Metrobus fleet will be refreshed by 2018, if not sooner; a change that most should welcome.

Based on the particulars shared, a true Rapid Bus Transport system would prove advantageous to residents and visitors of Greater Miami for reasons of cost as compared with other potential options of transport, and for reasons of cost. Therefore, I favor the implementation of such a system.

I like well the Metromover system too; most especially that one may board gratis, which could be a perc offered in the future for residents of the downtown area as an incentive for people to live and work in Miami's urban core areas at which time when a fee may come to be associated with use of this form of public conveyance.

I find appealing the various trolleys too, which have a more amiable atmosphere about them than do Metro Dade's buses, which, at present, seem to be used mainly by the working poor of the city, and in some areas, tourists, such as on South Beach or downtown.

Frankly, instead of nickel and diming resident riders, it occurs to me that a transportation tax that enables all who reside in Dade County to ride "free" (without having to pay an additional fee) would be better than a per-use, fee-based system. This, for reasons of convenience, and because it would encourage everyone to make use of the system, since all would have a part in paying for it.

Despite the numerous maintenance and operational issues I have observed during the past year as a frequent rider of Metro Dade County's public transit system, it can be said that the system does function; people are transported to their destinations daily, and this is indeed an accomplishment of merit. Much more needs to be done, though for Metro Dade County's public transportation system to meet the challenges of the 21st Century.

In this aim, I wish all parties great success.

Thank you for your time and attention today.

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**Date Received: 1/23/15**

Response Summary:

Name: Stefano Alessio

Comments:

Dear Ms. Dana Reiding:

Yesterday, I attended Miami-Dade County's Transportation Summit meeting for 2015. I came to converse with your two FDOT representatives present during this key strategy meeting, and shared comments today via your website relating to my experiences with the public transportation system in Miami-Dade County during the past year.

It would interest me to know your thoughts regarding the Florida Transportation Plan and the proposed / pending Metro-Dade projects(s) discussed during the recent Summit attended by key County officials and the public at large. What synergisms do you see, and what points of divergence between the FDOT's plan and that of Dade County?

Frankly, tend to favor the implementation of a true Bus Rapid Transit in South Florida as opposed to expensive extensions of the MetroRail system, or adding more city buses that are stuck in traffic along with all other motorized vehicles.

It was suggested at the Summit by one of the speakers that a key fuel to power the transportation system could be compressed natural gas. While the appeal of this source of energy is evident, it is also evident that this would be unsustainable because of the extremely-high usage of water involved in its extraction, not to mention the enormous pollution of limited and dwindling fresh-water supplies caused by hydraulic fracturing. Since such substances as clean air and clean water are vital to the well-being of all carbon-based life forms on Earth, it seems incumbent on the sane (wherever pockets of said may be found) to protect these substances and to avoid causing the continued proliferation of man-made poisons within the planet that makes all of our lives possible. I do hope that this progressive perspective is shared by the Florida Department of Transportation at all levels.

Thank you for your time and attention today.

Yours sincerely,

Stefano Alessio

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**Date Received: 1/22/15**

Response Summary

Name: Robert Roscow

Organization: Individual, property owner in Citrus County

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Comments:

The Suncoast 1 should not be continued as Suncoast 2 and 3 as this would spoil the rural beauty and nature of the area. Advocating growth in rural areas is contradictory and poor planning. If you develop every rural area you have a one-story state of sprawl. Suncoast 2 is projected to go along the Brooksville Ridge that is the spring shed for the coastal springs. It is the worst place for a reliever for I-75. Make I-75 the NJ Tpk of central Fla. as the infrastructure already exists around it. 50 years from now people will really appreciate that the rural landscape was preserved and not paved as they will in large part be working from home tele-computing. Cars and trucks will be self-driving in platoons. 50 years from now transportation will be totally transformed with the exception of freight and much of that should be going to rail with the ability to off-load to trucks as they do in Germany now.

### **Florida's Alternative Future Survey Responses**

**Date Received: 1/26/15**

No contact information provided

Response Summary:

Which category does your vision for Florida's future fit into?

Slow Growth or No Growth in the Future

What are your visionary goals for transportation in Florida in the next 50 years?

More rail service for freight and passenger. Commuter rail service connecting cities/towns within the state.

List a few bold ideas for how Florida could accomplish your transportation vision.

Plan by setting aside land for future use of rail service. Would reduce the vehicle miles.

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**Date Received: 1/26/15**

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Response Summary:

Which category does your vision for Florida's future fit into?

Florida as a Global Trade Hub

What are your visionary goals for transportation in Florida in the next 50 years?

I think that the future of Florida relies on its increased investment into public transportation.

If Florida wants to continue to compete on the global market, it needs to be able to attract world class employers/employees. It already has excellent diversity and weather, the only element left for potential implants is public transit. People do not want to be tied to their automobiles. Florida needs to shed it's identity as an auto-oriented state and move forward into the innovative, modern location that it wants to be.

List a few bold ideas for how Florida could accomplish your transportation vision.

- State-wide rail system
- more substantial commuter rail systems
- light rail and modern streetcars for the last mile connection

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**Date Received: 1/17/15**

No contact information provided

Response Summary:

Which category does your vision for Florida's future fit into?

Slow Growth or No Growth in the Future

What are your visionary goals for transportation in Florida in the next 50 years?

Limit influx of non-contributing visitors and residents. Focus on education and experiential learning, utilizing experience and innovation to drive progress. Exploit natural resources such as sunshine and seawater to spur development of new industries that decrease strain on current energy use, promoting less use of resources such as power, fuel and consumer goods, while improving quality of needed resources such as food, shelter, and transportation.

List a few bold ideas for how Florida could accomplish your transportation vision.

Tax new cars and fuel to support building infrastructure. Promote incentives at the INDIVIDUAL level, and involve citizens and consumers in the process. Plan transportation hubs where needed, involving large businesses , government and advanced education in the process of determining needs. Instead of paying a company \$700,000.00 to study issues, encourage student engaged projects at universities to problem solve.

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Response Summary:

Which category does your vision for Florida's future fit into?

Florida as a Global Trade Hub

Florida as an Innovation Hub

What are your visionary goals for transportation in Florida in the next 50 years?

Florida must be both a hub for global trade and a hub for innovation. We have a wonderful transportation network, we are well positioned geographically, have an excellent climate and with fine universities an excess of talent.

List a few bold ideas for how Florida could accomplish your transportation vision.

Insure that our ports are competitive with those to the north and those in the Gulf. Be at the forefront of automated vehicle technology and provided the infrastructure needed for V to I communications.

There is a growing gap in transportation service for the elderly and poor in rural areas. The on demand service provided by Councils on Aging is expensive and underfunded. This transit gap needs to be filled. Driverless vehicles may fill this gap in the future, but this is a distant future. With an aging population, we are remiss in our planning efforts if we do not address this need.