



***Tri-Rail Coastal Link Update and Conversation***

*Friday, December 16, 2016  
7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Broward County Convention Center  
Palm Room A  
1950 Eisenhower Boulevard  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316*

**Meeting Objectives**

- Develop shared understanding of the Tri-Rail Coastal Link project, project status, and critical issues
- Improve stakeholder coordination within Broward County and regionally

**Meeting Agenda**

7:30	Registration	
8:30	Welcome and Introduction of Mayor	The Honorable Patty Asseff Chair, South Florida Regional Planning Council
8:35	Opening Remarks & Recognition of Elected Officials	The Honorable Michael Udine County Commissioner, District 3
8:45	Review Meeting Objectives	The Honorable Quentin “Beam” Furr Councilmember, South Florida Regional Planning Council, Broward County Vice-Mayor and County Commissioner, District 6
8:50	Review Meeting Agenda	John Kaliski, Cambridge Systematics, Moderator

8:55 Regional Partners Perspective: How Does Tri-Rail Coastal Link Fit into a Regional Solution?

- Isabel Cosío Carballo, Executive Director, South Florida Regional Planning Council
- The Honorable Susan Haynie, Chair, Southeast Florida Transportation Council, and Mayor, City of Boca Raton

9:15 Tri-Rail Coastal Link Overview and Update

- Gerry O'Reilly, P.E., District Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation, District 4
- Jack L. Stephens, Executive Director, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority

*Questions and Answers*

9:55 Moving from Concept to Implementation in Miami-Dade County

- Aileen Bouclé, Executive Director, Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization
- The Honorable Francis X. Suarez, Vice-Chairman, Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization and City of Miami Commissioner, District 4, and President, Miami-Dade League of Cities
- The Honorable Steven L. Abrams, Vice-Chair, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, and Palm Beach County Commissioner, District 4

*Questions and Answers*

10:30 Brightline Update

- François Illas, Vice President, Corporate Development, Florida East Coast Industries

*Questions and Answers*

10:45 Break

11:00 Moderated Stakeholder Conversation: What Is Needed to Move Ahead in Broward County and the Region?

- The Honorable Richard Blattner, Chair, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, and City of Hollywood Commissioner, District 4
- Bertha Henry, Broward County Administrator
- François Illas, Vice President, Corporate Development, Florida East Coast Industries
- The Honorable Chip LaMarca, Broward County Commissioner, District 4, and Steering Committee Co-Chair, Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Six Pillars Initiative
- Gerry O'Reilly, P.E., District Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation, District 4
- George I. Platt, Chair, Broward Workshop Transportation Committee
- The Honorable Tim Ryan, Chair, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, and Broward County Commissioner, District 7
- Jack L. Stephens, Executive Director, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority

*Questions and Answers*

12:15 Summary of Issues

John Kaliski, Cambridge Systematics, Moderator

12:25 Closing Remarks

The Honorable Quentin "Beam" Furr  
Councilmember, South Florida Regional Planning Council, Broward County  
Vice-Mayor and County Commissioner, District 6

12:30 Adjourn

## Tri-Rail Coastal Link



# Project Description

- New 85-mile commuter rail service from Miami to Jupiter as an integrated extension of Tri-Rail
- 25 stations identified for further evaluation during Project Development phase
- Shared tracks with FEC freight and All Aboard Florida (AAF) - Brightline Intercity Passenger Service
- Co-located stations with AAF in Miami, Ft. Lauderdale and West Palm Beach (under construction)
- Phased project implementation likely based on availability of local matching funds
- Project governed by partnership *Memorandum of Understanding* executed in 2013



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Guest Speakers and Panelists

Biographies



**The Honorable Steven L. Abrams** has served as a member of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners since 2009. He also served as the County's first mayor in 2013. He currently serves as Vice Chair of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority and is a member of the Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization. He is the former mayor of the City of Boca Raton, elected in 2001 and re-elected in 2003 without opposition. Commissioner Abrams also served five terms as a city council member in Boca Raton from 1989 to 1999 and was a member of the city's Planning and Zoning Board between 1987 and 1989. Commissioner Abrams is a past president of the Palm Beach County League of Cities and a founding board member of the Florida League of Mayors. He also chairs the county's Broadband Committee, Intergovernmental Coordination Program, and the Value Adjustment Board.



**Patty Asseff** is the Chair of the South Florida Regional Planning Council. She has been a resident of Hollywood for more than 45 years and is a civic activist, community leader, and business person. She served as a Commissioner in the City of Hollywood for eight years. Mrs. Asseff has been a Realtor for more than 26 years. Her first position was with Portner and Portner Real Estate, which helped her launch a very successful career. In January of 2015, she opened Asseff Realty, LLC in Hollywood and specializes in the residential luxury home market. In 2006 she earned the distinction of being among the top 3% of all Coldwell Banker agents nationwide. She serves on many boards and organizations and is Chair of the Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition. She is past President of the Broward League of Cities and the Florida Regional Councils Association.



**The Honorable Richard Blattner** is a Commissioner in the City of Hollywood representing District 4. He also serves as Chair of the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization and is a member of the Broward County Planning Council. His political career began with his election to the City Commission in 1994, serving until 2000. He was re-elected in 2007 to complete a term, elected for a full term in 2008 and re-elected in 2012. He has served as Vice Mayor three times. Commissioner Richard Blattner, was born in Lima, Ohio, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and served two years of active duty in the U.S. Army. Following that, Commissioner Blattner worked for Helene Curtis Industries, Consolidated Distilled Products, Xerox Corporation and Saxon Business Products. In 1977, he created Suncoast Marketing in Hollywood. He retired from Suncoast in 2000.



**Aileen Bouclé, AICP**, is the Executive Director of the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization. She is currently leading the charge, along with the MPO Governing Board, to provide mobility choices for the residents of Miami-Dade County through the local transportation planning process, and more specifically, the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit “SMART” Plan. She has worked in the transportation field for over 20 years in both the private industry and with the Florida Department of Transportation. Ms. Bouclé has a Master’s Degree in Environmental and Urban Systems, with a specialty in Transportation Planning, as well as a Bachelor of Business Administration from Florida International University.



**Isabel Cosío Carballo** is the executive director of the South Florida Regional Planning Council. During her 20-year tenure at the Council, Ms. Cosío Carballo has held positions of significant responsibility, most recently becoming executive director in January 2016. A primary focus of her work has been the creation of collaborative, broad-based partnerships with public and private sector, non-profit, philanthropic, and community leaders to identify areas of opportunity for the region and address issues of regional concern such as transportation, affordable and workforce housing, education, access to opportunity, and economic development. Prior to joining the Council in 1996, Ms. Cosío Carballo served as chief of staff and legislative assistant to now Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, and legislative liaison for Broward County. She has a Bachelor of Arts from the McComb School of Business at the University of Texas at Austin and a Master of Public Administration from Florida International University. She is a board member of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, steering committee member of the Alliance’s Six Pillars Initiative, member of the Southeast Florida Climate Change Compact staff steering committee, and member of the Broward County Climate Change Task Force.



**The Honorable Quentin “Beam” Furr** is Vice Mayor of Broward County. He represents Broward County’s District 6, which includes Hallandale, Hollywood, and Pembroke Pines. Commissioner Furr grew up in Hallandale, lives in Hollywood, and taught school in Pembroke Pines. Throughout his life, he has found a way to be involved in the community. In the 1970s and 1980s much of his effort was focused on taking action to end hunger in his community. In the late 1980s, he began teaching for the Broward County School Board. His service as a teacher spans 26 years. Along the way, he recognized the need for crime prevention, economic development and neighborhood improvement in his own neighborhood. In 2000, he was elected as City Commissioner for Hollywood's District 2, where he served for 12 years. He worked to leverage resources for rehabilitating homes, building sidewalks, and operating apprentice programs. Recognizing the need for better jobs for the people in the area, Beam fought for and got passed "set-asides" for local small businesses and minorities. Commissioner Furr advocates for children, the environment, and for the traditionally underserved. He is a member of the South Florida Regional Planning Council, the Broward MPO, and Chairs the Broward County Climate Change Task Force.



**The Honorable Susan Haynie** is the 43rd Mayor of the City of Boca Raton. Serving her fifth term on the Boca Raton City Council, Mayor Haynie is working to improve the overall quality of life in our community. She focuses on making the City government more responsive, efficient and accountable through innovation and technology. Among her many civic activities, Mayor Haynie serves as President of the Florida League of Cities; Chair of the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council; Chair of the Southeast Florida Transportation Council; Chair of the Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization; Gubernatorial Appointee on the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council; and Vice Chair of the Florida Transportation Plan/Strategic Intermodal System Steering Committee. Mayor Haynie was recently named “Woman Transportation Leader of the Year” for South Florida by the Women’s Transportation Seminar (WTS). She believes transportation should not only move people around the City, but should also create opportunities for the places and people in between. She challenges the City to raise the bar in transportation, including bicycle and pedestrian safety. Mayor Haynie is a Florida Native and a 44-year resident of Boca Raton. She is a graduate of Lynn University and holds a certification in Traffic Engineering Studies from Georgia Institute of Technology and Northwestern University.



**Bertha Henry** was named County Administrator in October 2008 after previously serving as Interim Administrator. As County Administrator, she serves as Chief Executive Officer of Broward County and directs the functions of County Government under the auspices of the Board of County Commissioners. Administrator Henry oversees a county with 1.9 million residents, and operations for nearly 60 agencies with more than 6,200 employees, including the airport, seaport and Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau. Broward County's budget for fiscal year 2016 is more than \$4.18 billion. A native of Miami, Florida, Administrator Henry has a distinguished career in public service with more than 30 years of experience in public administration, including service in Montgomery County (Dayton), Ohio, and the City of Miami. She first came to Broward County in 1996 and served as Assistant to the County Administrator until 1998, when she accepted a position as Assistant City Manager of Finance and Administration for the City of Miami, assisting with the city’s financial recovery. Administrator Henry returned to Broward County in July 2000, serving as Broward County's Deputy County Administrator.



**François Illas** is Vice President of Corporate Development for Florida East Coast Industries (FECI). Mr. Illas is responsible for pre-development project issues including land use, environmental, traffic and general governmental regulation, as well as property acquisition and seller issues. Mr. Illas’ involvement spans across projects for FECI and its subsidiary companies including a \$3 billion transportation and commercial real estate investment, which also represents the United States’ first privately owned and operated intercity passenger rail system connecting Miami and Orlando; Flagler Global Logistics, the largest industrial developer in Florida and an integrated logistics company; Parallel Infrastructure, a nationwide developer, owner and operator of telecommunication towers; and Flagler, a full-service real estate company focused on the commercial office sector.



**John Kaliski** is a Principal with Cambridge Systematics, Inc. Mr. Kaliski has expertise in transportation policy, planning, and economic development. He leads the consultant team working with Florida Department Of Transportation to update and implement the Florida Transportation Plan, the Strategic Intermodal System Policy Plan, and the Future Corridors planning process. Mr. Kaliski led work with the Florida Chamber Foundation to develop the Florida Trade and Logistics 1.0 and 2.0. He worked with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to develop the Florida Strategic Plan for Economic Development. He has worked with numerous regions to develop long range visions and economic prosperity strategies, including the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership's "Seven50: Southeast Florida Prosperity Plan."



**The Honorable Chip LaMarca** is a Broward County Commissioner, representing District 4. After attending Broward College and later Boston University, Chip returned to Broward County and followed in the footsteps of his late father, helping to bring jobs to Broward in the construction industry. After establishing himself as a knowledgeable and trusted manager and supervisor and after 20 years of experience in the construction industry, Commissioner LaMarca opened LaMarca Construction in 2006. In 2010, after serving the citizens of Lighthouse Point for two terms, he was elected to serve on the Broward County Board of County Commissioners. Since his arrival on the Board of County Commissioners, he has strived to bring jobs and economic development to the County and at the same time hold the line on spending and keeping taxes low. He has the honor of representing Broward County on the Florida Association of Counties Board of Directors and Finance and Audit Committee and is co-chair of its Urban Caucus. Among his many civic activities, Commissioner LaMarca is most proud of his work with the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance and the Six Pillars Initiative where he is a Co-Chairman of the Steering Committee. Along with the County legislation he has supported, he strives to make Broward County the best place to live, work, raise a family and visit.



**Secretary Gerry O'Reilly** serves as the Secretary of District Four, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Secretary O'Reilly has worked FDOT since 1988. He started out in the District Four Design Department rising through the ranks from entry level engineer to District Design Engineer, and on to Director of Transportation Development in 2001. Secretary O'Reilly was instrumental in advancing the \$1.8 billion I-595 P3 project which is now open to traffic. On March 2, 2015, he was appointed District Secretary in District Four. Secretary O'Reilly graduated from University College in Dublin, Ireland, with a Bachelor of Engineering Degree in 1984 and a Master's in Engineering Science Degree in 1986. He is a registered Professional Engineer in Florida and a Chartered Engineer in Ireland.

**George I. Platt** is an attorney and the Managing Partner of the Fort Lauderdale Office of LSN Partners, LLC. Mr. Platt also serves as the Chair of the Broward Workshop



Transportation Committee. Known for his considerable experience in Governmental and Public Policy Law, George Platt's skills helped him earn a reputation as a leading lawyer/lobbyist in Broward County. With more than 40 years in practice, he counsels clients on regulatory law, government contracts and procurement, land use, environmental law and related corporate issues. He is an "AV" or top-rated attorney in his field. Mr. Platt earned a J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law and a B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



**Commissioner Tim Ryan** was elected Chair of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority Governing Board in June of 2016. Commissioner Ryan, a lifelong resident of Broward County, was elected to the Broward County Commission in November 2012 and was elected mayor of the county in November 2014. He represents District 7, which includes the cities of Dania Beach, Lazy Lake, and Wilton Manors, as well as parts of Davie, Fort Lauderdale, and Hollywood, and the Broadview Park neighborhood. Before his election to the Broward County Commission, he served for eight years in the Florida House of Representatives from 1998-2006 before leaving office due to term limits. During his time in the legislature, Commissioner Ryan focused on legislative initiatives to protect consumers, improve public education, enhance accountability, and ethical standards for elected officials, and protect our state's environment and natural resources. Commissioner Ryan follows in a long family tradition of public service to the people of Broward County.



**The Honorable Barbara Sharief** is the Mayor of Broward County, and represents Broward County's District 8, which includes Miramar, Pembroke Pines, Hallandale Beach, Pembroke Park, and West Park. She has more than 22 years of experience in the specialized field of issues pertaining to medically complex children. In 2001, she created what is now known as South Florida Pediatric Homecare, Inc. "SFPH". Prior to her election to the County Commission, Barbara served as Vice-Mayor and City Commissioner for the City of Miramar. As Broward County's Mayor, Barbara promotes job creation, economic development, tourism, neighborhood revitalization, education and quality care for the elderly and children. Her theme "Broward Means Business" promoted several County, State, and Federal programs that help mentor and finance Broward County businesses. She continues to advocate for reducing the homeless population, helping people facing foreclosure, and assisting entrepreneurs. Mayor Sharief graduated from Jackson Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, obtained an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing from Miami Dade Community College, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Masters of Science in Nursing, and an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner Degree from Florida International University.

**Jack L. Stephens** is the Executive Director of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA). He was named as the Executive Director in February 2014 after having





served as Deputy Executive Director since 2003. Prior to joining the SFRTA, Mr. Stephens spent a dozen years associated with the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) in a succession of managerial positions, including: Deputy General Manager for Administration, Interim General Manager/Chief Executive Officer, Executive Vice President, Customer Development Division, Assistant to the General Manager, Office of Federal and State Relations and Legislative Coordinator. Prior to coming into the transit industry, he was associated with the Orleans Parish Public Schools and the Georgia Department of Offender Rehabilitation. In addition, he served as legislative staff for the State of Georgia Senate and House of Representatives. He has a B.A. degree from the University of the South and a Master's degree from the University of Georgia. He also studied toward a PhD in Public Administration/Political Science at Georgia State University.



**The Honorable Francis X. Suarez** serves the City of Miami as Commissioner for District 4, working diligently to raise the standards of the community where he was born and raised. He currently also serves as Vice Chair of the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization, tasked with approving federally required plans and transportation policies, and as President of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities. The oldest of four siblings, Commissioner Suarez was born into a family where, as he describes, "being socially conscious was a kind of requirement." Commissioner Suarez is dedicated to elevating the quality of life of the residents he serves by way of focusing on transportation and connectivity issues within the city and beyond, nurturing the growth of a tech-based economy in the area and, by extension, job creation and international opportunities with Latin America.