

## Summary of Event

**EVENT:** Speak Up Broward “Funding Our Transportation Future” Presentation

**DATE/TIME:** January 15, 2015 10:30 am

**LOCATION:** West Regional Library - 8601 West Broward Blvd, Board Room, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

**PRIMARY AUDIENCE:** Friends of the Broward County Library, Inc., representatives from local Friends branches and Board Members

**ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED:** 65

**PROJECT TEAM MEMBER PARTICIPATION:** Ian Debnam, Jacobs Engineering, Pamela A. Adams, Speakers Bureau Coordinator and Michele Bolden, Adams Consulting Group

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### **SUMMARY OF EVENT:**

- ✓ Karen Campion facilitated self- introductions and introduced the speakers, sharing their bios. She then introduced Speak Up Broward and the “Funding Our Transportation Future” presentation.
- ✓ Pamela thanked the Library Friends and introduced the agenda and the presentation
  - During her remarks, she introduced the MPO & explained what they do. She also noted she would be asking “the Friends” to help.
  - Ian discussed transportation planning and how it’s funded –“We are running out of money to pay for transportation”; the gas tax hasn’t increased and everything costs more.
    - Ian shared contact information and asked the attendees to share their input via social media
    - Following the presentation Pamela asked the group to become members of the speakers bureau
- ✓ There was discussion about the funding options presented:
  - The group was interested in how a Mileage-Based User Fee would be implemented.
  - What is the process to get any of the funding options implemented in Broward County? Does the public vote? Yes. Any funding changes would require legislative action, a public referendum, or both.
- ✓ Will there be transit discounts for seniors? Both Broward County Transit and Tri-Rail currently offer discounts to seniors. This will likely continue in the future.
- ✓ The government should be managing this funding issue from the top down given they are encouraging business development and new residents to come to Florida and Broward County?

- ✓ Why doesn't the department of transportation spend money to synchronize the lights which will probably decrease congestion? Ian noted that the grid network makes it difficult to implement, but it's included in future plans and requires more infrastructure investment.
- ✓ Where is the money from the express lanes going? Ian responded that money is being reinvested back into express lanes.
- ✓ All Aboard Florida seems to be moving rapidly without public involvement. It was explained this is because it is a private company, and not completely reliant on government funding like most other transportation projects.

**FOLLOW UP / ACTION RESULTS:** None

**EVALUATION OF EVENT:** The meeting was effective in reaching a large group of active community members.

**PHOTO CAPTION/INFO:**



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Broward "Funding Our Transportation Future" presentation