

Summary of Event

EVENT: Speak Up Broward “Let’s Talk Transportation” presentation

DATE/TIME: March 5, 2014, Noon

LOCATION: **Rotary Club- Fort Lauderdale**, Tower Club 1 Financial Plaza, 28th FL, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

PRIMARY AUDIENCE: Fort Lauderdale business, professional, and community leaders.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED: 85

PROJECT TEAM MEMBER PARTICIPATION: Speakers Bureau volunteers William Derrer (speaker) and Dave Wallace (facilitator) were accompanied by Pamela Adams

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SUMMARY OF EVENT:

- ✓ The meeting began with self- introductions.
- ✓ William Derrer introduced Speak Up Broward with the “Let’s Talk Transportation” presentation.
- ✓ Following the presentation, the audience voiced many concerns about the current transportation system and future plans. Comments made included the following:
 - Concerns about the safety of using public transportation.
 - What is the proposal to fund improvements to the transportation system?
 - How is the business community getting involved in the supporting transportation improvements and funding?
 - Concerns about how “The Wave” will interfere with the marine activity. Is the marine community involved to ensure the impacts on marine activity are minimized? How will “The Wave” schedule coordinate with the on demand service at the Andrews Avenue and Third Avenue bridges?
 - The Wave will increase traffic congestion in the downtown area.
 - What are the plans to extend the Sawgrass Expressway? This roadway was originally planned to connect directly into I-95. Is this should be a part of any future plan.
 - I-95 Managed Lanes- construction of managed lanes on I-95 has made the lanes to narrow and as a result unsafe. How much more narrow can the lanes get?
 - Commissioner Rogers made the following comments

- President Obama has included \$50,000,000 needed for The Wave in the budget to Congress.
- FEC private initiative to have passenger service from Orlando to Miami stopping in every major City is well underway.

FOLLOW UP / ACTION RESULTS: N/A

EVALUATION OF EVENT: The meeting resulted in a constructive conversation about transportation challenges today and what is needed for an improved future transportation.

PHOTO CAPTION/INFO:



William Derrer,

Speak Up Broward Presenter

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