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# 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan

Needs Assessment  
Supplemental Report:  
Survey Results

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## Introduction

The Broward MPO recognizes that the success of the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan is dependent upon a successful public outreach effort. As such, the MPO is committed to conducting a public involvement program that focuses on soliciting community interaction and incorporates an extensive evaluation of community impacts and opinions throughout the public involvement process. One of the best assessments of the community's opinion is the public opinion survey.

This packet documents the public opinion survey outreach activities and results. The outreach efforts cover the diverse demographic groups in Broward County especially targeting the underserved and disenfranchised stakeholders most reliant on public policy regarding transportation.

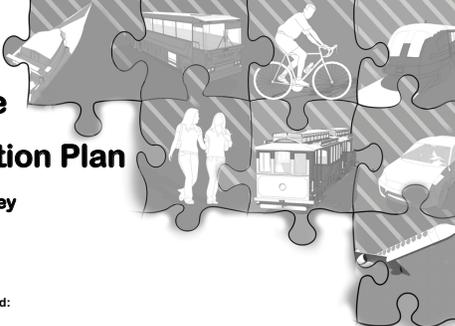
### Public Opinion Survey Outreach:

- Website
- Email Blast Campaign
- Newsletters
- Public Workshops
- Community Meetings

## About The Survey

- Tactic for our technology based outreach campaign
- Electronic survey available on website
- Printed 5,000 surveys that were
  - Mailed with Newsletter #1
  - Distributed to employment centers, HOAs, churches, local colleges and civic associations
  - Handed out at public workshops and community meetings
  - Given to agency staff and elected officials as requested

**Broward MPO 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Public Opinion Survey**



**Return your survey to be counted:**

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- To send by mail, fold at dotted line and seal with tape. Postage is pre-paid.

Check out our website at [www.broward2035lrtp.com](http://www.broward2035lrtp.com) for survey results and other LRTP information.

Below  
Screen shots of electronic website survey and announcement of survey on the Broward College website targeted to students.

**Broward MPO 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan: Public Opinion Survey** [Exit this survey](#)

Have recent gas price increases changed your travel behavior? If so, what is the biggest change?

Use Transit More

Bike/Walk More

Taken Fewer Trips

No Change

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**Broward County Transportation Survey**

Broward College students, faculty, and staff have been asked to share their views about the future of Broward County transportation. The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization is seeking input for our county's Long Range Transportation Plan. So that your voice can be heard, you are encouraged to go to the following link and respond to this important survey:

[Transportation Survey](#)

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**BROWARD MPO 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY**

**Q1. Have recent gas price increases changed your travel behavior? If so, what is the biggest change? (One response only)**

Use transit more       Bike/walk more

Taken fewer trips       No Change

**Q2. How do you normally get to work/regular activities? (One response only)**

Bus       Bicycle       Carpool/Vanpool

Auto/Car (single occupant)       Tri-Rail (Commuter rail)       Walk

**Q3. If the following options were available along your travel route, and if traffic congestion increased significantly, what method would you prefer to get to/from work/regular activities? (One response only)**

Auto/Car (single occupant)       Bicycle

Buses (on regular streets)       Buses in dedicated lanes (separated from cars)

Carpool/Vanpool       Commuter rail (such as Tri-Rail)

Light Rail       Walk

**Q4. For better facilities for walking and biking, would you walk or bike more? (One response only)**

Walk More       No Change

**Q5. On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 indicating the highest likelihood), which investment do you think will have the greatest impact on traffic flow on roads in Broward County? Rate each factor by circling a number for each.**

	Lowest	1	2	3	4	5	Highest
new roads							
existing roads							
carpool/vanpool facilities							
benches and park 'n' ride lots							
digital roadway signs (Provides congestion and travel time information)							
bus bay pullouts (Keeps buses out of travel lanes at stops)							
improve traffic signal coordination							

**Q6. On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 indicating the highest likelihood), what factor(s) would influence you to shift to transit or carpool/vanpool, which factor would reinforce your patterns? Rate each factor by circling a number for each factor.**

	Lowest	1	2	3	4	5	Highest
Cost of gas							
Convenience							
Safety							
Public Opinion							
Reliability							

**Q7. What do you think is the best use of funds? (One response only)**

Bus       Light Rail

Water Taxi       Commuter Rail

**Q8. If you had \$100 to fund transportation improvements in Broward County, how would you allocate the \$100 to the following? Total = \$100**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Improvements/expansion of public transit

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Improvements/expansion of roadways/sidewalks and bicycle and pedestrian facilities

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Improvements to transit

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total = \$100

**Q9. Where do you think transportation connections are most needed? (One response only)**

Between Broward and Palm Beach

Between Broward and Dade

Don't focus on connections

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out and return to: Broward MPO 2035

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Survey Distribution

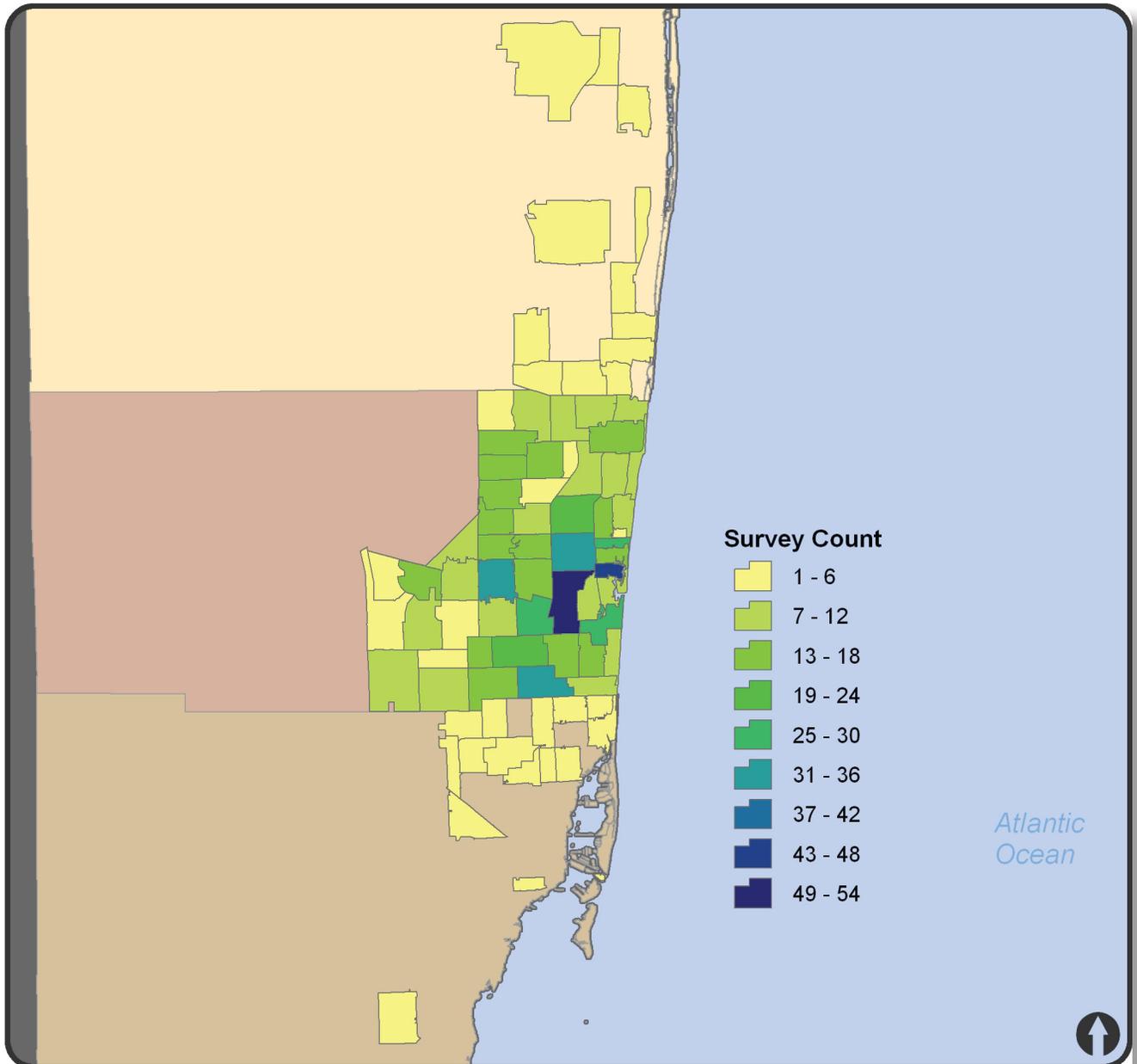
Distribution Type	# of Surveys Distributed	# of Surveys Returned
<b>Digital Distribution</b>		
E-mail blast series	1,567*	852
Higher education institution's digital distribution	Unknown	
<b>Newsletter (with Survey)</b>		
Newsletter distribution list	4,500	42
<b>Public Workshops</b>		
Broward County Government Center	14**	14
South Florida Regional Planning Council	18**	18
Northwest Regional Library	7**	7
South Regional/BCC Library	8**	8
Emma Lou Olson Civic Center	11**	11
Distributed at workshop, returned via mail post/fax	--	7
<b>Special Interest Groups/Organizations</b>		
Employer Groups (7)	695	264
Civic Organizations and Home Owners Associations (9)	560	83
Churches (2)	540	13
<b>Community/Civic Association Meetings</b>		
Urban Core Workshop	20	8
Sweeting Estates HOA Meeting	30	2
Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Association Meeting	25	20
City of Fort Lauderdale, District III Meeting	200	5
United Neighbors of Eastern Miramar Civic Association	50	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,245*</b>	<b>1,377***</b>

\*All recipients of digital transmissions were encouraged to forward messages to friends, family and coworkers who live or work in Broward County and recipients on the e-mail distribution list may have received more than one e-mail (through "reminder" e-mails), therefore actual number of recipients may be larger.

While workshop attendees were each given a survey, they were also encouraged to take and distribute the survey to friends, family and coworkers who live or work in Broward County. Therefore, it is unclear how many surveys may have actually been distributed as the workshops.

\*\*Survey responses as of December 5, 2008, the designated date to end survey. As of December 6, 2008 more hard-copy surveys were being returned.

## Survey Respondent Locations



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Map represents those respondents who supplied zip codes within Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties.

### Legend

- Zip Codes
- Palm Beach
- Broward
- Miami-Dade
- Water Bodies

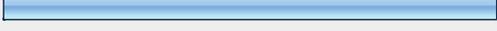
## Survey Results

Question 1 of the survey is useful in establishing timely relevance of the survey and the Long Range Transportation Plan. 98.5% of respondents answered the question, with an overwhelming majority stating that the greatest change in travel behavior due to rising gas prices was taking fewer trips. Exhibit 1 shows the distribution of survey responses for Question 1.

### Exhibit 1: Question 1 Survey Response

1. Have recent gas price increases changed your travel behavior? If so, what is the biggest change?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Use Transit More		11.7%	159
Bike/Walk More		7.1%	96
<b>Taken Fewer Trips</b>		<b>58.6%</b>	795
No Change		22.6%	306
<i>answered question</i>			<b>1356</b>

### Exhibit 2: Question 2 Survey Response

2. How do you normally get to work/regular activities?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Bus		9.9%	133
Bicycle		1.6%	22
<b>Auto/Car (Single Occupant)</b>		<b>79.3%</b>	1062
Carpool/Vanpool		5.2%	69
Walk		2.2%	29
Tri-Rail (Commuter Rail)		1.8%	24
<i>answered question</i>			<b>1339</b>

Survey results continued...

Question 2 assesses the respondents typical, day-to-day mode of transportation. Of the 97% respondents who answered Question 2, 79.3% utilize a single-occupant vehicle. This is very much in line with the US Census Bureau’s 2005 study which states that nationwide, 77% of the population uses their single-occupant vehicle<sup>1</sup>. Exhibit 2 shows the distribution of typical transit modes.

As the LRTP is focused on assessing future needs for Broward County, Question 3 of the survey inquires what possible alternatives modes of transportation respondents might be willing to take, should congestion get worse, and should alternative modes become available or improved along their travel routes. 96% of those surveyed responded to the question. While the majority of respondents still preferred the single-occupant vehicle, all categories which encompass public transit, including buses (both on regular streets and in dedicated lanes), commuter rail and light rail, received almost 60% of the votes altogether. Exhibit 3 shows the distribution of the votes for Question 3.

### Exhibit 3: Question 3 Survey Response

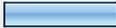
3. If the following options were available along your travel route, and if traffic congestion increased significantly, what method would you prefer to get to/from work/regular activities?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Auto/Car (Single Occupant)		26.0%	344
Bicycle		6.8%	90
Bus (on regular streets)		13.0%	172
Bus (in dedicated lanes/separated from cars)		15.3%	202
Carpool/Vanpool		7.7%	102
Commuter Rail (such as Tri-Rail)		14.1%	187
Light Rail		14.8%	196
Walk		2.3%	30
<i>answered question</i>			1323

Question 4 addresses bicycle and pedestrian facilities within Broward County, specifically, if respondents would be more likely to walk or bicycle if more or improved facilities existed in Broward County. Only 30% of the respondents said that more or improved facilities would have no effect on their bicycle and pedestrian patterns. Ninety-five percent (95%) of those surveyed responded to Question 4. These responses can be found in Exhibit 4.

<sup>1</sup> The US Census Bureau’s Study included additional modes which may account for any discrepancies .

Survey results continued...

### Exhibit 4: Question 4 Survey Response

4. If more and/or better facilities for walking and biking were available, would you walk or bike more?			Response Percent	Response Count
Bike More			17.9%	236
Walk More			17.9%	235
<b>Bike and Walk More</b>			<b>35.7%</b>	470
No Affect			28.5%	375
<i>answered question</i>				<b>1316</b>

### Exhibit 5: Question 5 Survey Response

5. On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 indicating your highest preference), which investment do you think will improve traffic flow on roads in Broward County?						
	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average
Create New Roads/Widen Existing Roads	23.4% (284)	13.5% (164)	18.8% (228)	14.9% (181)	<b>29.4% (357)</b>	3.13
More Carpool/Vanpool Facilities (Lanes and Park&Ride Lots)	14.1% (171)	19.1% (231)	<b>26.8% (324)</b>	20.6% (249)	19.4% (235)	3.12
Digital Roadway Signs (Provide congestion and travel time information)	13.5% (161)	20.4% (244)	<b>25.6% (305)</b>	20.3% (242)	20.2% (241)	3.13
Bus Bay Pullouts (Keep buses out of travel lanes at stops)	6.5% (80)	8.9% (110)	18.8% (231)	26.1% (321)	<b>39.7% (488)</b>	3.83
Improve Traffic Signal Coordination	3.9% (48)	5.1% (63)	13.1% (162)	21.4% (264)	<b>56.5% (697)</b>	4.21
<i>answered question</i>						<b>1274</b>

Survey results continued...

Question 5 addresses traffic flow in Broward County, more specifically, it asks respondents to prioritize investments they think will improve traffic flow on County roads. The investment options given to respondents included creating new roads or widening existing roads; providing more van pool and carpool facilities; adding digital roadway signs; providing more bus bay pullouts; and improving traffic signal coordination. The highest prioritized investment proved to be improving traffic signal coordination based on the 92.5% who rated their preferences. Question 5 results are illustrated in Exhibit 5.

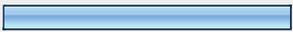
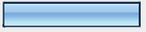
Question 6 addresses those influences that may shift travelers choices to transit or carpooling or van pooling to single-occupant vehicle usage, specifically cost of gas, convenience, safety, public opinion, and reliability. Based on the results of the survey, to which 90% of respondents voted, the convenience of transit or ridesharing would be the most influential in shifting travel modes. All of the results for Question 6 can be found in Exhibit 6.

### Exhibit 6: Question 6 Survey Response

6. On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 indicating the highest likelihood), what factor(s) would influence you to shift to transit or carpooling/vanpooling? If you already use transit or carpool/vanpool, which factor would reinforce your actions?						
	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average
Cost of Gas	6.6% (79)	8.3% (99)	17.8% (212)	18.2% (217)	<b>49.1% (586)</b>	3.95
Convenience	7.8% (94)	5.2% (62)	12.1% (146)	21.5% (258)	<b>53.4% (642)</b>	4.07
Safety	10.8% (125)	13.7% (159)	26.1% (303)	19.6% (228)	<b>29.8% (346)</b>	3.44
Public Opinion	<b>44.2% (507)</b>	19.0% (218)	18.8% (215)	(84)	10.7% (122)	2.21
Reliability	9.1% (109)	7.8% (93)	11.8% (141)	21.0% (251)	<b>50.3% (602)</b>	3.96
<i>answered question</i>						<b>1239</b>

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**Exhibit 7: Question 7 Survey Response**

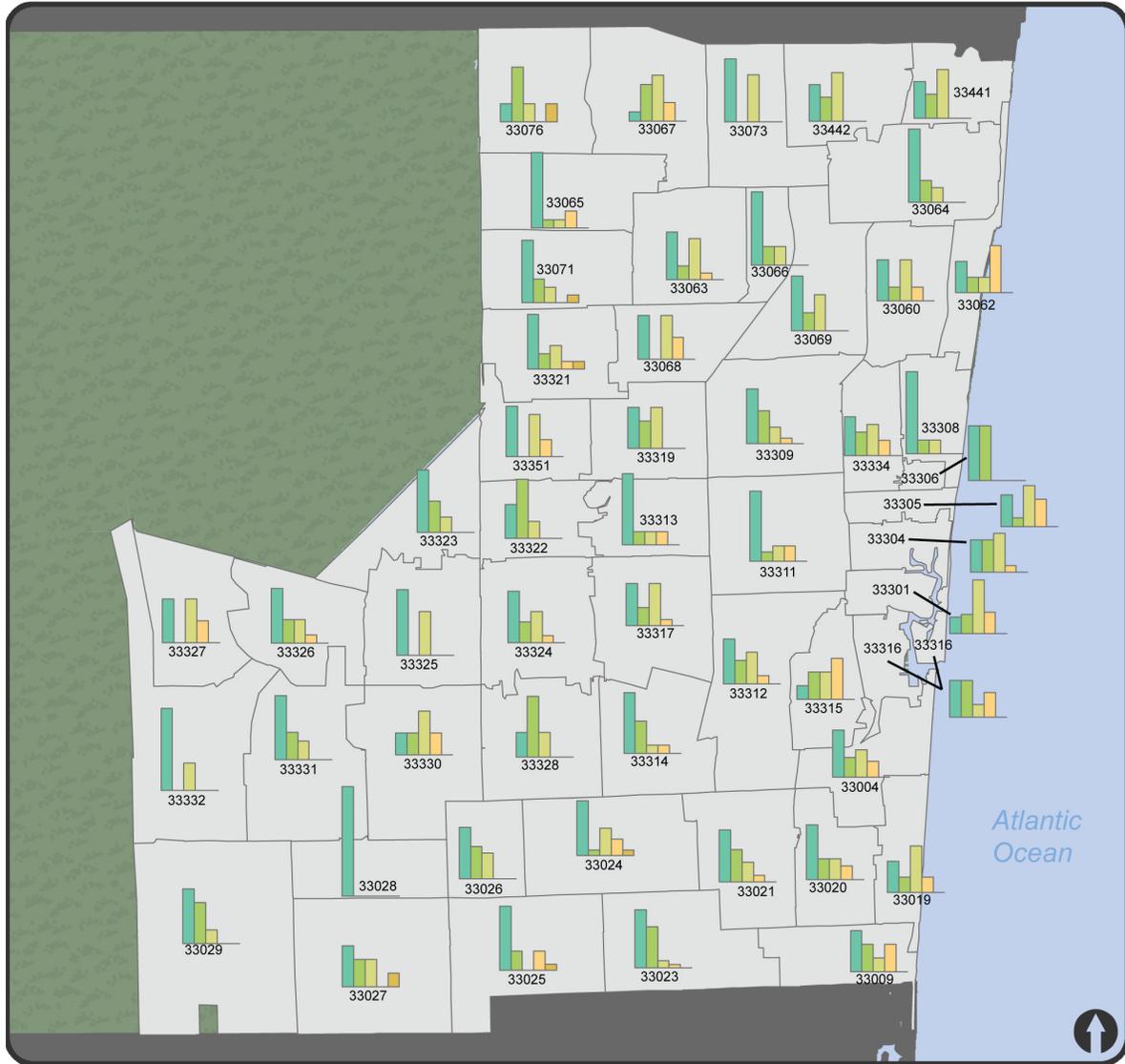
7. What do you think is the best use of public transit funds?			Response Percent	Response Count
Bus			46.1%	570
Commuter Rail (such as Tri-Rail)			21.5%	266
Light Rail			21.6%	268
Streetcar			10.0%	124
Water Taxi			0.8%	10
			<i>answered question</i>	<b>1238</b>

One of the components of the LRTP is determining the allocation of public transit funds. Question 7 cites buses, commuter rail, light rail, streetcars, and water taxi as the possible transit modes. Almost 50% of those who responded to Question 7 believe that the funding would best be employed on buses. Less than one (1) percent believe water taxi would be a good use of public transit funds. Exhibit 7 illustrates the distribution of survey responses.

Exhibit 8 illustrates the responses by zip code, although this represents only those respondents who provided their zip codes. Exhibit 9 shows what the majority of respondents chose for best use of public transit funds, by zip code. As illustrated, there is relatively equal distribution of preference for using public transit funds for buses based on geographic location.

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### Exhibit 8: Question 7 Survey Response by Zipcode

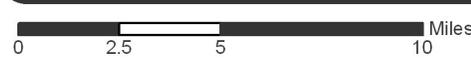
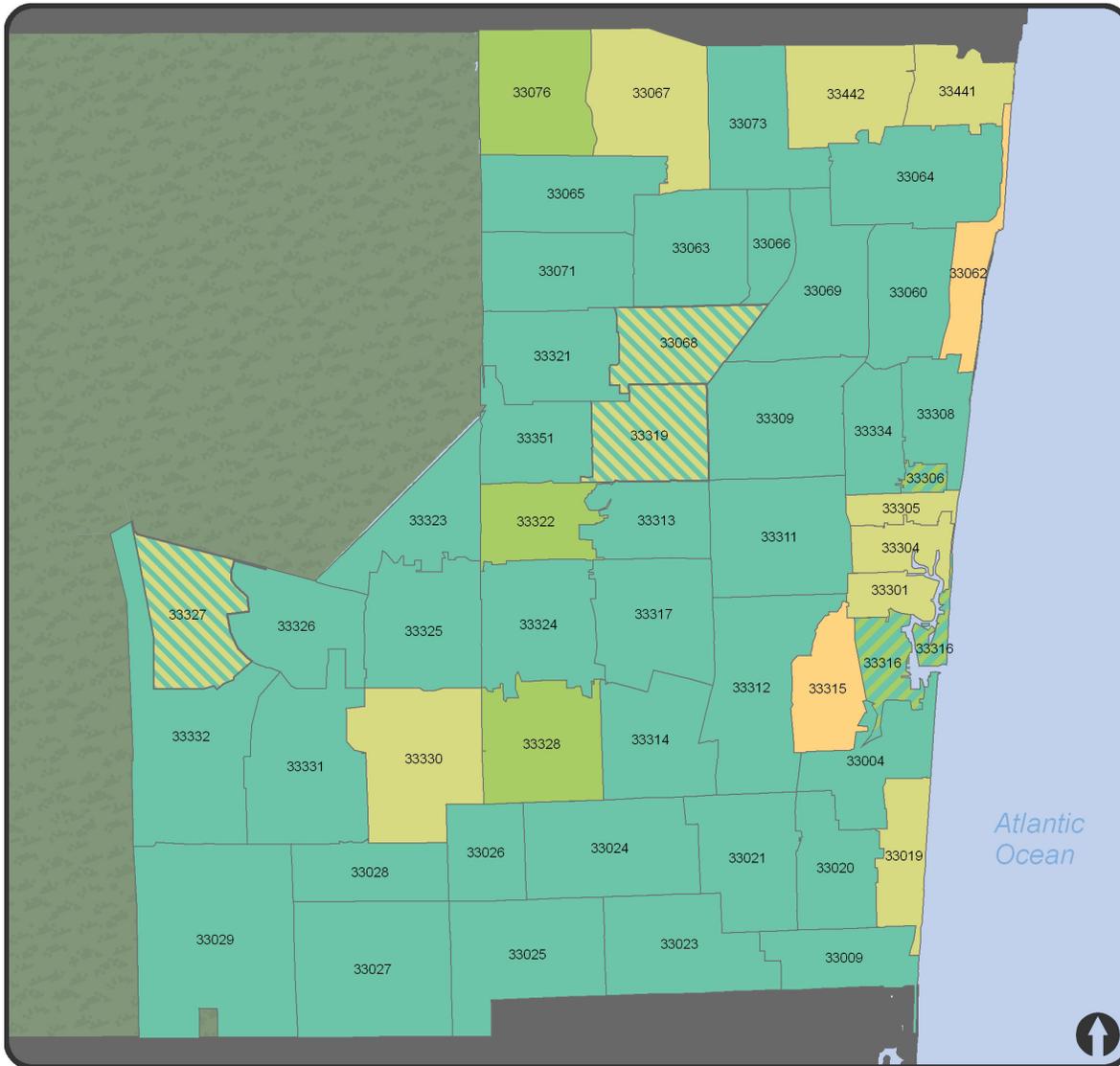


**Legend**

Broward County Zipcodes	Bus
Undevelopable Broward County	Commuter Rail (such as Tri-Rail)
Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties	Light Rail
Water Bodies	Streetcar
	Water Taxi

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**Exhibit 9: Question 7 Survey Response Majority by Zipcode**

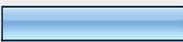


**Legend**

	Broward County Zipcodes (colors vary by vote)		Bus is best use of public funds
	Undevelopable Broward County		Commuter Rail (such as Tri-Rail) is best use of public funds
	Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties		Light Rail is best use of public funds
	Water Bodies		Streetcar is best use of public funds
			Bus and commuter rail are equally best use of public funds
			Bus and Light Rail are equally best use of public funds

Survey results continued...

**Exhibit 10: Question 8 Survey Response**

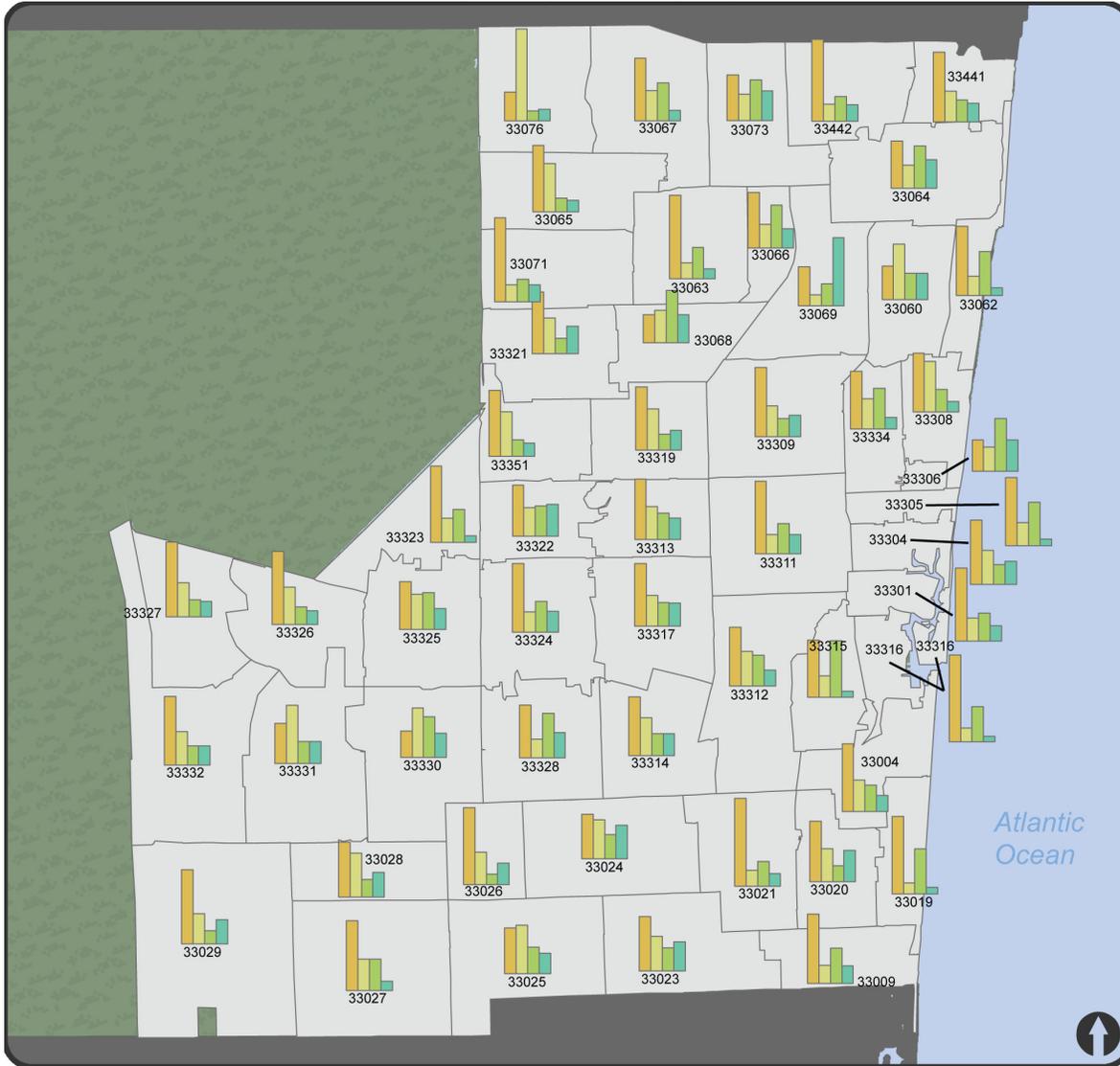
8. If you had \$100 to fund transportation improvements in Broward County, how would you use it? Allocate \$100 to the following categories:			
		Response Total	Response Total For \$100.00
Improvements/Expansion of Public Transit		49632	\$44.19
Improvements/Expansion of Roadways/Highways		24703	\$22.00
Improvements/Expansion to Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities		20233	\$18.02
Improvements to Travel Safety		17732	\$15.79
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1123</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>

Another component of the LRTP is determining the funding needs for transportation improvements. Question 8 asks respondents how they would allocate the funding (in terms of 100 dollars) for improvements or expansion of public transit, improvements or expansion of roadways and highways, improvements or expansion to bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and improvements to public safety. The total dollar amount from those who responded to Question 8, allocated almost 51% (in dollars) to improvements or expansion of public transit. Exhibit 10 illustrates the distribution of survey responses.

Exhibit 11 illustrates the responses by zip code, although this represents only those respondents who provided their zip codes. Exhibit 12 shows which improvements the majority of respondents chose to spend their money on, by zip code. As illustrated, there is relatively equal distribution of preference for improving or expanding public transit.

Survey results continued...

### Exhibit 11: Question 8 Survey Response by Zipcode

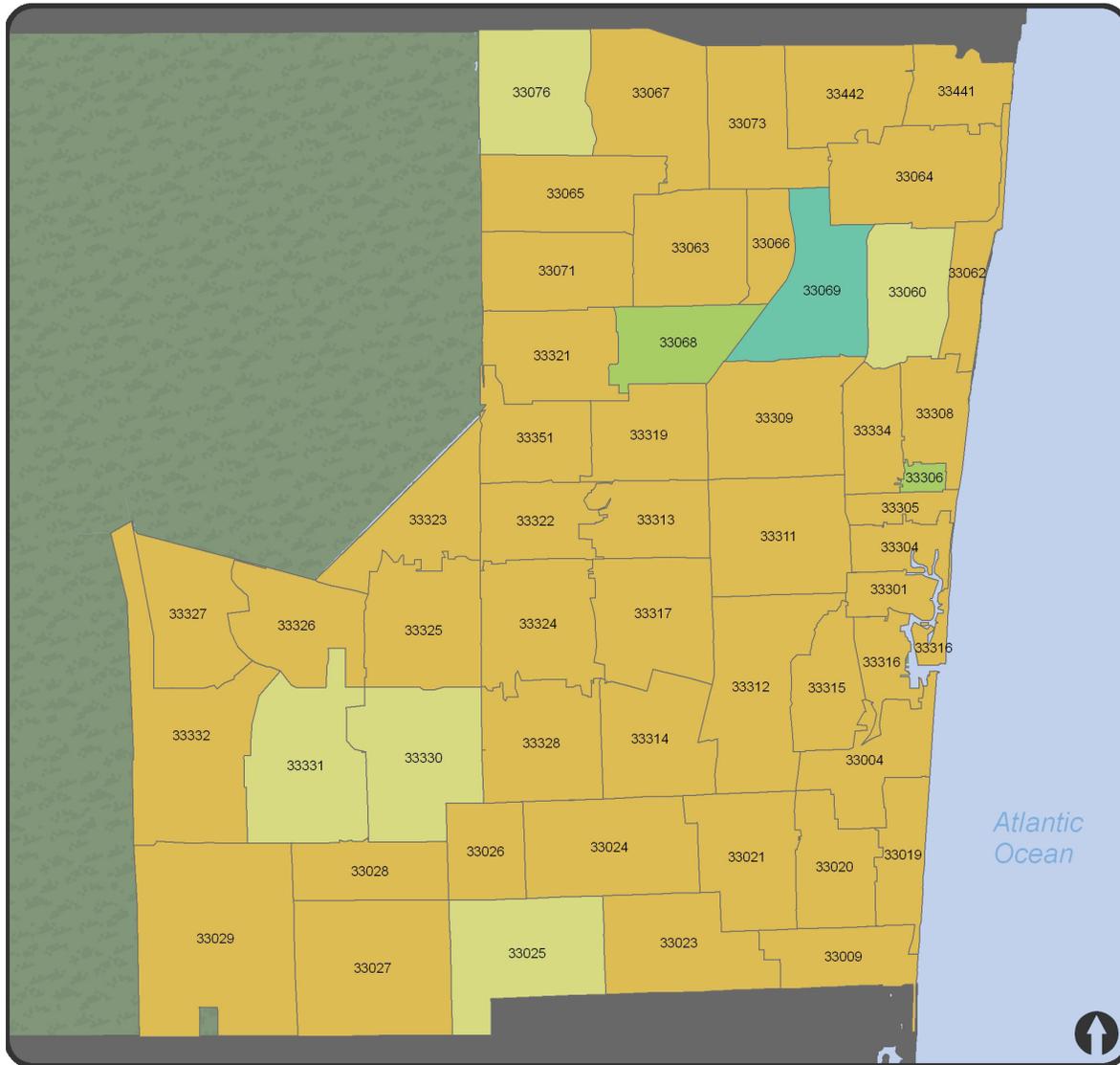


#### Legend

- Broward County Zipcodes
- Undevelopable Broward County
- Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties
- Water Bodies
- Improvements/Expansion of Public Transit
- Improvements/Expansion of Roadways/Highways
- Improvements/Expansion to Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities
- Improvements to Travel Safety

Survey results continued...

### Exhibit 12: Question 8 Survey Response Majority by Zipcode

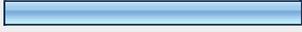
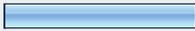


**Legend**

Broward County Zipcodes (colors vary by vote)	Focus on improvements/expansion of public transit
Undevelopable Broward County	Focus on improvements/expansion of roadways/highways
Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties	Focus on improvements/expansion to bicycle/pedestrian facilities
Water Bodies	Focus on improvements to travel safety

Survey results continued...

**Exhibit 13: Question 9 Survey Response**

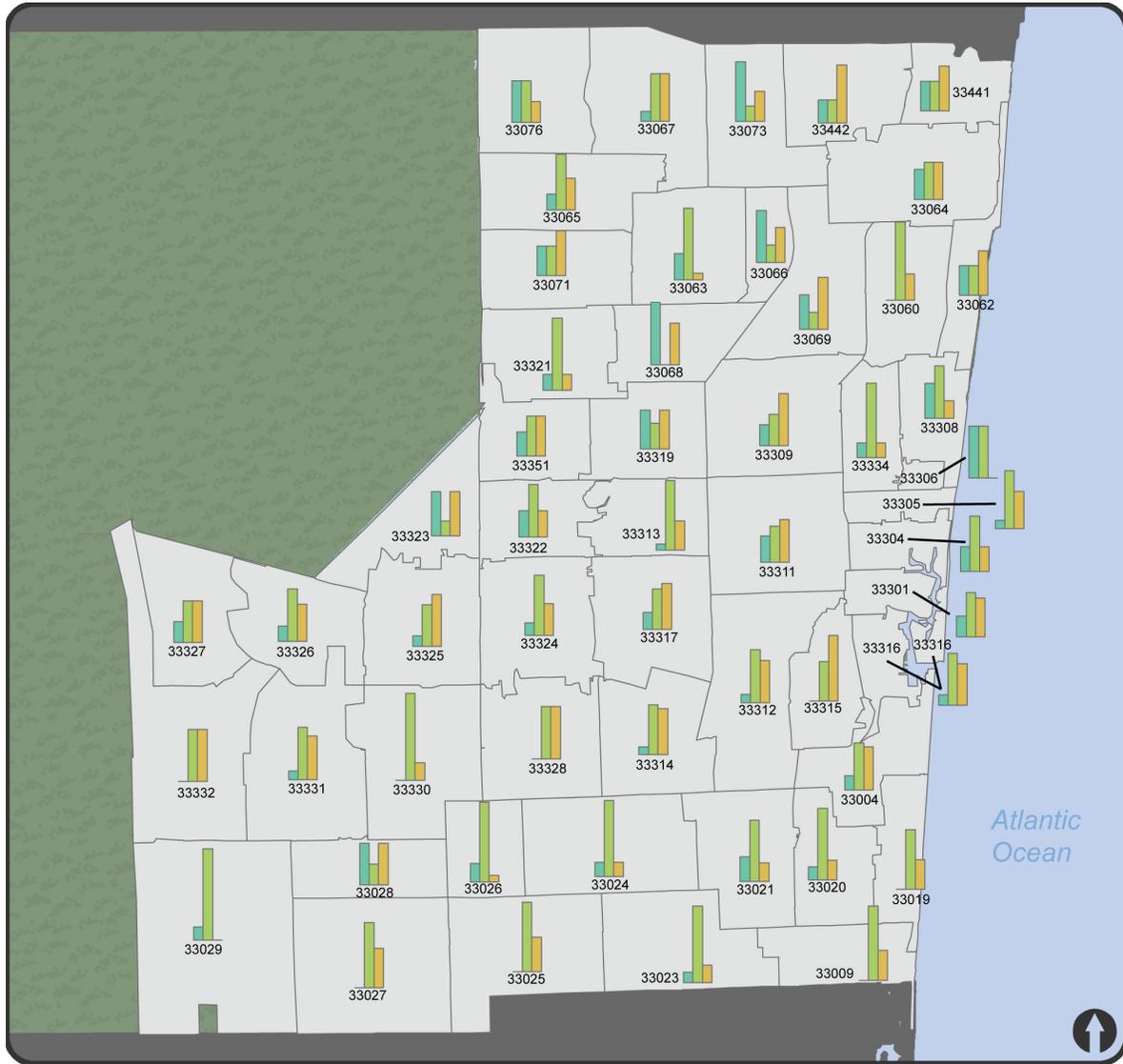
9. Where do you think investments in regional transportation connections should be most focused?			Response Percent	Response Count
Between Broward County and Palm Beach County			21.4%	242
<b>Between Broward County and Miami-Dade County</b>			47.8%	539
Don't focus on County Connections			30.8%	347
			<i>answered question</i>	<b>1128</b>

Based on those who responded to Question 9, the majority of respondents felt that investments in regional transportation connections should be most focused between Broward County and Miami-Dade County. Eighteen percent of survey respondents skipped this question. Exhibit 13 illustrates the distribution of survey responses.

Exhibit 14 illustrates the responses by zip code, although this represents only those respondents who provided their zip codes. As illustrated in Exhibit 15, there does not appear to be any correlation between the geographic location of respondents and their desire to connect regionally, with the exception of those zip codes in North-central Broward County, whose priorities focus specifically on Broward County to Palm Beach connectivity.

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### Exhibit 14: Question 9 Survey Response by Zipcode

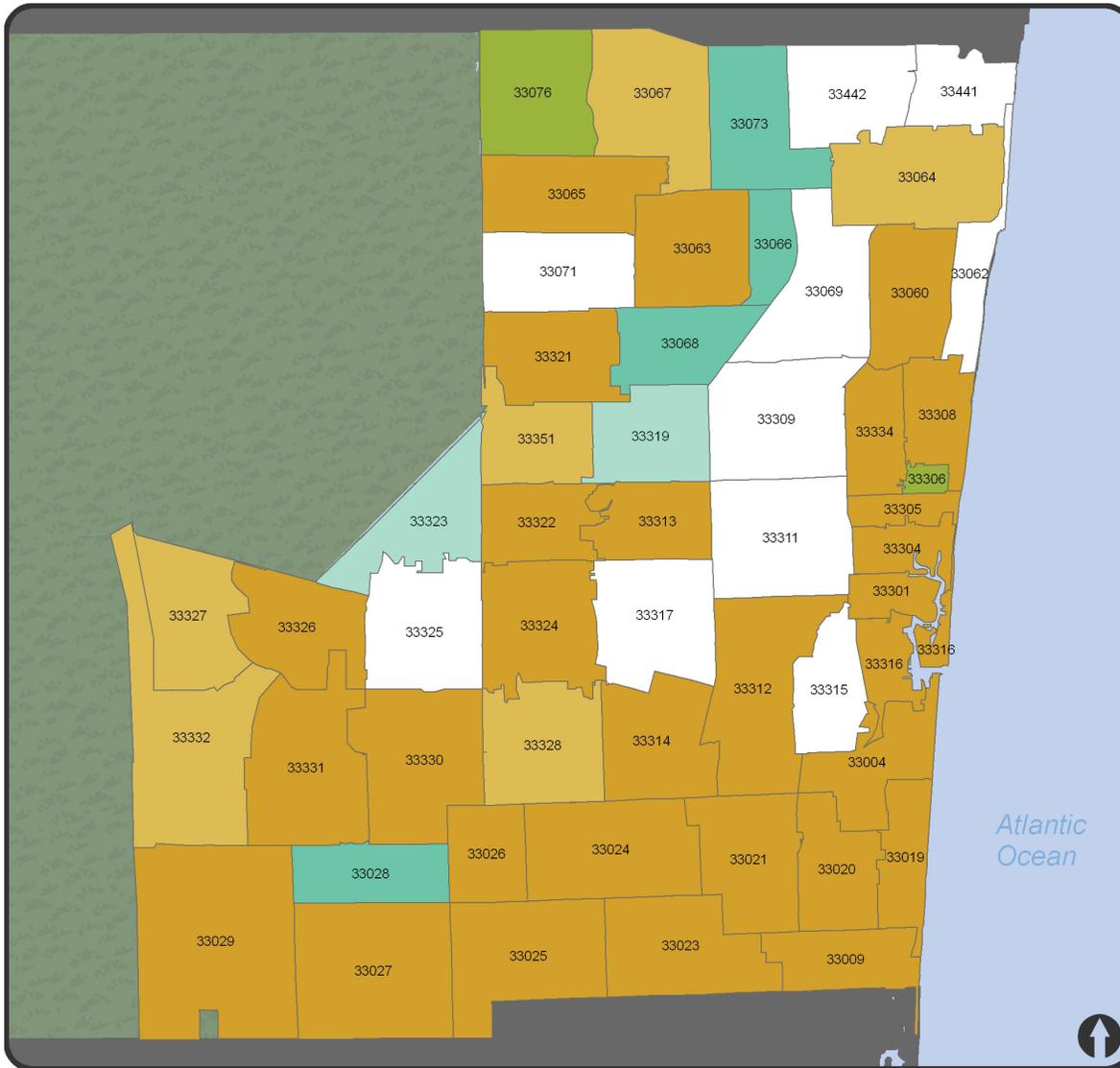


**Legend**

	Broward County Zipcodes		Focus on connection between Broward and Palm Beach
	Undevelopable Broward County		Focus on connection between Broward and Miami-Dade
	Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties		Don't focus on County connections
	Water Bodies		

Survey results continued...

**Exhibit 15: Question 9 Survey Response Majority by Zipcode**



**Legend**

- Broward County Zipcodes (colors vary by vote)
- Undevelopable Broward County
- Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties
- Water Bodies

**Majority of survey votes by zip code said:**

- Focus on Palm Beach connection
- Focus on Miami-Dade connection
- Focus equally on Palm-Beach/Miami-Dade connection
- Equally focus on Miami-Dade connection/No connections
- Equally focus on Palm Beach connection/No connections
- Don't Focus on any connections

## Face Validity of Survey Responses

### Response Patterns: Distribution of Choice and Participation

There does not seem to be a pattern in response choices (as shown in Exhibit 16). It is assumed that all responses were thoughtful and intentional. The slight reduction in survey responses (also shown in Exhibit 16) over the duration of the survey may have been due to either the complexity of the latter questions or survey fatigue (exhaustion of surveys due to the length of a specific survey or oversaturation of surveys in general).

### Exhibit 16: Response Distribution and Participation

Question	Choice Position of Question Response	Percent of responses to each question from those who took the survey
Q1	3rd choice out of 4 choices	98.5%
Q2	3rd choice out of 7 choices	97.2%
Q3	1st choice out of 8 choices	96.0%
Q4	3rd choice out of 4 choices	95.6%
Q5	5th choice out of 5 choices	92.5%
Q6	2nd choice out of 5 choices	90.0%
Q7	1st choice out of 5 choices	90.0%
Q8	1st choice out of 4 choices	81.6%
Q9	2nd choice out of 3 choices	81.9%

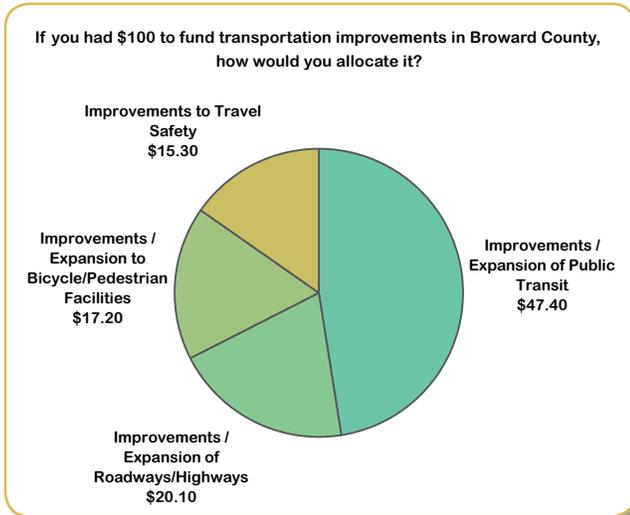
### Result Comparisons by Survey Distribution Type

The distribution of the surveys aimed to provide a random sampling. Due to the interest in reaching out to the underserved and disenfranchised population, a series of comparative charts has been created to analyze the difference in responses by the various distribution points (workshops, on-line, and printed/delivered). These charts can be found in Exhibit 17. As shown, among all distribution points, when responses by distribution type were averaged, survey respondents would spend between \$44.11 to \$47.40 on improvements or expansion of public transit; between \$20.10 to \$22.90 on improvements or expansion to roadways and highways; between \$16.78 to \$18.67 on improvements or expansion to bicycle and pedestrian facilities; and between \$13.85 and \$18.69 on improvements to travel safety.

For Question 8, the sole question compared by distribution type, the following assumptions can be made: while every group prioritized investments in the same order (transit being the highest priority), people who attended the workshops were most likely to spend money on public transit, people who took the online survey were most likely to spend money roadways and highways, as well as most likely to spend money on bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and people who filled out a hard copy of the survey were most likely to spend money on travel safety.

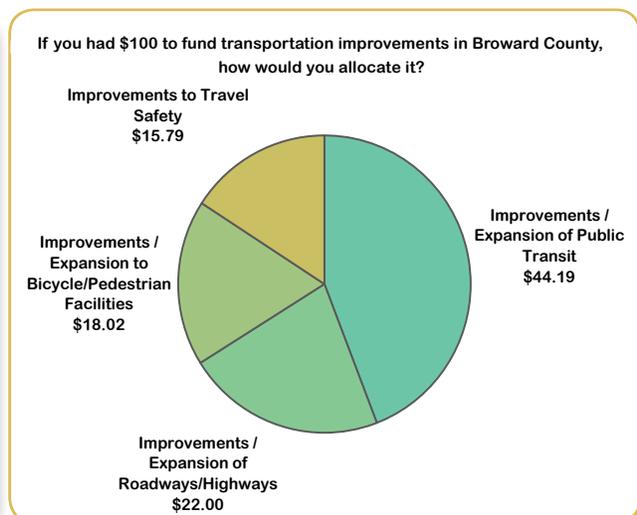
## Exhibit 17: Result Comparisons by Survey Distribution Type

### Workshops



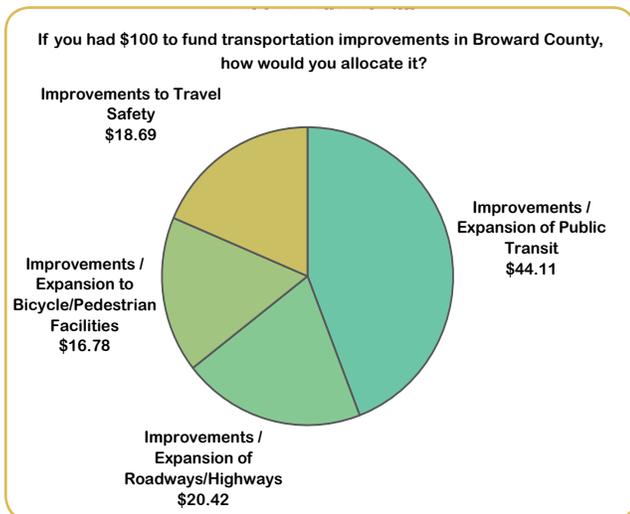
100% response rate at workshops

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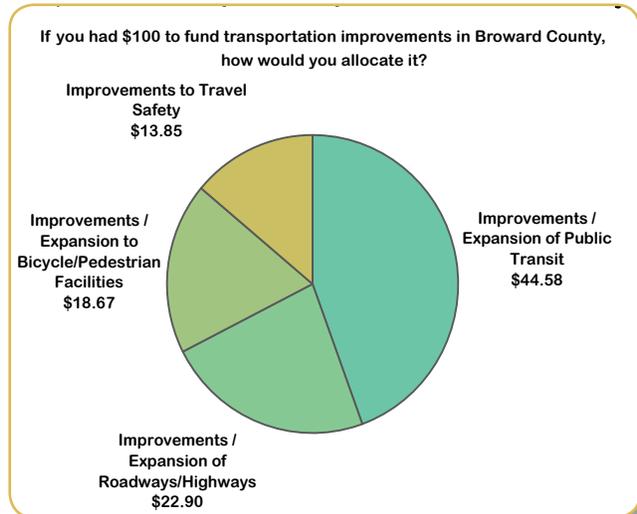
81.6% response rate of all surveys

### Printed Surveys



93.5% response rate from printed surveys

### Online Surveys



75% response rate from on-line surveys

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Question 10 of the LRTP survey provides an open-ended commentary form. Of the 1377 respondents to the survey, 419 people chose to make comments, 58% of whom preferred their comments to be kept private. All comments can be found exactly transcribed on the following pages. They have been separated into two categories, public and private and organized by date of submittal. The private comments may be removed should this document be made available to the public (via the internet).

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Submittal Date	Public Comments	Zip code
08/18/2008	We need better leadership in this topic	33330
08/18/2008	Anything would be a better investment than Airport expansion	33312
08/18/2008	if the county wants money for anything that will reduce residential costs they should simply put up the no gridlock signs at intersections and put a 3 to five hundred dollar fine for getting getting ticketed for the offense with increasing fines for each offense	33312
08/18/2008	I think the Wave could be a great addition to Broward.	33301
08/18/2008	Need a people mover or train from the airport out to the PORT for the tourists.	33312
08/18/2008	The most successful transit systems (Boston, San Fran, DC) run with a high frequency of service.	33004
08/18/2008	BROWARD COUNTY HAS NOT KEPT UP HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS - IT MAY HAVE TIME TO CATCH UP WITH THE OUTFLOW OF PEOPLE WHICH THE TRANSPORTATION IS ONE OF THE MAJOR PROBLEMS FOR PEOPLE THAT WORK FOR A LIVING	33326
08/18/2008	Lite rail to connect downtown Ft. Lauderdale to the Airport(FLL) and on to the convention center. HIGH PRIORITY	33301
08/18/2008	Convenient reliable safe bus/light rail would minimize the commuter headaches. In the past i took 1hr tri-rail trip to PB only to wait 1-2 hr for feeder buses. Develop a real network, not a hodge-podge of small components. When one element goes down in the present hodge-podge the system fails; a real network includes alternative routes & versatility.	33312
08/18/2008	Need east-west public transportation. What we have now with Tri-Rail only works for small portion of population. Most people live out west and work towards east. This is where we need to focus.	33330
08/18/2008	Adapt the east coast rail line into a commuter rail line. Invest money into widening that corridor north and south. The surge in use of the tri-rail has only enforced that this would be a great asset to the regions.	33311
08/18/2008	Mass transit in Broward needs to concentrate on getting people from west to east in the AM and vice-versa in the PM. Signal timing is a VERY easy and cost effective solution to a lot of city travel congestion and is usually ignored.	33312
08/18/2008	LIGHT RAIL OR TROLLEY CONNECTION BETWEEN HOLLYWOOD-FT. LAUDERDALE AIRPORT AND PORT EVERGLADES	33312
08/18/2008	Browards traffic handling system is totally antiquated and needs a general overhaul, starting with timed traffic signals.	33312
08/18/2008	Time lights on the major roadways better. Put neighborhood intersections on blink at night and weekends.	33312
08/18/2008	Transportation credibility does not exist, how can it expect other than resistance?!	33312

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08/18/2008	A little late to address these issues due to overbuilding ,poor planning and lack of right of way ,developers cashed in and left us to solve problems from cumulative impacts,most very expensive to solve !	33004
08/18/2008	more bike paths...along the FEC railway! Just like all over the DC metro area!	33311
08/19/2008	(1) How about coordinating the traffic signals so that (for instance) westbound drivers on Griffin Rd. turning southbound onto I-95 can do so when the train is crossing Griffin Rd. west of the I-95 on-ramp? It makes sense for the west-bound drivers to wait for the train, but not those going south or north, and slows traffic flow. (2) I am not sure what is meant here by "light rail", but if it offered regular service east and west as well as north-south, including early morning, late evening, weekends, etc., it could help a lot of people to NOT use cars on the road. (3) The FLL proposed raised south runway is a big expense for all Broward County taxpayers that will not be worth the money, from what I have seen. As an experienced Airline Pilot, I doubt that most safety-conscious pilots will accept it for landing, especially in rainy conditions, preferring to wait for a space to land on flat runway 9 Left. Why not add a runway on the north side where it could be built flat, if a few businesses are moved?	33004
08/19/2008	Stop widening roads and improve affordable mass transit	33305
08/20/2008	light rail, more buses, and availability of TAXIS!	33312
08/20/2008	I don't use public transport because I'm a home health therapist and must carry my equipment with me. If I were working at a set location I would ride my bike whenever the weather permitted, and public transit if needed (and available).	33025
08/20/2008	Trirail exists we need effective connections from trirail to the rest of the destinations without having to take 3 different busses.	33304
08/20/2008	If needed to be relied upon, either Bus, Street-Car, or train will help everyone get from A to B; however, reliable public transit system need be timely. Also, Florida is our "Sunshine State" and in need of better tree canopy for sidewalk and bike paths. Tree canpy, shade, and protecion from rain need be well thought-out when considering our publics' best means of altrnative transportation.	33305
08/20/2008	I travel between East and West Broward (Ft. Laud to West Sunrise). consider light rail between those places	33312
08/20/2008	Fix the traffic signals before investing in any more roadway projects. Use alternative fuels for transit and buy hybrids. Involve cities and the private sector more in transportation and paratransit needs as the population is getting older. More frequent & reliable bus service is needed with security. Invest in Park & Ride lots for east/west commutes. BCT should market their system to catch more choice riders.	33064

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08/20/2008	Commuter rail not reliable. Wonder if enough parking has been planned for for commuters of the future. There are not enough bus routes or connecting bus routes for some neighborhoods. Perhaps we need more of a planning link with affordable housing and public transportation especially along commuter train with connecting bus. College/University shuttle bus service with connecting commuter train is good.	33312
08/20/2008	Bus service should be increased and expanded for the citizen of Broward County since our it is our tax money	33004
08/20/2008	Allow private enterprises to handle bus routes. Promote the use of a "cooperative system" for buss owners Move fast to implement solutions.	33305
08/20/2008	Moving Tri-rail to FEC tracks and FEC to Tri-rail should have been done a long time ago and needs to be done now along with convenient connecting spurs from the western suburbs and ample parking at all stations. Convenience, good scheduling and safety are the most likely things to get people to use public transportation. As for the roadways, it is incredibly outdated to have carpool lanes operate only at certain times. They should all be 24/7. It is also important to space cars entering I 95, 595, et al with lights at every entrance. Finally the terms yield and alternate merge need to be defined for South Floridians. Many seem to have no concept as to what they mean.	33305
08/21/2008	need to focus on safety and reliable cross county accesible transit n/s e/w or flex time work weeks 4 days then 5 days or rotating groups lioke the fire dept or similar to the old militay active status grouping	33065
08/21/2008	There should be no difference in importance between fixed transit (streetcar) and buses with transit-only lanes. Both would provide the efficiency and reliability that is being sought by the customer. Also, regional connections between Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade should be considered equal. At this time most traffic and commuting is going south from Broward but with the population migration north, Palm Beach will be playing an important part in commuting in the future. Give up the idea or expanding highways, and roadways, concentrate on transit of all kinds instead. Safety concerns for the pedestrian and cyclist have been ignored for a very long time. Roadway designs should always include this alternate mode in their final implementations.	33334
08/22/2008	I think public transportation is crucial to the development of a world-class area. I'd like to see well-publicized dates where, periodically, "ambassadors" were available at major bus stops and other focal points of public transportation to show people how to ride the bus, take the train, etc. I think there are many people, particularly professionals, who just don't know how the system works and are reluctant to look ignorant when riding for the first time. Also, there is a perception that "only a certain kind of person rides the bus" and that is a myth that needs to be dispelled.	33062

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08/22/2008	While very costly, I think expansion of Tri-Rail or investing in light rail is a necessity.	33445
08/22/2008	Bus stops should ALL be covered due to constant harsh weather- sun or rain. Not enough stops and no designated Bus Lane. Tri-Rail very limited. Impossible to walk or bike unless you enjoy taking your life in your hands each day- horrible drivers.	33441
08/22/2008	We need community leaders and elected officials to agree on a local dedicated funding source and seek public approval.	33065
08/24/2008	It would be beneficial to residents and bussiness if there was a lite rail between downtown Ft. Lauderdale and FLL.	33301
08/25/2008	Connect Broward to Metro-Rail	33351
08/25/2008	A quick route to downtown from central hubs in broward (ie. I-595, Commercial, Sample, etc.)	33063
08/25/2008	Or even from MD to BC to PB cause most PPL don't stay in one place	33164
08/25/2008	Get the FEC tracks in use best bang for the buck	33009
08/25/2008	I am very much against any free or discounted travel for tourists to broward county	
08/25/2008	Referring to Q.3 - Stupid. They should be intergrated	
08/25/2008	The investment should be evenly divided between broward connections to miami dade and palm beach county	
08/25/2008	Focus should be within tri-county high impact areas with convenient ingress/ egress.	
08/25/2008	BC to MD is needed but we should plan now for future between BC + PBC including extend University Drive.	
08/25/2008	I go more often to Miami - Palm Beach is less ped-oriented.	
08/25/2008	County lines are artificial - focus on users	
08/27/2008	Horrible survey ... when asked to identify what could get me out of my car, no option for "NOTHING" was provided, when asked about Public Transit funds expenditures, no "DON'T TAX US AT ALL; DON'T SPEND" option was provided, when asked where \$100 could be best spent, no "DON'T SPEND IT AT ALL" option was provided.	33301
08/27/2008	I have always used public transportation every where I have lived. The problem with no connections from the tri-rail to any where is a big problem. There is no way to use the transit system accept for a trip to the miami airport which I use every time I go. If all the stops at the tri-rail had the connections like they have in Miami then there would be more use of it.	33314
09/04/2008	Not sure depends on workforce needs	33311
09/04/2008	Connect the "WAVE" to FLL and the Sunport system	33301
09/04/2008	That is what I use - the 3 counties need to work together and be connected.	33305

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09/04/2008	We still have work to do in Broward, so come back to this topic in ten years.	33311
09/04/2008	I would love to see the light rail created - a connection from south florida to central florida	
09/04/2008	It depends, should be a tri-region focus	33312
09/04/2008	Inter county connections should be discouraged	
09/04/2008	Between all 3 counties	
09/04/2008	Focus on regional connections: M-D, Broward and Palm Beach counties	33064
09/04/2008	both	33019
09/04/2008	Tri County Regional	33441
09/04/2008	Should look at tri-county flow	33022
09/04/2008	Focus on Tri-County connections	33449
09/04/2008	A commuter rail line needs to be placed on the FLA Turnpike median from Golden Glades to southern Blvd.	
09/07/2008	Homeless people and darelicts use public transportation as a place to get out of the heat. The system is a haven for crime. Make rules on people's appearance and enforce a code of cleanliness and hygiene. Who wants to ride in a seat that a vagrant just rode in?	33312
09/09/2008	In a region of the country, with no history of using public transportation, the need to change behavior must focus on convince, feeling safe, aesthetics, reliable, enjoyable, futuristic feeling. Jimmy Crimminger, Dania Beach	33004
09/10/2008	You spelled "effect" wrong.	33304
09/10/2008	To make any transition away from single-occupancy vehicles, pedestrian crossings must be drastically improved for safety and convenience.	33067
09/10/2008	I would like better transportation from the west side of the county to Davie and I don't mean taking 2 or 3 busses. Years ago I voted for train service to go through all of Florida what happened to that past vote?	33314
09/10/2008	If we had more public transportation, I will not pick to drive. Driving is a need in Broward County not a luxury.	
09/10/2008	Since I don't use public transportation, I don't know if they have affordable bus passes. If they don't have bus passes, I think that would be a great idea.	
09/10/2008	We need to provide dependable transportation between the major employment centers within the south Florida regional area that will provide customers with dependable, on time transportation	33328
09/10/2008	Tri-rail doesn't work well with many commuters. If there is a systematic light-rail & bus network I'll take the public transit as much as possible. The current bike and pedestrial system seems in pretty good shape, but public transit is very inconvenient.	33301
09/10/2008	The 28.8% increase in the TRiRail ridership over last year is testament to the need for its continued and increased funding.	33486

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09/10/2008	The county is too geographically spread; people will not use public transportation. The current congestion on the roads needs to be improved. Expand the roads!	33314
09/10/2008	If the cost of gas continues to rise in the future and/or becomes harder to get, more people are going to look for ways to cut back and get around a little faster than walking (as good as it is for you). Bicycles are economical, faster and good exercise. With more safe bike lanes and paths people could save money and improve their health. With health insurance and other health issues, including people's weight, being in the forefront of topics being discussed today; as well as it will probably be in the future, riding a bike around a lot more by the general public, would be a huge help in more ways than one. For those who will not ride on a bike they can look at it this way; the more other people are riding, the less traffic for them to contend with on the road. Saving the cost of building more highways. A plus for the tax payers. Monies could go toward more maintainance of existing roads and make more jobs available in this field, as well as in the safety of our roads and bridges.	33328
09/10/2008	I would like to see monorails hanging parallel to major roads/freeways. Or if I had the power, Helium (hydrogen?) blimps attached to wires and used as the buses are today. They could also used for carrying heavy loads between short distances.	33067
09/10/2008	Broward County needs two things. The first is to somehow lure businesses to the city/urban core i.e. downtown Fort Lauderdale. This would make rolling out mass transit far easier and more efficient. It is easier to provide mass transit to high density areas that also have areas that are heavily travelled by many. Broward needs to come up with a sustainability plan like Mayor Bloomberg's PlaNYC. We must use new urbanism moving forward. With this we can then use trains to drop people off at key high density areas. Broward should also build affordable housing not just for the poor but for the middle class in downtown Fort Lauderdale (in the urban core). I would also like to see elevated trains instead of street level light rail or street cars. Something like the metro mover in Miami but all over Broward County. Where elevated trains are impossible provide Bus Rapid Transit.	33351
09/10/2008	The time has come to view our community as established and urban. Reliable, safe mass transit benefits us by helping to attract businesses, provide transportation for education, cut our emissions, improve safety, and decrease stress in daily lives. Perhaps when we can breathe fresh air, we'll also become more polite and socially responsible.	33326
09/10/2008	I think we have the highest fatality rate for pedestrians in the country. You think someone other than the dead people would have noticed.	33315

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09/10/2008	Increasing the frequency that buses come to the bus stops, as well as having a raised or street light rail would do volumes in improving the public transportation system in Broward. Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach county should collaborate on this to really make it effective.I acknowledge there have been attempts in the past to do similar things but the way there were going to be funded were shot down. There was one proposal for transportation, the only reason I even knew about it was because I was randomly browsing the Broward County website one day. Its important that you get on tv, get on the radio and newspapers to really explain to people what you want to do and why we need this. But if this survey is any indication I'd say you are taking the right steps to get this into action.	33314
09/11/2008	Need an integrated transportation system. Forced choice of one element over another does not adequately reflect this.	33314
09/18/2008	If anything needs to be fixed it's the buses. Even the stops could be fixed. We need better shelter, and more frequent buses on the routes.	33441
09/18/2008	I think we need to invest more in commuter rail and or bus systems as in New York. It has to be safe and accessible. Biggest waste today is in the congestion in the commute to and from Miami Date and Broward. Millions of individuals drive back and forth and then the gridlock contribute to the enromus gas waste and time. We defenietly need more public transportation systems. Expanding the roads is encouraging more cars on the road. As someone who benifited from the New York Railway and Subway system, I have first hand experience on the benifists of it. Railway commute reduces stress, saves time for reading, or other leisure activites, less pollutant to the environment. etc., One of the problems with the Tri Rail system today is, that majority believe it to be unsafe and unclean mainly because of the high number of homeless people that travel in it. I have never taken the Tri Rail, therefore I do not know the truth of this. Just like the Long Island and Harlem lines in NY, perhaps we can build couple of rail liens from Broward where residents can drive, park their car and go to work. we also need buses that will depart from the destination of the railroad.	33327
09/18/2008	LRTP funds are best spent on promoting electric and natural gas cars and natural gas busses including school busses.	33317
09/18/2008	I commute from Davie Rd to 4900 Commercial Blvd. Once, I took public transportation, I took one bus to get to my nearest train station in Hollywood got to Cypress Creek station and took two buses to get to my work. This was like 1 hour and 45 minutes ONE WAY. I can't do this every day. From the Cypress Creek train station to 4900 Commercial Blvd. is less than 2 miles, and I had to take TWO buses to get to my job???? We either need more bus stops or better bus routes.	33314

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09/18/2008	I have started to bike to work more often since the increase in gas prices. I am grateful to the adding of bike lanes on parts of Oakland Park Blvd and Rock Island road. I am also thankful for the one on Commercial Blvd. Now about 90% of the way that I would go to work has a bike path. I feel much safer. I feel that maybe more of the main roads should have bike paths. It would encourage me more to go to different locations on bicycle given the increased safety the path provides. Thanks.	33313
09/18/2008	I think we are OVERPOPULATED! Tri-rail needs to be a major focus and expanding it further north, would be another great thought for people who commute from outside of this tri-county area to work.	33442
09/19/2008	better bus schedule for work	33309
09/22/2008	I live in Plantation and work off of 95. I carpool. The lights in Broward REALLY need to be synced. An east/west light rail would also be really nice.	33324
09/22/2008	I would like to see people using bicycles more, not only for the decreased use of gas but for health improvements	33021
09/23/2008	Honestly, if BCT is raising it's rates this year and next, they should really focus on providing more bus routes with busses that run more often. My first bus on the way to work and on the way home has had it's schedule changed twice. The most recent has seriously increased the amount of time I travel to and from work. And it interferes with transfer times, causing me to leave even earlier in the morning.	33019
09/23/2008	Need to make more pedestrian/bike access and less car traffic...especially in Downtown Davie by schools...encourage people to bike, bus or walk...reduce traffic on Davie Road...too congested...use empty shopping plaza and empty lots for park n ride using shuttle buses or trams (like at the theme parks!) :)	33314
09/23/2008	Broward need more bike road line, more buses routes, and more tax for driver so , we can improve the congestion and increase the new wireless traffic lights connected to a central computer building room , so personals can synchronize better traffic lights signals .. lets be better that Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties.	33021
09/23/2008	I take the bus a lot and the waiting is just impossible. I wish the waiting would be shorter. Also, bus 9 should pass more often please at least every half an hour!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I have to wake up too early to make the connection from 6 to 9 and if I miss it I have to wait way too much!!	33009
09/24/2008	Stop spending money on transit.	33317
09/24/2008	A tri-rail going from east to west on long 595, from port of everglades to 1-75. More expansion on widening the rd on the turnpike, create more sways for busstops on congested roads.	33020
09/24/2008	we should concentrate our efforts; employment, schooling within our borders. make our services more reliable to our residents.	33009
09/24/2008	no comments yet	33306

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09/24/2008	The Public transportation in Broward county and in Florida in general is a joke, and not a funny one. It's not reliable, there are not enough bus stops - 1 in 50 miles and only on main streets is not enough. The gas prices are insane at the moment, but the dear people of Broward county are forced to pay the high price because there is no other equivalent option. If we look at the public transportation that is going through Davie rd. or on Broward blvd in Ft. Lauderdale - it may seem like that the public transportation is alive and kicking, but have you ever tried to get from Weston to Ft. Lauderdale on the bus?	33323
09/24/2008	I Think it is time we stopped busing kids all over the county to go to school when there are schools in their neighborhoods. The amount of gas spent sending kids 5 miles or more from home is costly and wasteful. The amount of gas and money that could be saved and used on better things is gigantic! I sure wish some one would listen. Keep the kids in the neighborhoods their parents moved them into!	33325
09/24/2008	WE NEED MORE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ACCESSABILITY! AND WE NEED IT NOW!	33327
09/24/2008	I have been a broward resident for 8 years and in that 8 years the public transportation system has improved significantly. There is still a very long way to go, and I trust that we will get there. Reliability is the most important factor in improving the system. I have been to other cities inside and outside of Florida, and we fail in comparison. There is no excuse to be waiting 1 1/2 hours on a bus that is supposed to on a 15 minute schedule. As I said before I am proud to be a resident of broward county, one of the fastest growing communities in the nation. We need a better more efficient way to get th expected 3 million people around. Thank you for your time.	33065
09/24/2008	I believe a rail system, similar to the Chicago "L", running down 595 and 95 with a central station near downtown Fort Lauderdale, would be a wise use of money. It could start in Weston, maybe Indian Trace Road and terminate near Andrews. The buses could then be focused on north and south travel from the stops along 595. If it is successful, the a routes traveling northwest and southeast can be added later.	33324
09/24/2008	Thank you for listening. Have a great year!	33024
09/24/2008	As a transplanted resident originally from New York City, I grew up on public transportation. I never owned a car until I moved South. I certainly feel there is a level of comfort that comes with an automobile but in this world of rising costs and more importantly the need for alternative fuels, energy conservation, and environmental care; The need for an expanded public transportation system is paramount and is one in which I would support and participate in if it ever came to fruition.	33024
09/24/2008	I feel that if you are going to up the price on public transit then you should improve the services that the people receive, the bus transit in broward county is horrible	33023

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09/24/2008	The bus transportation is very useful. We need more public transportation.	33311
09/24/2008	I want more busses more often in their own dedicated lanes. I don't want to wait for a bus for more than 10 minutes. More express bus services are also desirable.	33313
09/24/2008	none	33309
09/24/2008	Buses too crowded..	33023
09/24/2008	As long as prices for bus fare and bus passes don't increase,I think any beneficial changes will be viewed positively by everyone.	33020
09/24/2008	Don't waste the tax payers money on random useless things. Don't expand the roads more, create a better flow with the traffic lights and the buses moving out of traffic to make stops.	33323
09/24/2008	we sould try to do something like new york or chicago by putting ing a rail system that works maybe from east to west and from the beach to the the down town areas maybe run along i-95 like in chicago make stops along places that are use alot. not like miami no one rides them becuse of the areas they ride along are not very safet in the first places but as a citizen of Broward this makes to much sences	33021
09/24/2008	the public transportation in broward is basically non existant	33334
09/24/2008	Building more highways and/or roads is not the answer to our problem. This will only add to the existing problem that we have regarding wildlife. There is no space for wildlife to go. No more building. Let's concentrate on improving what we already have. If new roads were to be built, however, they could be built in similar way as they are in Dallas and other cities--one on top of the other, but NO more expansion in wildlife habitats!	33064
09/24/2008	no comment	33025
09/24/2008	Improvement of connections (public transport) to Miami-Dade county are critcal if we want to foster a very much needed saving in gas and costs that come along with driving a car.	33334
09/24/2008	Taking the bus, walking, and biking are so much more efficient than driving.	33073
09/24/2008	The connection in public transportation between Broward and Miami-Dade should be greatly improved. I know of many people that live in Weston and work in Homestead. I myself live in Miami-Dade and I work in Plantation and attend the central campus of Broward College. There should also be more investments in the safety and efficiancy of public transportation and pedestrian walk ways. This would greatly decrease street congestion by making public transportation and walking less difficult and more attractive to the public.	33324
09/24/2008	Bigger roads would help the flow of traffic in my opinion. and that is the only real issue with me driving to school.	33065
09/24/2008	I think more people would utilize the bus system if the buses came more often and was more reliable.	33028

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09/24/2008	Provide pull out lanes for loading/unloading buses. Improve light signals to detect traffic volume and adjust flow. Provide high speed rail service to/from Miami to Orlando.	33304
09/24/2008	the waiting time is to long for the number 9 and 12 since, it is a school route	33169
09/24/2008	We need to spend our transportation dollars on whichever forms of transportation are most efficient. Our tax dollars should be stretched as far as possible.	33317
09/24/2008	Tri rail needs to be moved to eastern tracks so that it runs closer to downtown fort lauderdale, it is such a no brainer. also light rail lines on andrews ave, and federal HWY for north and south short lines and on Broward, OKP and Copens or Something running east west, there has to be more direct train service from the west and north to downtown fort lauderdale.	33311
09/24/2008	need more bus stops in alot of areas!!	33324
09/24/2008	I take the bus to travel where i need to go. The only problem is that is annoying are when the buses do not follow there schedule and the wrose times riding the bus are on the weekends. The improvements should beginnig with coming out with a way to improve the schedules on the weekends. Also they need to tell bus drivers to stop leaving people when they see a bus coming. For example the seven sees the number two bus coming but it gets the light frist. they know people are coming off to catch that bus but do you think they wait or care NO! and it is very upseting know that you have to wait for nearly a hour for the next bus. Majority of us are late to work because of that also. Finally i understand that funds need to be proved to pay for the new services but do you really have to raise the price on bus fare? Most people do not have the extra dollar to spend. I hope good changes are made and for the best.	33023
09/24/2008	BCT needs better routes and timetables. I shouldn't have to wait an hour on a weekday in the middle of the day for the 88 to come. There needs to be more buses in circulation	33322
09/24/2008	Can we please get lower gas prices	33023
09/24/2008	I think more people would use public transportation, such as buses, if they were more reliable and stopped at bus stops more frequently than they currently do.	33317
09/24/2008	Connecting Sawgrass expressway with 95 would be great (Like 595 connects 95 to Turnpike and Sawgrass). Also, make corrections on 95 in between Glades Rd. and Sample Rd. to make the traffic flow freely.	33073
09/24/2008	I live in Hollywood near the beach and attend Broward College. If it was easier to do, I would take the bus everyday. We need more direct routes and less cars on the road.	33019
09/24/2008	We need decent public transportation! something we can actually use to get to places like work and school from anywhere in Broward County.	33324

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09/24/2008	If public transportation were more reliable and had better routes, such as the bus system, I would definitely put away my car and start taking the bus. But for me, it's unreasonable because with the bus, I find that I don't get where I need to be on time and to get someplace on time, I have to leave a couple hours earlier; whereas with my car, I can leave as late as a half hour before i need to be somewhere and get there on time. But once there's better routes, and more reliable busses, I will definitely put away my car. Gas prices are too high.	33317
09/24/2008	Let's make a change now. So that we may ensure a better future.	33009
09/24/2008	Save the Davie Green Route!	33026
09/24/2008	lower gas prices or give us gas money	33313
09/25/2008	I think transportation should be available on timely basis	33023
09/25/2008	I beleive Buses need to be more frequent and stop running so behind and every 30-45minutes in Broward County. Miami-Dade transit has it more together. Also we need more bus stop seats for riders at the Bus stop especially along US-1 why were these moved? Bring them back.	33004
09/25/2008	The public transportation (Broward Transit) is very inconvenient and unreliable which force many people to use their own cars, which would then adds to transportation congestions.	33313
09/25/2008	This survey is limited, as I am forced to indicate only one choice per question, with no option for a fill-in. In several questions, there was no one best choice, and my answer was "chosing the lesser evil" between two or more choices.	33160
09/25/2008	I feel there should be more bus route's.	33312
09/25/2008	I am sure that more people would use the bus if they were readily available during the night. I believe that it would be much better if the city buses were to run later and more frequently at the later hours. It would be a prayer come true if they were 24 hour.	33311
09/25/2008	Bus Routes do not serve many patrons, and schedules are not reliable.	33024
09/25/2008	More bicycle friendly roads and updated bus routes! please!	33314
09/25/2008	I think that better routes for connections and a much shorter schedule for eta would be suitable. In New York we have better schedules, lots more buses and connections. We didn't wait 40 or 50 minutes between exchanges nor did we wait 40 or 50 minutes between buses. Every ten minutes buses would show up and no one was late to work. We are talking about from one borough to another. The bus transportation is rediculous here in Florida. Which is why I drive.	33313
09/25/2008	The "Breeze" Limited Stop Buses are a great idea. It would be beneficial to have more routes use the "Breeze" system and Longer hours of operation on existing routes would be beneficial.	33020

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09/25/2008	The Schools and Colleges of Broward county should have bus transportation .This would not only decrease environmental pollution and traffic congestion ,but also help a lot of parents and students alike who would like to save on their gas and also save them from parking hassles!	33326
09/25/2008	Public transportation should be improved in terms of hours and availability	33314
09/25/2008	need more buses	33326
09/25/2008	I think we should focus on Broward County alone. Expanding/building more roadways seem like an easier solution, when is that going to end, we cant have broward county all roadways. Also we should keep in mind doing our part to save the planet. Buses and car pooling are great solutions.	33334
09/25/2008	It is essential to provided a safe and reliable form of massive public transportantion for short and long distances. Tri Rails and buses with efficient use of energy would improve drastically our street traffic and environmental pollution. Consequently, providing a higher standard of living based on the common confort and shared values, instead of todays individualistic, segragated society.	33321
09/25/2008	I would like to see more frequent and reliable bus service on weekends.	33004
09/25/2008	I believe that widening roads isn't necessary because it's just taking away the space that could be used to plant more grass and/or trees. The county should work on the traffic light coordination more to help with the flow of traffic and keep the misuse of time to a minimum.	33023
09/25/2008	I believe tthat we should improve public transportation by adding more buses to facilitate public transportation.	33313
09/25/2008	ive notice routes connecting to colleges dont run often which is a burden having to either leave 2-3 hours early just to be making it on time to school or having to wait 2 hours for the next bus. its quite annoying if by car it only takes 10 mins from school to home or vice versa but by bus it takes me close to 2 hours.	33317
09/25/2008	I was a customer of the Broward transit system (Buses) for 4-5 years and can tell you that it is extremely unreliable, filthy and smelly as most of the passengers are homeless or those whose only option is to ride the buses. I saw very few business type riders. I am so glad I don't have to use the Broward transit system anymore!!!!	33441
09/25/2008	i think its important that there is more punctual bus routes and expansion on bus routes, because many individuals depend on the bus line to get them to there destinations, ands its frustrating sometimes cause it tells you one thing, then you end up waiting longer, or the stop is no longer there. It needs to be better organized, and there should be more bus stops with shelter from rain and so forth.	33311

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09/25/2008	I think that if there were bus routes going directly to and from colleges (without stops in between), coordinated with class times students would be more likely to use the bus. many times, especially at night classes end at 930 and the last stop at the college is 845. Also, it would be nice to have a text service where you can check if the bus is running on time or when it is expected to arrive at a certain stop.	33064
09/25/2008	I think that during the night time shift of buses should be the same during the day shifts.	33322
09/25/2008	When you widen a road, by the time your done it needs widened again. Make it bigger in the first place.	33068
09/25/2008	You should create new trains lines that connect with the existing line and improve schedules	33305
09/25/2008	I believe used of train will help commute if they are running in regular basis and it will become cheaper.	33323
09/25/2008	We need a better more reliable transportation system in palm beach county.	33437
09/26/2008	I think we are wasting money on public transportation and are not focusing on expanding roads and making the traffic run smoothly	33067
09/26/2008	Human activities have changed the climate of the earth, with significant impacts on ecosystems and human society, and the pace of change is increasing. Specially, Broward County tends to extend. This Long Range Transportation Plan is positive in order to solve transportation crisis and climate change. Broward County, you are on the right track with that survey. Let it be real!	33311
09/26/2008	no comment	33324
09/26/2008	Bike lanes. Make it safe for cyclists and more people will ride bikes.	33064
09/26/2008	There should be more efforts in having available tranportation to the trains or plans with schedules to get to the stations. Example, for people living 5 or miles from the station.	33417
09/26/2008	I believe to focus on more than just the county issues one at a time would allow people to avoid the bigger issue of congestion on the roadways. If you are to far from work and school to need to worry about connecting counties, it is time to move to a different county, attend school in the county you live, and get a job closer to home. With the available housing in south Florida in general it is about time for people to start thinking about being closer to the things that matter most to them. Taking back as much time as you can from your daily routines, to try and increase your expectation of free time to enjoy yourself is the best comment I can share. Changing our own lifestyles would help alot, not just searching for answers one dimensionally through tranpotation improvements. However combined improvements with lifestyle changes would make sweeping changes across the board.	33062

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09/26/2008	I think the main issue with BC students is transportation. As a Central Campus student living in Sunrise, I have to take two, sometimes three buses just to arrive at school, and at nights I have to ask someone for a ride home (or walk) because my bus doesn't run as late as my classes.	33322
09/26/2008	we should only have to take one bus from coral springs to fort lauderdale. its a big inconvenience taken several. florida weather is to hot to be sitting or standing waiting for you next bus	33071
09/26/2008	The bus service sucks. There needs to be more buses running every 5 to 10 mins.	33323
09/27/2008	No Comment	33311
09/27/2008	We need a monorail in Broward better than the one in Dade.	33324
09/27/2008	I think the public transit system specifically buses have been quite reliable in Broward county. I took it to school for 2 years and it met my demands.	33023
09/27/2008	Bus driver should leave at the schedule time not earlier or later because by doing so people who relie on the bus to get to work on daily basis get there late	33020
09/27/2008	we should have rail running through busy areas more comvenient like atlana ga and other fast paced cities	33325
09/27/2008	More buses and more trirail service is needed	33066
09/27/2008	more buses or less time	33063
09/27/2008	Because of the state of the economy bus rates are understandably rising, but the quality of the services should rise proportionally. More express buses, more later running buses (particularly the ones that go cross county), and more buses in general so they aren't 30 minutes or more apart (10-15 minutes should be the max).	33314

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09/27/2008	<p>Practical and reliable public transportation is the key to increase its use. Greater investment in walking and biking paths is not very practical in Florida, because everything is so far away. Most people are not going to walk or bike over a mile to get to their destination. If you need milk, you have to get in your car. It would be great to have the ability to walk or bike somewhere but there is no where close to go. Also, an investment in this type of transportation would not help those with the most transportation need like our elderly and teens. Public transportation should focus first on serving those most in need along with our MOST local markets; post office, library, hospital, places of worship, movie theatre and YMCAs. Concentrate on the basics. This will quickly improve reliability (short trips). This will quickly improve visibility. And, most importantly this will quickly increase transportation use while minimizing fuel cost (more people to shorter distances). I actually feel sorry for a person when I see them out there on a main road waiting for a bus, usually standing in the mucky grass. I know the effort it takes them to get to the bus stop. First they must weave out of their community with plenty of time to cross over a busy intersection, and then wait as the cars whizz and splash by. Buses should come even into our gated communities. Broward's gated communities have populations bigger than some Florida cities. Seeing buses in our communities would make public transportation part of our daily living, instead of a foreign concept. This would be GREAT as our population ages. It would allow the elderly to stay in touch with their communities, keep their independence and use public transportation for most if not all of their needs. As our children grow into teenagers they can also be more independent and reap the benefits of public transportation. It would be helpful for them to use transportation on their own before becoming drivers. Not every parent wants their highschooler driving. I would personally prefer to have my child wait until he graduated from highschool before he began to drive. But in Florida that is not very possible. The use of public transportation at a young age is vital in promoting its use. Those in high school would view it "way more mature" to use public transportation than a yellow school bus. Perhaps as young adults they will continue to use the bus to go to their local bar or restaurant and NOT drink and drive. As a mother of a toddler, I would love to get on a bus with my baby just for fun. What little kid wouldn't love that. What great training for the school bus and for the later use of public transportation. But, how do I do that? Drive????? Today, Public transportation in Broward County is a major waste of time and THE transportation of last resort. If I were in charge, I would think first of connecting the community to the local area and then the local area to the community at large. A transportation network should start as close to the end user as possible. Now that fuel cost are so high it is a great time to offer a real transportation alternative. People are open. Grab this opportunity. Focusing on our daily habits and needs will help reduce the use of private cars and truly improve our infrastructure. Also, the more people use public transportation, the more dollars and reasons you will have to continue to invest in it. Good luck. Thank you for allowing us an opportunity to complete this survey. This is a great fist step. Congratulations!!!</p>	33331

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09/27/2008	More frequent buses, more bus routes, and easier access to other types of public transportation is needed here in Broward county. This will reduce greenhouse gasses and be very helpful to the working person, students, and seniors.	33063
09/28/2008	Light rail should have been planned and implemented in Broward County 20 years ago. Most large cities have reliable stree free transportation through the entire city. In Boston, New York, Chicago, and other examples come to mind. The system would need to be well planned and will also benefit the aging population of Florida, allowing more mobility and less accident due to failing eye sight.	32201
09/28/2008	There should be a public transportation system that runs along I-595 to connect the city of Weston to Downtown Fort Lauderdale, either a light rail or heavy rail. As well as another one to run along the Sawgrass Expressway and I-75. With major streets, there should be lanes that are for busses only.	33328
09/28/2008	I would make use of bike paths and sky-trains most often if they were more available.	33302
09/28/2008	NONE	33311
09/28/2008	I believe that we need better public transportation. With this I mean that we need faster, and safer buses. As well as more bus stops locations, weather convenient bus stops, and a lot more drop and pick up bus stops.	33065
09/29/2008	From Pembroke pines to Oakland park and Dixie Highway it would take me two hrs and I have to cahnge around 4 buses. How can I depend on public transporation now!!!!!! There should be something from east to west wise versa. Focus should be to creat a bus route driect from west ot east non stop or like an express.	33028
09/29/2008	I believe we should invest in a mode of transportation that is environmentally friendly, or at least more energy efficient than what south florida has now. That is my biggest concern, not traffic flow or gas prices.	33023
09/29/2008	one thing that should be improved is the timing of the buses. if a bus runs every thirty mins one shoul'n't have to wait an hour for the bus. another thing to invest in are the things that cover the benches so people dont get wet from the ran of cook in the sun.	33064
09/29/2008	Continue to widen existing roads.	33330
09/29/2008	they need to make to where the buses ar are on time at and safely routed	
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09/29/2008	Public Transportation, such as streetcars or a metro-mover, like Miami-Dade County has, is the best solution for South Florida. We have existing corridors North and South, but more importantly, West and East that could accomodate the dedicated travelways of these systems. With the addition of Park and Ride lots, these types of systems would be used extensively by local citizens. I have travelled to several cities inthe US and abroad that have streetcar systems and they work much better than bus systems for pollution control, reliability, and punctuality.	33004
09/29/2008	GAS NEEDS TO GO DOWN!!!!!!	33328
09/29/2008	I take the Tri-Rail from Coconut Creek to Miami and use the Metro once I'm there. Other than the occasionally late train, I can't complain. This should be more heavily funded.	33071
09/29/2008	I would gladly ride the bus over private car as long as I got to work on time and stops were somewhat convenient.	33064
09/29/2008	I lived in Gainesville, FL for 3 years and the bus system was amazing. Some bus routes came along every 15 minutes and some came every 30, but they were always reliable. I believe Gainesville's push for a better public transportation system greatly reduced traffic and actually saves the residents money.	33064
09/30/2008	There should be more than just one bus that commutes to the College Campuses in Davie (ie BC, NSU, McFatter HS, etc) from the central and west terminals, or at least a more frequent schedule. Students have to go to school AND to work and do not have 1 or 2 hours (should the bus be grossly overschedule, as it usually is) to spend in doing so. Simply by increasing the number of buses per hour on certatin routes may eliminate a large amount of traffic by providing more people with a better source of transportation. For the city to expand roadways will be too costly to an already financially damaged economy and just further encourage a greater number of drivers on the road in a time when gas prices are sky-rocketing. The citizens of South Florida need not focus on spending our taxes but reserving them for changes that will help to save our money, not facilitate spending more.	33312
09/30/2008	BCT is horrible. Never reliable!	33023
09/30/2008	It is great that Broward county is taking an interest in what the publics' view on public transportation is.	33319
09/30/2008	We need to start the process of creating options for traveling around south Florida without using a car.	33067
09/30/2008	I want the buses to come on time and more new buses	33009
09/30/2008	More bike lanes will make for a safer and healthier South Florida	33067
09/30/2008	the expansion of highway and roadway lanes as well as the creation of new ones would greatly reduce the congestion and the amount of traffic accidents on the already existing, busy roadways.	33064
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09/30/2008	With the cost of gas inflating more and more people are using the transits to work, school and other activities therefore i think the major routes(like university dr, 441, US1 etc...) hours should expand til around midnight or 1 am. It would be of advantage for lots of people; people who are force to leave work early just to catch the bus on time will benefits a lot from such change.	33321
09/30/2008	I am a college student and would love to use a "subway" type of transit system. Even though broward county is so spread out unlike a downtown, I would use it if it was near my residents and went to major points of interest. such as downtown, BCC central, broward mall, target/home depot on university, ikea/sawgrass mall/bank atlantic center, dania beach, oakwood plaza, the airport, interconnected with tri-rail, etc. Also, because i'm a college student, reliability is also key. I would not be inclined to use it if i wasn't sure i would be making it to class or not on time.	33312
09/30/2008	We should focus on alternative energy mass transit. Hybrid buses, solar powered light rails, pedestrian areas, and create setbacks for vehicle stopping zones, so pedestrians and bike riders can travel more safely.	33331
09/30/2008	LIGHT RAIL AND ACCESSIBILITY TO IT'S STATIONS WOULD BE MY PREFERED METHOD FOR TRANSPORTATION.	33326
09/30/2008	I think the proposed WAVE system is a terrible idea. Working out a way to use the FEC railroad makes some sense but just simply improving the bus service would be a great immediate improvement.	33305
09/30/2008	need more money spend on this issue	33317
10/01/2008	I believe that a reliable light rail service to serve Broward County and roughly follow our grid system would be the best solution to our traffic woes. Other metropolitan areas in the country have fantastic public transportation systems and I feel that Broward and Dade county are very far behind.	33315
10/01/2008	I moved away from Broward County. One of the key factors was to regain the time in my life lost in Broward County traffic. Due to the fact most right of ways are maxed out there needs to be a focus on technology to keep traffic informed and moving. There also needs to be an education dedicated to common sense and courtesy for drivers.	34291
10/01/2008	we need to educate motorist on sharing roadways with bicycle traffic	33305
10/02/2008	Although focus needs to be placed between Broward & Miami-Dade, the greatest need by far is providing MULTIPLE east to west mass transportation solutions along/near Atlantic, Commercial, Oakland, Sunrise, Broward boulevards, etc.	33321
10/03/2008	As an avid cyclist and bicycle commuter, I would like to see the crossings on the bridges have concrete pathes all the way accross. They are very dangerous to ride when wet	
10/03/2008	Make lower bus rates and allow change inside the buses. Permit people who doesn't have exact money to ride the bus	33004
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10/04/2008	I would love to take the tri-rail into broward if there was adequate connections to take you into west broward or just to get to the tri-rail from west to east.	33023
10/07/2008	A metro-rail system similar to the one in Dade County with more optional stops, especially to downtown Ft. Lauderdale, Intracoastal areas and beaches and West to the Sawgrass Mills Mall.	33322
10/07/2008	none	33312
10/08/2008	I used the bus system last year when I didn't have a car. Attention needs to be paid to connections within the different bus lines in the county. The buses need to be coordinated so that if one bus is early, it needs to wait for the other bus to come in so that people can make their connections. Also, during the evening hours, there are not enough buses. My kids use the bus transit system and I would like to see an improvement. I use the system when I am going to downtown Ft. Lauderdale. The community buses are also great since they allow people to avoid having to walk if they live far away from the bus stop. I live in Plantation, near the West Regional Terminal, and use the Plantation Tram to go shopping and for recreational activities at Central Park.	33324
10/12/2008	It is time to invest in decent public transportation such as Light Rail and BRT and the only way to do this is to have a dedicated tax for public transportation.	33067
10/14/2008	Why does it take nine county commissioners at the cost \$100,000.00 salary per commissioner, to operate Libraries, Parks, & Transit? Think of the roadways that could be maintained and built without these salaries. Let's not forget these commissioners do not have a regional frame of mind. They all come from local municipal cities and their personal agendas are geared toward the cities they came from. All I know is what travel they could take and that is to take a hike.	33331
10/15/2008	I would like for pot holes in the road to be repaired quicky and for roads to be leveled out as soon as possible	33323
10/26/2008	I think more reliability of the bus service would greatly improve the number of passengers. Sometimes I am worried I would not make it to work on time if I took the bus, however I do take the bus when I am not on a fixed time schedule. Also, perhaps consider extending bus service to 24 hours, or start earlier in the morning and end later in the evenings. If possible, run normal hours on Sundays as well.	33351
10/27/2008	I think that thefunding of public transportation projects should go towards the improvement of buses and tri-rail schedules. More bus stops with better shelters, close to commercial buildings. For example, TOD's, but in small scale	33021
11/02/2008	First priority is restoring passenger service to FEC corridor. Second priority is downtown Ft Lauderdale streetcar system Third priority is east/west light rail on Broward from Broward mall to Federal Highway.	33301
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11/02/2008	i believe we must focus on the east-west congestion problems above all others. the congestion between downtown and western suburbs seems to be the most extensive drawback to our county. the sawgrass seems much better now that it has been expanded, but e-w arteries are still terrible. we have no more room to expand existing e-w roads, so i believe we should focus primarily on light rail to allow e-w workers to reach work while leaving their vehicles home. it must be reliable and convenient to primary western intersections where park and rides can be used.	33324
11/03/2008	synchronized the lights	33073
11/03/2008	(1) Florida's traffic signals are the least coordinated and worst I have seen anywhere in the USA. (2) The fact that pedestrians must PUSH A BUTTON (often within a SPECIFIC time limit) in order to activate a crossing Walk/Don't Walk signal is absurd!!	33312
11/03/2008	I think most people taking the survey don't know the difference between light rail and tri-rail, so I think those questions won't have an accurate answer. If there were convenient connections to my home and where I work, I would take any type of rail system to take me there, as long as it didn't involve too many connections resulting in a commute more than double the time it takes me now to get to work on the turnpike.	33025
11/03/2008	Walking & bicycling is now awkward and dangerous, yet is just as important as other traffic safety. Reliable and frequent buses are extremely valuable and serve many people and create an option for people in cars. The goal is to make bus travel nearly as fast as car travel, then people will switch to it. I think every dollar on buses may yield more then other expensive systems. Nevertheless, an east-west system on Broward and East Las Olas connecting to Tri-rail and the western communities (Plantation) might make sense for the long run.	33312
11/03/2008	Broward County needs a comfortable, reliable light rail system connecting the airport, port everglades, downtown and a few stops out west in order to get people to give up driving.	33305
11/12/2008	There should be more emphasis on water transportation. I only saw the water taxi mentioned once on the entire site, and that was in a question where it did not make sense to select it. What we need is some combination of the water taxi (on demand) and the water bus (scheduled). I would also like to see expanded trolley (or minibus) routes in the neighborhoods, feeding the major transit systems.	33312
11/12/2008	I think we need to get as many cars off the road as possible by implementing streetcar (fixed track) and or light rail systems, and improving pedestrian and bicycle travel.	33301
11/12/2008	encourage tri-rail use (conty connections) and increase regular connection services (trolleys/shuttles) from the rail-stations to downtown and other office-centric areas	33301

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11/12/2008	Jobs won't hire you if you ride the bus- they believe bus people are poor and as unreliable as the busses are. And what is the difference between lite rail & commuter rail? Could small busses go deep into downtown & neighborhoods? How could we get street cars into Broward streets & where would they go?	33311
11/15/2008	I believe adding commuter rail to the FEC tracks through downtown areas in the tri-counties would eliminate a vast amount of auto traffic. Bike paths and/or rails-to-trails would also help.	33304
11/15/2008	For several years I've been reading about other communities around the country working hard to make their cities/towns bicycle friendly. When I inquire about what's happening here, I get nothing but excuses (we don't have rightaways) and tales of what is to be but never is (Greenways). When is Broward County going to have a serious and massive commitment to becoming a bicycle friendly community?	33315
11/17/2008	trirail should be made more convenient and expanded and all railroad traffic should be run along i95 .eliminate east side railroad tracks	33305
11/18/2008	i do beleive more people would take public transportation if it was more convenient	33329

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08/16/2008	All three counties	33029
08/16/2008	All three counties should have seamless coordinated connections and planning and transit routes.	33324
08/16/2008	Really should be Palm Beach through Broward to Dade	33301
08/16/2008	We need to restrain our efforts from Miami-Dade as it is less likely to be a "positive" for us in Broward	33326
08/16/2008	Focus on major cities and where the congestion is	
08/17/2008	We need better connections to Tri-Rail	
08/17/2008	Increased growth in Palm Beach County requires better connections to Broward	
08/17/2008	Don't know but the same	33328
08/17/2008	More effort should be made to make transportation in Broward safer and at less cost to each person	33068
08/17/2008	Need transportation for college students	
08/17/2008	We need better road/st. transit with in our county. Also, east/west travel options should be the priority	
08/17/2008	Connect t Metro Rail (Miami)	
08/17/2008	Figuring out where bus stops are is a challenge. Also the wait between buses is intolerable	
08/17/2008	Lets take care of county residents doing business in our county first!!!	
08/17/2008	Make the entrie 3 (4-Monroe) system regional.	33067
08/17/2008	Commute three are the most important-this depends on centers, walk, bus, rail, bus, walk.	
08/18/2008	Don't expand the South runway at FLL	33004
08/18/2008	I don't think public transportation is going to be effective. We just need to get rid of the taxi conjestion around the airport and have light rail to the port. Persnally I never see myself using public transportation.	
08/18/2008	Plant more trees!	33322
08/19/2008	Since I don't work, public transportation doesn't affect me.	33004
08/19/2008	Please provide public transportation everywhere -- to airport, to connect to tri-rail, downtown, etc.	33311
08/20/2008	Need connections to regional employment centers like downtown Fort Lauderdale - Education center/Nova	
08/20/2008	To attend FAU in Boca from Coral Springs by public bus takes forever in travel. Davie FAU is even worse. It makes cars mandatory.	33301
08/20/2008	Inter county connections also needed but a little less so then internal connections	
08/20/2008	No feelings on Q9	
08/20/2008	Should be split evenly between Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties	
08/20/2008	Focus within county	33019

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08/20/2008	Inter County	
08/20/2008	We need more water taxi. West of downtown Ft Laud.	33312
08/20/2008	No Commnet	33301
08/20/2008	Better roadways - more routes - longer hours	
08/20/2008	This is the BROWARD MPO	
08/20/2008	It has to be across 3 counties	33067
08/20/2008	Little change - carpool on weekends. We need a more efficient transportation plan to include mass public transit. Most of the ideas in Q5 have to do with driving, which won't help.	33161
08/20/2008	Regional Transit should be focused on 3 counties - Dade, Broward, Palm Beach	33009
08/20/2008	We can't forget TriRail. This is not being used optimally.	33164
08/20/2008	When you do inspections all over the County, thru survey has no impact on me.	33068
08/20/2008	Extend Metro-Rail all the way to Homestead.	33177
08/20/2008	Need Tri-county area. Instead of allowing only one response - should have prioritized answers or used a ranking	
08/20/2008	All 3 counties need to work together	
08/20/2008	Traffic signals should be coordinated between major roadways.	
08/20/2008	Get better bus service in Broward	
08/20/2008	If bus servie linking Tamarac to the east is improve and reliable, I would ride the bus to work.	33319
08/20/2008	Tri-county	
08/20/2008	Let's get real! Between Palm Beach and Dade County. Lightrail line on U.S. 1 from WPB to Miami. Buses one-w corridors. Service every 10 minutes. Do it right or don't bother.	33441
08/20/2008	Priority should be to provide B.C. with a "real" transit system. it should concentrate on east/west movement as well as S/N within County. Neighborhood systems must be explored.	33324
08/20/2008	What were we thinking? Let's just think about our "EARTH". Less to on fuel anything. Battery-Hybrid. "Please"	33442
08/20/2008	Not enough mass transit in area of turnpike/western connections	
08/20/2008	Extend MetroRail into Broward - and then build on the rail standard.	33060
08/20/2008	busses seem to help the most with the gas crisis, this should be a focus.	33312
08/25/2008	To improve safety people over 65 should have manditory road test every 5 year at 75 it should be every 2 years.	
08/25/2008	Focus on system within county first then connectivity	33067
08/26/2008	Most of Broward and Palm Beach County connection needs to have the highest priority - because thats where we look forward towards Florida not backward	33024
08/26/2008	Until individual counties improve public transportationPublic transportation in Broward is severely lacking. Should send delegates to cities in U.S. that excel in the arena for suggestions - i.e. Washington D.C., NYC.	33067

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08/26/2008	Tri County Connection	33311
08/28/2008	The regional approach to from a (MCOG) Metro Council of government for transportation and other concerns.	33319
08/28/2008	I live too far from work (25 miles) to use mass transit or Tri-Rail	
08/28/2008	Capitolize new ideas when situations change ie, sale of FEC Rwy to RailAmerica... transit in addition to freight.	33304
08/30/2008	please have the stop lights adjusted to increase traffic flow. There does not seem to be any coordination between them. US 1 and sunrise at searstown is very frustrating when the train is running and there is no traffic but the lights stay red.	33305
09/09/2008	Do not use funds to enhance Sawgrass Mills use	
09/10/2008	The initial questions do not allow multiple responses or "none are appropriate" responses. The solution is greater rail/bus connection with greater frequency and longer hours. Consider the public transportation service of NYC, DC and Boston. Late night routes connecting diverse neighborhoods, universities and business centers.	33020
09/10/2008	I travel 595 West to the colleges every day. There is such a traffic jam that I am at a dead stop waiting to exit while others are zooming by at 50+MPH. It is extremely dangerous.	33312
09/12/2008	You did not address alternative fuels and clean energy. I saw only one reference to streetcars, I assumed this was electric trolley. I feel we need to set up hubs for transportation with facilities included for shopping, entertainment.	33311
09/15/2008	For a long range transportation plan a tri-county - Miami Dade, Broward, Palm Beach must be focused.	33024
09/15/2008	I have seen the benefits of light rail in other cities and it should be the main focus here, not more roads.	33004
09/18/2008	I have to take a car because my job is too far off the only rail to use rail as transport. Busses are full of the most disgusting dirty nasty people around. Why would anyone want to take a bus when you're going to run into these kinds of people. Gas prices are out of control which has caused me to carpool with people I work with which can be inconvenient as they may be running late or you may be running late causing them to be late or you. Traffic congestion is always a problem, I commute between Palm Beach and Broward. There are always accidents on 15 mile stretch I drive, sometimes I'll pass 2 or 3 on my way to work in what should be a 15 minute drive turns into a 1.5 hour drive. People drive like there are no rules on the road. Single occupants in the carpool lane constantly, slow traffic in the left lanes, busses, semi trucks in the left lanes. It's a daily headache going to and from work but its something I have to do because I need to work. I've been at my current job for 9 years.	33487
09/18/2008	Don't currently use public transportation but would consider bus transport if I needed it. Tri-rail doesn't get me close enough to my place of work so I need transport from station to work - which means more time, \$ and inconvenience.	33309
09/18/2008	College students, senior citizens, and government employees should be given a discount to ride the bus and/or trirail.	33311

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09/18/2008	Public transportation should work great in South Florida considering the population density, but people will not use it unless it can move people where they need to go without doubling the transit time versus an automobile. There seems to be a mindset here that public transportation is only for the poor.	33305
09/19/2008	Focus on where the largest groups are moving about.	
09/19/2008	Connect desinations	
09/19/2008	Should be 3 counties	
09/24/2008	A lot of time and gas is wasted because of traffic lights that are not synchronized. To get from my house to I95 can take 12 minutes for a 3 mile drive. More than half the time is spent sitting waiting at traffic lights. Same when I leave Downtown Fort Lauderdale to go home. One traffic light takes more than 3 minutes to change and then it only changes for 30 seconds. Often it can take up to 6-7 minutes to get through that intersection alone.	33309
09/24/2008	None	33331
09/24/2008	No Comment	33064
09/24/2008	The transportation system would be used by more people if it were as convenient as it is in Europe or even cities like New York. Switching trains/Buses and waiting/travel times can be quite involved at times. Thank you for trying to improve the situation.	33313
09/24/2008	Redo roads to make walking safer	33076
09/24/2008	We need to develop some kind of rail system that runs East to West and not only North and South in Broward County.	33063
09/24/2008	NA	33324
09/24/2008	They should have some of the buses running at later times in the evening such as the sawgrass 22 bus and the 12	33324
09/24/2008	better access to main roadways and parking	33026
09/24/2008	No comment	33179
09/24/2008	Get more bus routes and better night and weekend times	33312
09/24/2008	I ride the bus everyday. The biggest problem is that there are a lot of waiting time within the conexions. I beleive the Broward transportation system should be more developped, creating new routes or putting more buses in service. Another big complain, would be that the bus are often dirty, very noisy and old. I guess that by improving the public transportation system, which means adding more routes, less waiting times, and newer bus, would encourage car riders, to switch the car for the bus. Another improvement should be the bus shelters. I live in Dania Beach, and in my bus stop there is no shelter nor a single bench. When it rains or the sun is too strong, the waiting times are hard. Thank you for your work, and I'll hope the BCT will keep improving.	33004
09/24/2008	The bus transportation system definately needs to be improved. We need more reliable and convenient routes, and at least a bench to sit when we're waiting for the bus!	33024
09/24/2008	More safety	33314

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09/24/2008	I have been using the bus transportation for more than 2 years now and as a college student I can tell you that public transportation has to be improved. We need more frequency between buses, special routes, etc.	33004
09/24/2008	I use to use the Western Express but it was cancelled. So many people from west Broward travel to east Broward and would make use to shuttles or trains from over there. If there were more carpools or vanpools available people would use them even if it ment paying a fee for the service but the services aren't available or if they are people don't know where they are.	33327
09/24/2008	Please add bus transportation in and out of FLL/HWD Airport	33301
09/24/2008	I think the bus is a great idea however with the long delays between bus arrivals and departure sometimes what could be a 20 min trip can be a 1.5 hour ride and time is money when getting to work. I think dedicated bus lanes are necessary for a successful transit use increase and also an increase in how many buses to each lane. Right now if you miss one you are out to luck for at least 30 min - many people can lose thier jobs by missing one bus. Increase in buses would be key.	33309
09/25/2008	...	33313
09/25/2008	Reliable public transportation.. not having to wait 30 minutes for a bus to drive by. More stops	33025
09/25/2008	Thanks	33442
09/25/2008	this transportation plan would help a lot of kids that spend too much money filling up there gas tanks.	33317
09/25/2008	I would ride the bus if the routes were near my house and convient	33060
09/25/2008	I have utilized public transportation for a number of years, and there have been steady noticeable improvements along the way, considering the fact that the growth in Florida has been faster and more difficult to keep pace with due to lack of funds, and limitations in the area of road expansion, etc. There needs to be more focus on the coordinating schedules of the buses and less, on the expansion of the roads (there is only so much expansion possible). When riding the #62 which connects to the #31, the schedules are very rarely coordinated. In order to reach the connecting bus stop on NW 31st Avenue and Cypress Creek Road the passenger/pedestrian has to literally run for their life to cross Cypress Creek Road even at the cross-walk. The Florida drivers as well as the tourists seem to think that pedestrians have no right to be alive much less to walk across the streets. In addition, the route #31 which connects to the #42 (along Atlantic Blvd.) traveling west (Margate) is extremely challenging . The walk from the stop that connects to the #42 is impossible since the bus stop is a good 8-10 minutes walk and when a person is dealing with a physical disability that prohibits walking quickly, the possibility of reaching the stop before the arrival of the bus is impossible. However, there is a bright spot, the idea of the "Breeze" bus route is an excellent improvement along roads (University Drive, State Road 7, and Federal Highway) which allows for saving time on days when it really counts. The only additional suggestion that I have for this survey, is to request of the city/county (respectively), if it is possible to install a few more enclosed bus shelters. This is especially important on the summer days that are not only hot & humid but rainy as well. I thank you for your time and attention to listen to my opinion on this subject, which in the end affects all Floridians.	33068

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09/25/2008	No Comment	33063
09/25/2008	The bus's in Florida take forever to come. It's ridiculous, because people are waiting in the heat. There needs to be more buses for people, like the way they have it in all over New York	33160
09/26/2008	Need to widen roads/create more lanes, traffic is ridiculous sometimes.	33334
09/26/2008	i just think if nothing is done about gas there are going to be less cars and more bikes!	
09/26/2008	lalala	33351
09/26/2008	Public transport such as light rail trains would mean less cars on the road. This would decrease pollution and traffic.	33317
09/26/2008	no comment	33062
09/27/2008	I think we need more public transportation, especially in Broward County and also improvement on the timeframe on certain routes.	33025
09/27/2008	the biggest problem is gas prices beacause it affects everything	33314
09/28/2008	There is to much congestion. Buses with their own travel lane would make traveling alot easier.	
09/28/2008	We NEED improved public transportation with a greater expanse of infastructure so that everyone can utilize public transportation for commuting to work.	33328
09/29/2008	Less pot holes and light coordination would be awesome. Maybe even a light to turn into BC from Pines. =)	33160
09/29/2008	I think light rail in downtown Fort Lauderdale is a waste of money. The current buses that are operating don't even have significant ridership. Given that, why in the world would we use valuable transportation dollars on that type project?	33308
09/29/2008	I think that broward county transportation should focus on increasing the number of buses....	33317
09/30/2008	I feel that the BCT has friendly, efficient drivers. However the other 90% are rude, past by people waiting when there is room on the bus, and are never on time. Some drivers even go as far to leave when they see that people are trying to get on their connecting bus. If there was going to be an increase in bus fare we shouldn't have to go through this!	33023
09/30/2008	Please expand the bike lanes and provide a safe bike travel alternative.	33305
09/30/2008	Gas prices is not an unchangeable thing. If the headquarters want it unselfishly to be modified, they can just stop dealing with Arabia or lower the unnecessary taxes over the fuel or simply use our own fuel for the welfare of our country and its children, for because of the gas prices, we can't even dare to make a living while the paycheck remains the same. We're eating the gold in the country actually. We can't even afford to touch the charcoal.	33321
09/30/2008	None	33024
10/01/2008	no comments	33026
10/06/2008	I rely on bus transit to get around from school, work, malls, and home. I think it is very important to improve and expand bus transportation.	33311
10/06/2008	...	33023

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10/06/2008	no comment	33065
10/07/2008	I am a masters student at FAU in the Urban and Regional Planning program. And I must say that it is nice that a survey like this is being offered. Currently, I live in Boca Raton and have to commute to Ft. Lauderdale everyday for school. Many of the students in the program drive farther distances than I. Everyone in the program (and many outside of the program) complain that there is no reliable and safe form of public transportation that is offered within each city, county, or metropolitan region, not only to students but to others outside of academia. Moreover, the only form of public transport that is available on Broward Blvd. by the Fort Lauderdale campus, stops running at 9:00 pm (classes end at 10:00 pm), and is truly unsafe for anyone to be there at night alone. So in this particular context, we find time and efficiency an issue, but also problems with safety and accountability/reliability too. Instead of investing money into more/wider lanes or managed lanes, etc. I would rather pay more money to significantly enhance our public transportation system, which is really one of the main underlying issues. Please, address this problem because from speaking with many individuals in and outside of the university, there is a significant amount of interest and support in having the ability to increase the options for mass public transportation, whether by bus or rail. Thank you.	33428
10/08/2008	Have a metro system that covers most outskirts into metro areas in Dade/Broward	
10/10/2008	I see less buses on the roads, and I feel for those who depend on these buses. before I got my car, the bus was my only hope of getting to school, make groceries, go to the library. without the bus system, life would have been even more difficult. save our bus system	33029
10/10/2008	Need a better east to west connections with bus routes to minimize traffic and gas usage.	
10/10/2008	I find it very hard on us consumers as the prices for the bus passes keep raising. As a college student, even getting the 50 % off on the youth bus is still not affordable.	33312
10/17/2008	Focus on all 3 counties	
10/17/2008	Focus on local facilities for pedestrians	33027
10/17/2008	We can clearly identify patterns and needs (i.e. where are people travelling to or from for their jobs).	33304
10/24/2008	More benches on the walk around 39 to 52	33069
10/24/2008	tri-rail	
10/24/2008	Dont KNow	
10/26/2008	connections to residential areas is critical. connection between major transportation hubs such as airport / port between FLL and Miami as well as universities and large employment centers - and running along areas like 595 would be critical. LINKAGES BY RAIL	33322
10/29/2008	both	33311
10/29/2008	all	33311

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10/29/2008	Need more east/west	33305
10/29/2008	Inter county connections weston-hollywood - ft. lauderdale for example. Best thing to do is have more wider bike lanes.	33301
10/29/2008	Connections will allow for increased ridership - between broward and palm beach and broward and miami-dade	
10/29/2008	connections betwee.n broward and palm beach and miami-dade. Fix the train system	
10/29/2008	More light rail east/west street car in the city prefer Fort Lauderdale	33301
10/29/2008	Enhance local transportation 1st with a connectivity designed in for future	33316
11/03/2008	It is a shame that one cannot take a train from downtown palm beach, to ft. lauderdale to miami - when an existing rail line is already in place. a missed oportunity - regardless of who owns and operates the line.	33330
11/05/2008	I feel that creating a larger bus system that is more reliable will help relieve congestion of traffic within the County	
11/13/2008	Commuting stops all along the track between Port St. Lucie and Miami tri-rail. Handicap for walking.	
11/13/2008	Need improved mass transit. Transit that also runs east and west train.	
11/13/2008	Improve all county connections.	
11/13/2008	Create hubs in most populated areas.	
11/16/2008	Safety first	
11/16/2008	To provide better transit for future generation.	
11/17/2008	Better facilities and bus stop improvement at each stop.	
11/21/2008	I think that if I could rely on public transportation to get me to work during various hours and near the office and home I would use it at least part of the time.	33305
11/25/2008	We need more transit - streetcar	
11/25/2008	streetcar, connections	
11/25/2008	more transit - bike lane and public opinions	
11/25/2008	connections thru the tri-county	
11/25/2008	connections.....safe - along wth streetcars	
11/25/2008	We need connections to streetcar in the community.	
11/25/2008	need more connections along with more streetcars	
11/25/2008	more connections	
11/25/2008	more connections to buses	
11/30/2008	Buses are more flexible - no more density.	33314
11/30/2008	Retired	
11/30/2008	Connections between Dade County to Palm Beach County	33023
11/30/2008	Should include Tri County area	
11/30/2008	Most travel is close to home	

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11/30/2008	Never use	33023
11/30/2008	Most Miramar residents live in Miramar and work in Miami Dade County	
11/30/2008	East to west transit	
11/30/2008	state connections	
11/30/2008	Focus on Tri-County	
11/30/2008	Focus on improving highways, roadways, making them safer to drive.	
11/30/2008	Decrease population growth - res. & comm bldg = less traffic. Also, make dev. pay more fees.	33315
11/30/2008	Tri-County. Coming from (MTA) to S. Fla was a big change. If there was more mass transit I would definetly use it.	33308
11/30/2008	Higher speed limits	33334
11/30/2008	Tri-County	
11/30/2008	Please keep people from talking on cell phones when they drive.	
11/30/2008	The highways are packed to and from Miami. Cab drivers can not drive.	
11/30/2008	within broward county	
11/30/2008	Internal pathways	
11/30/2008	What about connections to areas along route to Tallahassee	

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The LRTP public involvement plan also offered an on-line public forum, where interested parties could provide public comments and interact with other commentators. This web log or blog, is located at [publicforum.broward2035lrtp.com](http://publicforum.broward2035lrtp.com). Following are the seven comments submitted to the blog as of December 10, 2008.

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7/31/2008	<p>I have lived in Broward County for 41 years and in Pompano Beach for 36 years. I also travel all over the County by car and by rail. With a little street sense, one can observe what works for transportation and what doesn't.</p> <p>The one single item in Broward County that needs work above all else is traffic signal timing. For 41 years I have heard a variety of excuses and no visible improvement. In fact, at many critical locations it has gotten significantly worse. For example, on Atlantic Blvd. and I-95, an additional signal was installed and now at every rush hour the traffic is backed up because of timing problems. The problem is major and was reported a year ago, however, like numerous others isn't being addressed.</p> <p>I would suggest that traffic signal timing is the one most critical item that needs to be address in Broward County, applying central computer controls to every traffic signal without exception. This can be done with digital cellphone technology and if done correctly, could raise the average vehicle speed by 5-10 mph. This, along with the removal of underutilized signals would reduce everyones travel time, which in turn would reduce the time each vehicle spends on the public streets and highways.</p> <p>The result would be lower fuel consumption, less pollution, reduced road rage, and lower operating expense for every vehicle. This is so important that all street and highway funds should be allocated to this effort until it is completed. Yes, that would mean stopping everything else, however the benefit is so great that it should seriously be considered.</p> <p>We also have a black hole where significant funds are being spent with no apparent benefit. I am a really big rail fan, however Tri-rail is a rail service that has little or no benefit to the community as a whole with extremely high operating expenses. It rarely runs on schedule and doesn't serve any significant population center, either residential or business. One observation, based on teh time of day, the Fort Lauderdale airport shuttle, based on schedule, arrives at the train station 2 minutes after the train departs.</p> <p>Successful regional rail systems serve business centers and residential areas, almost always without shuttle service. There are well designed and reasonably successful rail systems, look at New York and Chicago, for older systmes, Salt Lake City for a system similar to ours that works, Portland for its light rail system and Fort Worth for its intermodal facility. Tri-rail funding and the FEC corridor funding should be ended and diverted to the design of a system from the ground up, perhaps similar to the Portland light rail.</p> <p>In summary, I hope you will seriously consider the above reocmmendations on traffic signal timing and ending current rail funding.</p>
8/1/2008	<p>I think that we should have a training session to show people who want to use public transportation and don't know how. We also need ONE map with all the transit in Florida. Give me a break, Florida is seriously behind the times. What's happening with the timing of the intersection lights? This is a very simple way to give gas savings to the people of Broward County.</p>
8/18/2008	<p>as in other states with high traffic volume there are no grid lock signs at intersections with lights...the first offense would be either 3 or five hundred dollars and additional offenses would receive higher fines...this would be a great way to acquire revenue and it would be solely from the inconsiderate twits that cause more traffic problems then any five over and incomplete stop tickets....</p>
9/23/2008	<p>increase the toll fees for the Broward section of turnpike , to be able to pay for the need it bus routes , bikes and sidewalk ways . increase the tickets feed for any traffic offenders and increase the tax on any sale or tag on any car in Broward .</p> <p>if you make it expensive .</p> <p>you will make them use public transit, motorcycle , bike , walk , etc...</p>
9/24/2008	<p>Stop busing the kids out of their neighborhoods</p>

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11/12/2008	<p>There would have to be a campaign targeting employers that would condition them to the idea that mass transit employees are not just the poor entry level/ transient type of worker. Although, mass transit would have to be more reliable. Maybe between the time mass transit is developed to match the metropolitan world we have down here, there could be some kind of financial incentive to employers whose employees ride mass transit- Maybe the employer could get block passes for the employees to purchase, which would yield a record of worker ridership and a reward could be given if a high percentage of workers (of all levels blue collar to white) use transit systems. Right now there is too much time waiting for busses. And in our weather that is a big deterrent. There are more scary people riding than regular people. I have been using the bus system in Broward for 25 years; between cars or car in shop or cheaper. I have never been harmed but I have been scared, and harrassed by strange people wanting money and cigarettes. And our busses seem to have more than their share of mentally ill hanging around depot or the busses themselves. I guess that is another issue but it affects the way people perceive the desirability and security of BCT.</p> <p>And I can't say enough about the way perspective employers view people who ride the bus- here in So. Fla. Other places don't have the stigma attached to bus riders like here. I travel all over the country a lot. By car, by train and by air. And as far as metropolitan areas we are way behind the times. And how will we pay for this? No one wants to pay taxes. How does anyone think these kinds of things happen? How do people think infra structure like this is maintained?</p>
11/24/2008	<p>I agree with the light rail proponents here. Light rail along ALL major roads. To be clear I mean light rail should run the length of hiatus, nob hill, university, sunrise, broward, US1, a1a, just to name a few. If it is a major street with heavy traffic then it should get a light rail system or some elevated system preferably. Any street that doesn't meet a certain daily travel capacity by commuters, give them BRT. Oh and for God sakes, someone in Broward govt. take their head out of the dirt and start adopting new urbanism through out the county. Sprawl is unsustainable, inefficient and down right silly.</p>