





### Project Update to City of Ft. Lauderdale

# Central Broward East-West Transit & South Florida East Coast Corridor (SFECC) Projects

**February 7, 2012** 



#### **Transit Studies**





Building a network of premium transit.

- The Wave Streetcar
- FEC
- CBT Griffin Rd Alternative
- CBT SR 7/Broward Blvd
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## **Project Purpose**



- Provide high-quality, high-capacity transit service to:
  - Serve east-west travel in Central Broward
  - Foster economic growth & development
  - Improve mobility to/from activity centers
  - Reduce VMT and vehicle emissions





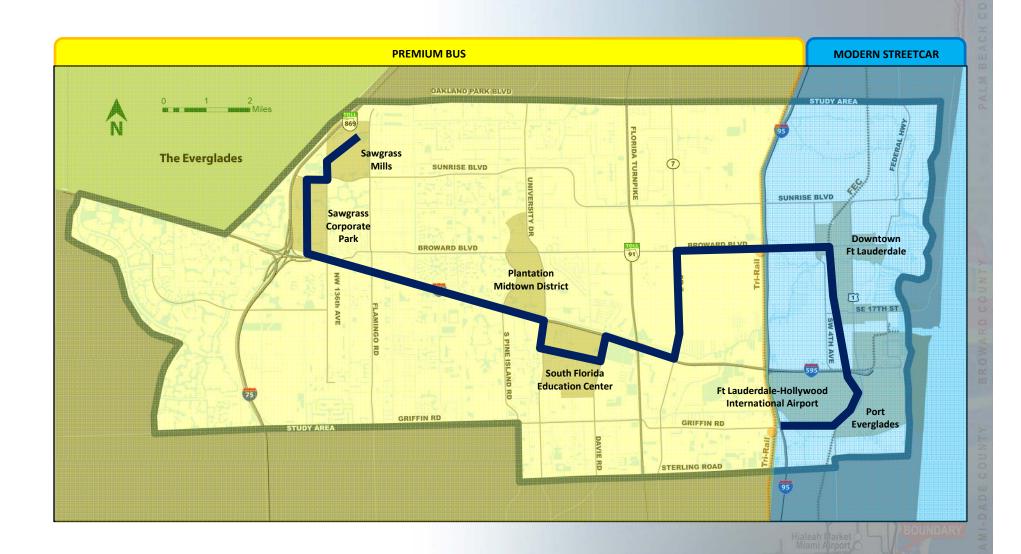






# CBT - SR 7/Broward Boulevard

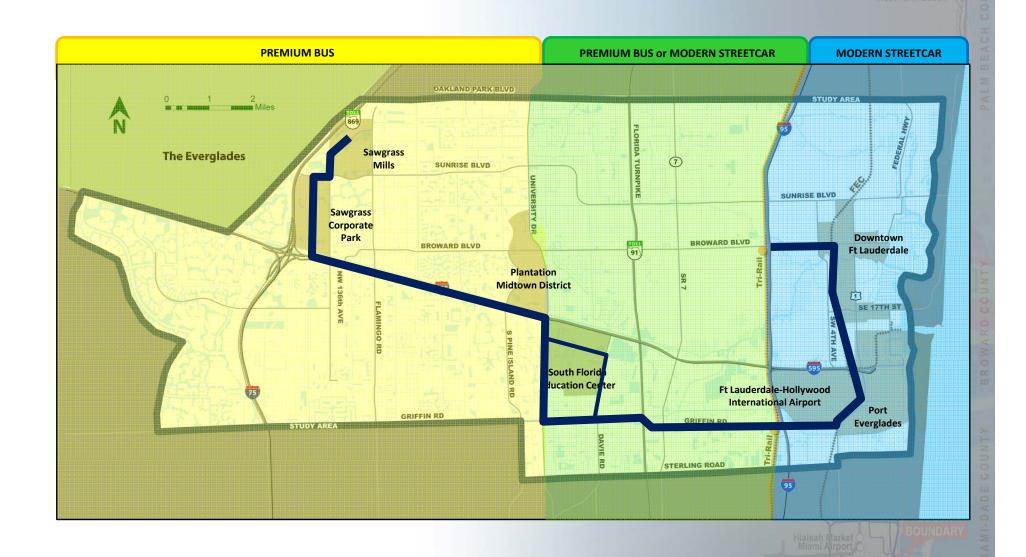






# CBT - Griffin Road Alternative

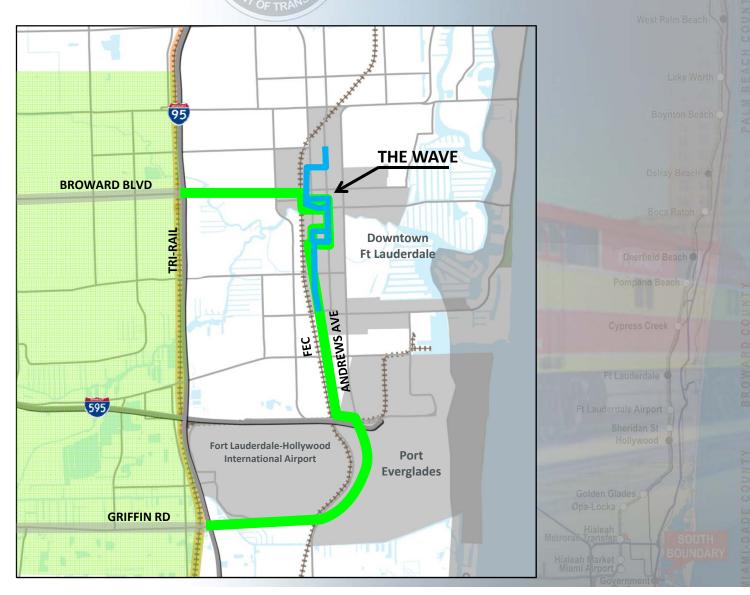






# CBT - The WAVE Connection







## Modern Technology



#### **Premium Bus:**

- Larger seating capacity
- Comfortable interior
- Fewer stops
- Pre-board ticketing



#### Modern Streetcar:

- Integrates into the community
- Attractive interiors
- Fewer stops
- Pre-board ticketing

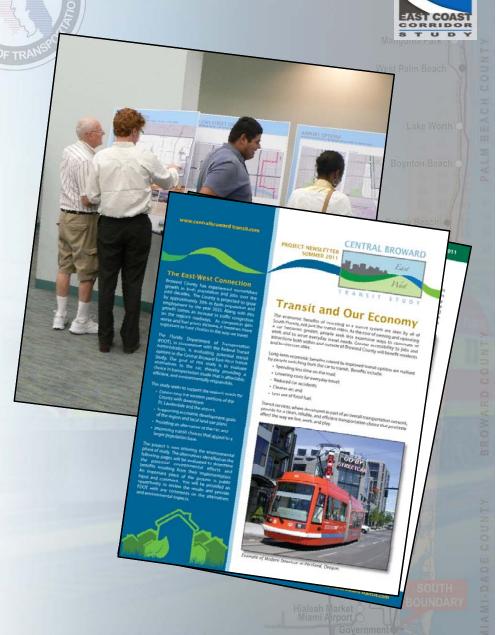




## Public Participation and Outreach



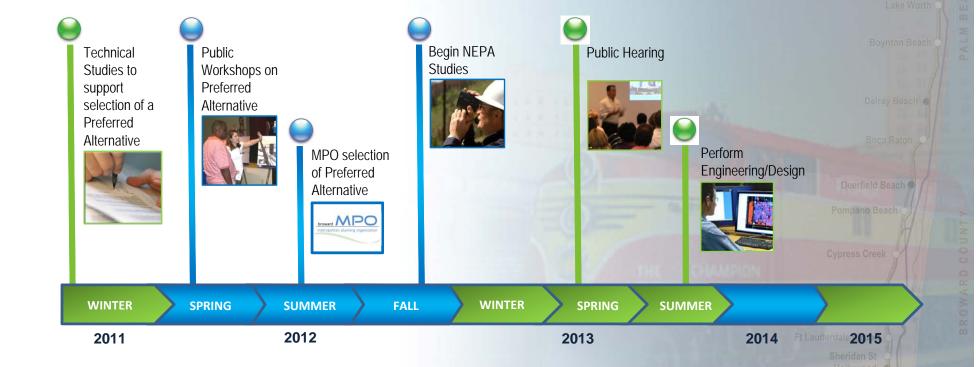
- Stakeholder Presentations:
  - Broward MPO
  - Cities
- Working Groups:
  - Fort Lauderdale
  - Davie and Dania Beach
  - Sunrise and Plantation
  - SR 7/Broward Boulevard
- Technical Advisory Group (TAG)
- HOA Outreach
- Public Meetings
- Newsletters and Postcards
- Website
- E-mail Blasts





# CBT - Next Steps









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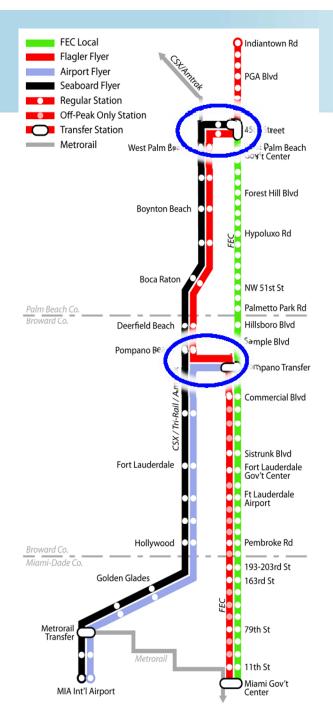
#### SFECC Goals - An Ultimate Integrated "Vision"



- Re-introduce passenger rail service on FEC Corridor (85 miles)
- Enhance mobility options in eastern core areas of 3 counties
- Create conditions for economic growth and redevelopment
- Leverage existing rail system infrastructure balance passenger and freight
- Strengthen east-west connections



South Florida East Coast Corridor vision is a regionally integrated, cost-effective transit alternative connecting the dense eastern communities and providing economic growth opportunities in south Florida.



## System Master Plan "Vision"



- MPOs requested FDOT to lead Regional Study in 2005 – consolidated various studies
- Regional Rail Alternative on 85-mile corridor
  - Operates on shared track with freight trains
  - Integrated with Tri-Rail
  - Providing both local and express service
  - Up to 52 potential stations





#### Local Support for System Master Plan



- Over 30 Resolutions of Support to date
- Broward MPO and Palm Beach MPO
  - Adopted supporting resolutions
  - Included as Illustrative Project in 2035 LRTP
- Miami-Dade MPO
  - Resolution deferred for future decision
  - Included SFECC Planning in 2035 LRTP as Priority 1 highest level
- SFRTA/Tri-Rail and SEFTC (Tri-county Regional MPO body)
  - Adopted supporting resolutions
- Numerous Comp Plan Amendments adopted and pending to support













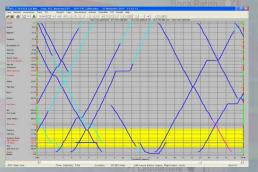


### SFECC Status - Ongoing Activities



- Refine System Master Plan
- Develop strategy to phase in service
- Maintain eligibility for Federal funding
- Develop Technical Tools
  - Ridership Modeling with FTA
  - Rail Operations Simulation with FEC







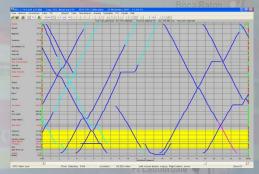


## SFECC Status - Ongoing Activities



- Coordinate with FEC
  - Understand major infrastructure needs
  - Ongoing Port Work
- Concept Engineering
  - Track Plans & Cost Estimating
- Station Planning
- Prepare for Environmental work
- Public Outreach









### Development of SFECC Phasing Strategies



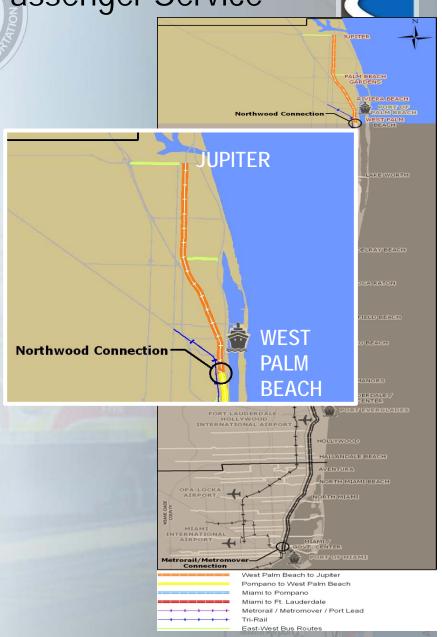
- Ultimate 85-mile project complex and costly service must be staged
- Phase in service(s) based on forecast need, public input and support, available funding, independent utility and local priorities
- Assumptions:
  - Connects existing sidings to form second track
  - Cost ranges shown are planning level estimates
  - Capital costs include: trackwork, right-of-way, signals, sitework, platforms, canopies, signage, fare collection, professional services, contingency
  - Rolling stock not included in estimates:
    - Dependent upon ridership and service plan
    - FTA approved Sunrail initial start up vehicle bid \$61M
    - FEC initial start-up vehicle estimate \$100M
  - FEC corridor access costs not included in estimates



#### West Palm Beach to Jupiter

- 15 miles; 3 stations under evaluation
- Extension of Tri-Rail to Jupiter via
   Northwood Connection
- Connects Jupiter to WPB
- Connects WPB to Miami and Ft. Lauderdale via Tri-Rail
- Capital cost range: \$170M to \$190M
- O&M cost range: \$8M to 11M\* annually
- FDOT submitted an Environmental Assessment to FRA for <u>FEC-Amtrak</u> service in August 2010

\* Based on service similar to proposed SunRail operating plan. Costs above do not include cost of accessing the FEC corridor or rolling stock.





#### Pompano to West Palm Beach

- 35 miles; 8-10 stations under evaluation
- Connects downtown West Palm Beach to Tri-Rail and MIA via Pompano Connection
- Connects WPB to Miami and
   Ft. Lauderdale via Tri-Rail or SFECC
- Capital cost range: \$340M to \$375M
- O&M cost range: \$17M-\$25M\* annually

\* Based on service similar to proposed SunRail operating plan. Costs above do not include cost of accessing the FEC corridor or rolling stock.



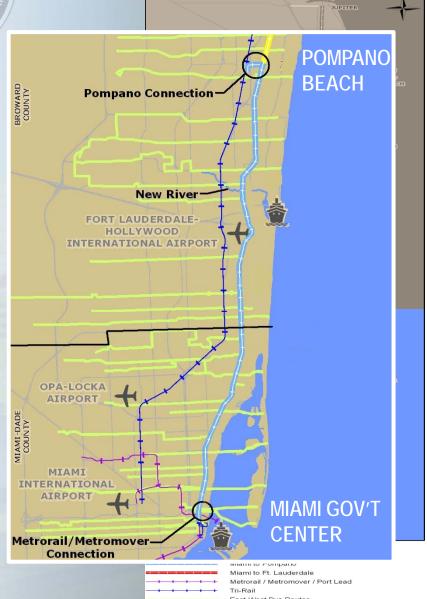




#### Miami to Pompano

- 35 miles; 9-11 stations under evaluation
- Connects downtown Miami to downtown
   Ft. Lauderdale
- Connects to TriRail via Pompano
   Connection
- Connects to Metrorail, Metromover,
   Express bus; planned BRT and "The Wave" streetcar
- Capital cost range: \$350M to \$390M
- O&M cost range: \$17M-\$25M\* annually

<sup>\*</sup> Based on service similar to proposed SunRail operating plan. Costs above do not include cost of accessing the FEC corridor or rolling stock.







#### Miami to Ft. Lauderdale

- 24 miles; 6-8 stations under evaluation
- Connects downtown Miami to downtown Ft. Lauderdale;
- Connects to Metrorail, Metromover, Express Bus; planned BRT and "The Wave" streetcar
- Includes IRIS Connection
- Highest ridership based on preliminary estimates
- Capital cost range: \$225M to \$250M
- O&M cost range: \$12M-\$18M\* annually

<sup>\*</sup> Based on service similar to proposed SunRail operating plan. Costs above do not include cost of accessing the FEC corridor or rolling stock.





## SFECC Funding



- Programmed funds:
  - Planning-project development/NEPA studies and conceptual engineering to support phased projects
- Funding needs:
  - Capital costs federal (FTA, Grants, TIFIA, RRIF), state, local
    - FDOT led Sunrail 50% FTA funded (New Starts)
    - Ft. Lauderdale "Wave" Streetcar pursuing both FTA funding and federal Beach TIGER Grants
  - Operations and Maintenance Costs (O&M) local, federal
  - Cost of accessing FEC corridor
- Finance discussions/workshops:
  - Begin after phased costs determined
  - Facilitate financial experts with locals
  - Develop innovative strategies/approach





#### SFECC Timeframes – Federal v. State Process



Federal process (EIS) – preserves eligibility for federal funding; 7 years best case; can revert to state process.

| AA/EIS   | PE       | FD       | FFGA       | Construction | Operations |
|----------|----------|----------|------------|--------------|------------|
| 2-3 yrs. | 1-2 yrs. | 1-2 yrs. | 1-2 yrs. / | 2-3 yrs.     |            |

State process (SEIR) – streamlines schedule if state funds become available; 5 years best case; cannot federalize project later.

| AA/SEIR     | PE & FD  | Construction | Operations |
|-------------|----------|--------------|------------|
| 1- 1.5 yrs. | 2-3 yrs. | 2-3 yrs.     | Operations |

Notes: R/W Acquisition included in PE/FD/FFGA may control critical path. In either case, Final Design and Construction can be combined in a Design-Build scenario.



# Project Websites



www.sfeccstudy.com

www.centralbrowardtransit.com



#### Mutual Benefits of SFECC & Central Broward

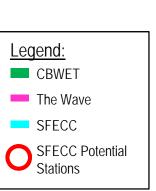


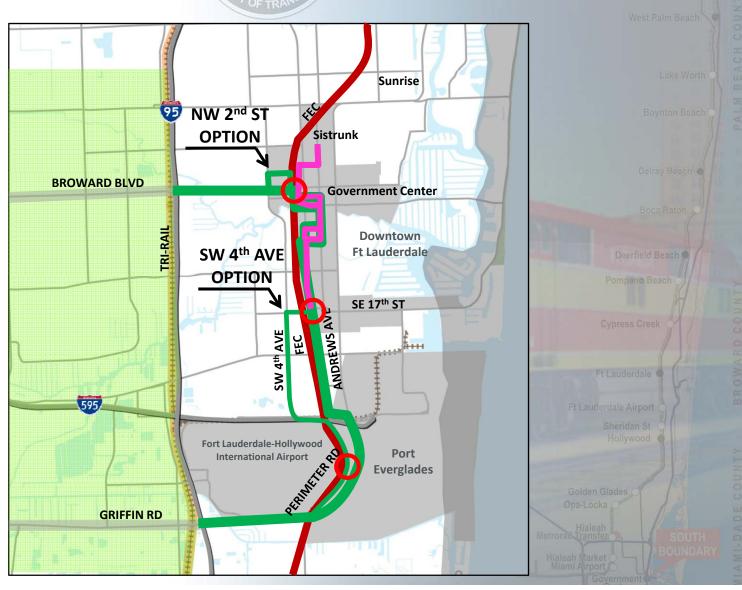
- Supports increased ridership on The Wave
- Integrates a seamless Transit System
- Improves mobility options in Fort Lauderdale
- Creates conditions for economic growth & redevelopment



# Central Broward, SFECC, and The Wave Station Coordination in Fort Lauderdale









## Next Steps



- Station planning efforts
- Finance discussions/workshops
- Community and Stakeholder outreach
- Ongoing coordination for projects & studies
  - Broward Blvd Gateway & Mobility Hub







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