



## Transit Office Newsletter

Creating a better travel experience with viable and reliable options to driving for residents and visitors of Florida.



# Transit News

## Local/State News

### [Trends in Transit Ridership—Analysis, Causes, and Responses Tuesday, December 13, 1 - 2:30 PM ET](#)

*Before the COVID-19 pandemic, transit ridership in the United States was on the decline. While agencies put more services in place and populations increased, transit usage continued to decrease due to density, telework, gas prices, and other factors. This webinar will address TRB's recent findings on transit ridership trends. Register [here](#).*

### [SFRTA agreement with FEC, Brightline moves MiamiCentral project forward](#)

*The agreement allows SFRTA personnel to begin training and testing for the implementation of Tri-Rail services at MiamiCentral Station.*

### [Revised Schedule for FDOT Regional Grant Information Sessions](#)

*The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) created new discretionary grant programs. Learn more about applying for grants and delivering grant projects in this interactive session with FDOT and FHWA.*

### [Measuring and Managing Fare Evasion Thursday, December 15, 1 - 2:30 PM ET](#)

*Fare evasion has significant implications for the financial sustainability of transit systems. This webinar will explore the many facets of fare evasion and the recent past and emerging future of fare enforcement on transit systems. Register [here](#).*

### [Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority concludes THEA CV Pilot project](#)

*The Pilot implemented connected vehicle (CV) technology into real-life scenarios using the Selmon Expressway as a living lab for testing.*

### [Downtown Clearwater transit center can move ahead after Pinellas Commission vote](#)

*Plans for a new public transit center downtown will move forward after the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority secured its final piece of funding Tuesday, with county commissioners voting to put up to \$8 million toward the project.*

## Safety

[Pedestrian Road Safety Audits 2-Part Webinar Series, November 18 & 21 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM \(ET\)](#)

Road Safety Audits (RSAs) can be used in any phase of project development – from planning and preliminary engineering to design and construction. They aim to discover what elements of the road may present a safety concern and what opportunities exist to eliminate or mitigate the identified concerns.

**Technology**

[RideCo announced as one of Deloitte's Technology Fast 50™ program winners for 2022](#)

RideCo (TransitLabs) received recognition as part of the 2022 Deloitte Technology Fast 50™ awards program for its rapid revenue growth, entrepreneurial spirit, and bold innovation.

[Digital Fare Payment Tech Is Finding Its Way to Small Agencies](#)

Transit systems in Wisconsin and Colorado are upgrading fare payment systems to app-based and contactless payments, with riders no longer needing to stand at vending machines or search for spare change.

[The 5 technologies reshaping the next decade of mobility](#)

Technology is changing everything about the way we move through the world. Here are the technologies that will redefine the next decade of transportation.

[Transit signal prioritisation: Bring riders back to mass transit](#)

Public transit has given way to cars since the pandemic, worsening existing traffic. But Transit Signal Priority (TSP) could be the solution.

**Funding**

[As transit fares plummet, federal money increases 95%](#)

From 2021 to 2020, federal funding for transit operating expenses rose dramatically. In 2020, federal funding made up 25.8% of the funding, while in 2021 that percentage rose to 36.2%.

[FTA Announces \\$13.1 Million in Grant Awards to Help Communities Plan for Transit-Oriented Development](#)

These grants, funded by FTA's Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning, support local strategies to increase transit access and encourage ridership through mixed-use and mixed-income development near public transportation projects.

**Mobility**

**Misc.**

[What Bird's recent shake-up says about shared scooters in small cities](#)

*The company blamed economic headwinds and 'convoluted and expensive regulations that favor car travel' for its decision to leave small markets.*

[New York City Department of Transportation announces micromobility pilot in East Bronx to expand to long-term program](#)

*The agency released a report highlighting the success of that pilot, which has logged more than 1.4 million rides with no fatalities and few serious injuries since its launch in August 2021.*

[How Alta Planning + Design Uses Replica Data to Plan for Human-Scaled Mobility](#)

*Detailed mobility data makes it possible to understand where walking and cycling happens today — and where new investments could prompt even more of it.*

[Election results: How housing, transit, environmental issues fared on state and local ballots](#)

*California's millionaire tax for EV incentives was defeated, while several affordable housing and climate funding initiatives passed nationwide.*

[The Fall issue of the Florida RTAP Bulletin is now online.](#)

*Featured Articles: Florida Transit Manager's Toolkit (register for an upcoming webinar), 2022 Transportation Disadvantaged Awards, SPOTLIGHTS—FPTA and CTD Award Winners:*

*William G. & Budd Bell Lifetime Achievement Award: Liz Stutts, Florida Department of Transportation (Retired)*

*Paratransit Technician of the Year: Michael Allen, StarMetro*

*Driver of the Year: Loucia Lynch, Palm Tran Connection*

*Driver of the Year: David Davis, Manatee County Area Transit (MCAT)*

*Dispatcher/Scheduler of the Year: Sharquita Smith, Senior Resource Association*

**Resources**

[Which is Better, a Consumer or a Branded MaaS Mobile Application?](#)

*Give riders the ultimate experience: Plan, Pay, Ride.*

[Transit Bus System Safety](#)

*Study the four pillars of Safety Management Systems (SMS) and how SMS and System Safety work together to help create a safer working environment. Discover how the application of*

[Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility Strategic Plan](#)

*Join this free webinar to learn about the Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM)'s recently adopted 2023 – 2026 CCAM Strategic Plan, resource commitments, and next steps for implementation.*

[Webinar - "Florida Transit Manager's Toolkit"](#)

*engineering and management principles, criteria and techniques can help to lower safety risk to acceptable levels. Explore the concepts of safety climate, safety risk management, the hazard reduction matrix as well as the hazard reduction precedence*

[“Federal Snapshot: Decisions in D.C. and What Lies Ahead” Webinar](#)

*November 21, 2022, 12:00 pm Arizona. Eleven state public transportation associations across the country are combining efforts and leveraging resources to bring additional training to their members. This webinar will focus on the 2022 federal legislative and executive actions that are bringing new policy and funding initiatives to transit agencies across the United States.*

*Tuesday 6 December 2022, 02:00 PM - 03:30 PM. This session will roll out the new Florida Transit Manager’s Toolkit. This document has been developed to supplement the National RTAP Transit Manager’s Toolkit, which provides new transit managers the necessary information initially needed to ensure their rural transit organizations are operating smoothly and are in compliance with the federal regulations associated with receiving Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 funding*



[FTA Public Transit Events](#)

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