

# Florida Public Transportation Association & Complete Streets



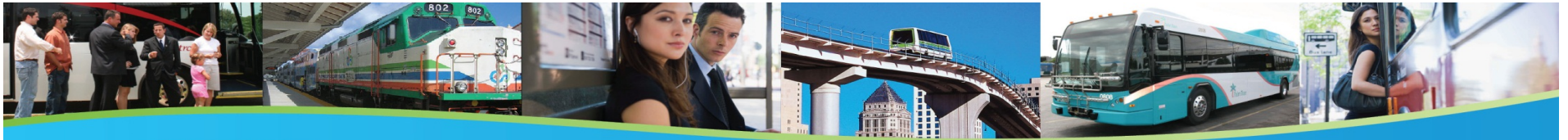
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## Florida Public Transportation Association (FPTA) Mission

- Our Mission:
  - To continuously support improved public transportation in Florida through advocacy, innovation, education, and partnerships.
- Our Vision:
  - Through the support of innovative public transportation and transit-supported land use, improve the quality of life in Florida.



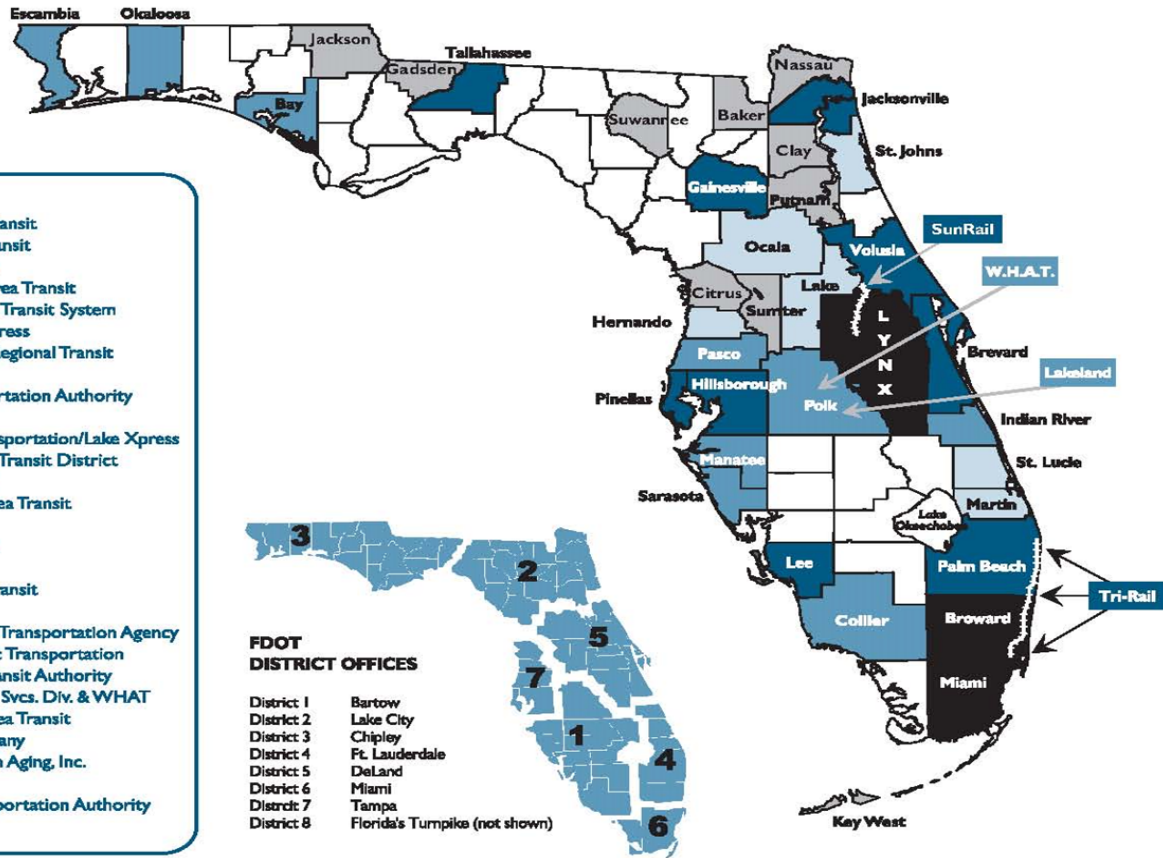
## Florida Public Transportation Association Member Agencies

- 30 urban transit systems operate “fixed route” services in Florida.
- 9 systems operate “fixed route” services in Rural areas of Florida.
- Annual Ridership = 278 million

## Florida Fixed-Route Systems

- greater than 200 vehicles
- 50-200 vehicles
- 10-49 vehicles
- 1-9 vehicles
- other systems\*

Bay	Bay Town Trolley
Brevard	Space Coast Area Transit
Broward	Broward County Transit
Collier	Collier Area Transit
Escambia	Escambia County Area Transit
Gainesville	Gainesville Regional Transit System
Hernando	TransHernando Express
Hillsborough	Hillsborough Area Regional Transit
Indian River	GoLine Transit
Jacksonville	Jacksonville Transportation Authority
Key West	Key West Transit
Lake	Lake Cty Public Transportation/Lake Xpress
Lakeland	Lakeland Area Mass Transit District
Lee	Lee County Transit
Manatee	Manatee County Area Transit
Martin	Martin County
Miami	Miami-Dade Transit
Ocala/Marion	SunTran
Okaloosa	Okaloosa County Transit
Orlando	LYNX Transit
Palm Beach	Palm Beach County Transportation Agency
Pasco	Pasco County Public Transportation
Pinellas	Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority
Polk	Polk County Transit Svcs. Div. & WHAT
Sarasota	Sarasota County Area Transit
St. Johns	Sunshine Bus Company
St. Lucie	St. Lucie Council On Aging, Inc.
Tallahassee	StarMetro
Tri-Rail	S. FL Regional Transportation Authority
Volusia	Votran



\* Key West Transit is classified as a rural system and does not report to NTD. Baker Council on Aging, Clay Transit, Big Bend Transit (Gadsden County), Citrus County Transit, JTrans (Jackson County), Nassau County Council on Aging, Putnam County Transit, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority, and Sumter County Transit are deviated-route systems and do not report in the urban NTD.



## Benefits of Public Transportation

- Reduces dependence on foreign oil
- Cuts air pollution and carbon emissions
- Helps build a strong economy
- Relieves traffic congestion
- Provides critical support during emergencies
- Offers mobility in small urban and rural areas
- Provides access for people of all ages



## Health Benefits of Public Transportation

- Commuting by light rail is linked to weight loss
- Traffic accidents decline as public transit usage increases
- Over 140 million Americans—about 25 percent of them children—live, work, and play in areas where air quality does not meet national air quality standards.
- Communities that are walkable and have access to transit generally have a lower dependence on automobiles and encourage physical activity.
- Studies have found that men who commute to work on public transportation are 44.6% less likely to be overweight or obese due to increased active commuting.



## Recent Transit Research Results

- Individuals outlive their ability to drive by 7-10 years
- Generation Y More Likely to Not Want to Own a Car
- Public Transit Users are Healthier and Live Longer
- Public Transportation Continues to be a Responsible Environmental Choice



## Trends over the Last Decade

- **Florida grew at a much faster rate than the country as a whole.**
  - 17.6 percent versus 9.7 percent- 2000 to 2010.
- **Florida’s Elderly Population continues to grow.**
- **Florida’s population is becoming more urban.**
  - In 2010, 87 percent of the state’s population was contained in the UZAs, compared to 84 percent in 2000.
- **Ridership on Florida’s urban fixed-route transit systems has increased by 28 percent from 2000 to 2010.**





## What Trends will Shape Florida over the Next Decade and Beyond?

- **Florida's Rate of Growth**
  - Projected to be approximately 12 percent between 2010 and 2020 as well as between 2020 and 2030.
- **Percentage of those aged 65 and older will Significantly Increase**
- **Florida has a much higher percentage of those aged 65 and above than the nation in total.**
- **Florida's urban population is increasing relative to the state's total population.**
  - Between 2000 and 2010, the population contained within the urbanized areas increased 22.1%, while the total population of Florida increased 17.6%.



## Committees FPTA Serves On

- FDOT Long-Term Transportation Plan Update
- FL Automated Vehicles Committee
- FL Pedestrian/Bicycle Partnerships Coalition
- FL Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Coalition
- FL Safe Mobility for Life Coalition



## Focus on the Future!

- Actively market to young people to attract and retain them as customers for years into the future
- Support the high-tech, rapid transit desire of Millennials and focus on access to employment and educational facilities.
- To better serve the Boomers and aging population, transit agencies will need to focus on improved access to medical facilities and recreational points of interest.
- More education and outreach with the elderly population may be necessary to assure them that public transportation is a safe and convenient way to stay mobile and active in their community.



# Focus on the Future!

- Transit Systems in the state that serve college students should market their services in a way that will encourage them to keep riding transit after they graduate.
- Many areas in the state are investigating the benefits of more regionalized service to better serve the needs of travelers, both traditional transit riders and “choice” riders.
- More regional services, whether rail, bus rapid transit, or commuter bus, can appeal to all transit markets, including tourists.

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