

# A.R.T.

## ALLIANCE FOR RELIABLE TRANSPORT

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Bruce Singer, President  
Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce  
1920 Meridian Avenue  
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

### Re: Baylink

Dear Mr. Singer:

As a resident-driven group, the Alliance for Reliable Transport (A.R.T.) believes that a light rail/streetcar system is in the best interests of both Miami Beach residents and businesses. We strongly urge the Chamber to support the recommendations of the City's independent consultant by restoring streetcar service to improve our quality of life and meet our future needs.

The attached A.R.T. flyers are based on facts and recommendations from the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and the Final Report by Miami Beach consultants HDR Engineering, Inc. A.R.T. was formed in April 2003 by concerned Miami Beach residents, in cooperation with local businesses and other organizations, in order to improve public dialogue on transit issues and ensure a voice for current and potential transit users. We invite you to visit our website for more information on A.R.T. and transit issues.

We commend the Chamber for its focus on this critical issue, and we remind you of findings in your recent research poll: that 2/3 of voters support Bay Link, and more voters prefer rail, along with buses, than prefer more or newer buses alone. While some residents oppose rail, and others oppose any transit proposals, the Chamber should note the evidence that streetcars will best attract "choice" riders: 1 of every 3 voters between ages 18 and 50 never ride buses, but would ride rail. These attitudes buttress the City consultant's call for a proven, effective transit system that will preserve and enhance the infrastructure of a world-class city.

Sincerely,

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