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Transit Alliance to Show Historic and Future Streetcar Videos

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WHO: Alliance for Reliable Transport (A.R.T.)

WHAT: **"The Miami Beach Streetcar, Past and Future" --
Two Short Videos to Help Inform Miami Beach Voters**
Video footage of Miami Beach's historic streetcars of the 1920s and 30s and an informational video with computer-animated models of the new BayLink streetcar plan.

WHEN: On October 18, 2004, 7:30 pm

WHERE: The Seymour, 945 Pennsylvania Avenue, 1st Floor Community Rm.

At its October 18 meeting, A.R.T. will present videos and hold open discussion regarding plans for the BayLink streetcar, projected to connect downtown Miami and South Beach. The streetcar plan is subject to a non-binding vote in Miami Beach on the November 2, 2004 ballot.

The first video shows historic footage of the original Miami/Miami Beach streetcar, which operated throughout the art deco building boom of the 1920s and 1930s until replaced by buses.

The second video shows a computer-animated model of the future streetcar, with virtual images of streetcars sharing travel lanes with cars and using signal technology to improve traffic flow. It details the new route, which follows much of the historic streetcar line but completes loops around South Beach and downtown Miami and also includes new transit lanes on the MacArthur Causeway. The video was funded by the Metropolitan Planning Organization and produced by the engineering firm that conducted the BayLink study.

"As a grassroots civic group, we want to inform our fellow Miami Beach voters about the history and future of the streetcar plan," says A.R.T. member Mark Needle. "The videos show that the streetcar is not only a part of Miami Beach history, but a first-class transportation solution for our future."

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The Alliance for Reliable Transport was formed in 2003 by Miami Beach residents who share an interest in improving public transportation. Monthly meetings are open to the public.

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