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ALLIANCE FOR RELIABLE TRANSPORT

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## MEETING AGENDA

April 3, 2006, 6:30 pm

at

The Seymour, 945 Pennsylvania Avenue, Miami Beach

The meeting will take place from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. this Monday. Meetings are held every other month on the first Monday at 6:30 p.m.

### Agenda

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

#### 2 GUEST SPEAKER: Commissioner Richard Steinberg, City of Miami Beach, Representative on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Commissioner Steinberg played a key role in Miami Beach's 2003 choice of streetcars as the preferred mode for a BayLink rapid transit connection to downtown Miami. One year later, he agreed to put the revised proposal before the voters on the November 2004 ballot (along with a controversial flyover project), which resulted in public endorsement of the BayLink project. Commissioner Steinberg now serves as the City's official representative on the MPO.

#### 3 DISCUSSION: Zipcar – a car-sharing model for South Beach?

Zipcar ([www.zipcar.com](http://www.zipcar.com)) is a Boston-based company that has established a self-service car-sharing model, enabling registered members to reserve an auto located in their neighborhood at any time and pay for it on an hourly basis. The model has typically been used in controlled environments such as a university or hospital campus, but some feel this model may be suited to pedestrian-oriented urban neighborhoods like South Beach. According to Zipcar, each shared vehicle can serve the needs of multiple occasional drivers, and thus reduce the demand for on-street parking. At a Miami Beach meeting in March, a Zipcar representative indicated that the model could be effectively adapted to South Beach if city officials buy into the concept.

#### 4 UPDATE: South Florida East Coast Corridor Study

"Kick-off" meetings in April will present information and solicit feedback on the South Florida East Coast Corridor Transit Analysis Study. The project seeks "to reduce roadway congestion and improve mobility by providing local and regional passenger transit service for Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade Counties along an 85-mile-long, two-mile-wide corridor centered on the FEC [Florida East Coast] railway. See [www.sfeccstudy.com/calendar.html](http://www.sfeccstudy.com/calendar.html) for more information and maps to the meetings.

Broward County FEC meeting  
Monday, April 17, 2006, 3:00 PM-9:00 PM  
Broward County Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
100 S Andrews Ave, Fort Lauderdale FL  
For information, contact David Ramil at 1-800-330-7444

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Miami-Dade meeting  
Wednesday, April 19, 2006, 3:00 PM-9:00 PM  
Gwen Margolis Community Center  
1590 NE 123 Street, North Miami FL  
For information, contact Jackie Kidd at 305-573-2049 x 43

## **7. Old/New Business**

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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. Meetings are open to the public.