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NEWSLETTER & MEETING AGENDA

August 7, 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 Update and Discussion

Updates by members of the Steering Committee on the following goals and communication strategies designed to reflect and implement the redefined mission of ART—promoting multiple, inter-connected and environmentally sound transportation solutions for our community:

- To develop a locally controlled strategy for streetcars on Miami Beach, including meeting with commissioners and local partners to advance consensus.
- To convene a regional forum for advancing collaboration and neighborhood-based solutions, especially in conjunction with the "Hold the Line" consortium.
- To convene a meeting (forum/charette) exploring how to make Miami Beach more friendly to pedestrian and transit alternatives, and to develop an agenda for "multiplicity" of local options in coordination with neighborhood associations.

3 New Business

Pedal Miami Beach

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Back to the Future? (Even Detroit's getting onboard!)

Isn't there a saying about "what goes around, comes around," or something like that? Detroit is looking to the future, and utilizing transit as an economic engine to rebuild and focus development is a strategy that is gaining momentum. When the very first streetcars began running along Jefferson, Woodward, Michigan and Gratiot during the Civil War, a framework was put in place for concentrated urban development. In fact, initially, private enterprise built the systems, often in anticipation of real estate markets and residential growth. Transit and buildings worked together to create pedestrian friendly environments, where goods and services complimented commercial and residential use, and made life for people on the street as convenient as possible.

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See the <http://www.modelmedia.com/features/transit39.aspx> article for details — thanks , Elliott!

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Closer to Home

Broward's lax public transportation system is slated to get a haulover:

<http://www.miami.com/mld/miamiherald/classifieds/automotive/15009591.htm>

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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.