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ALLIANCE FOR RELIABLE TRANSPORT

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## NEWSLETTER & MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday April 11, 2007

6:30 – 8:00pm

at The Seymour, 945 Pennsylvania Avenue, Miami Beach

### Agenda

**Please note this month's special meeting date!**

#### 1 Welcome and Introductions

#### 2 Guest Speaker: Jeff Bechdel

Mr Bechdel, Miami-Dade Transit new business specialist, will be updating the latest rapid transit—especially bus—improvements, some already in use. He will also comment on how recent local and state developments might affect public transportation policy. And, Jeff will extend an invitation for ART to participate in the national *Rail-Volution* networking conference (see below), held this year in Miami, highlighting innovative transit opportunities from around the country. As the former communications director for the Miami Beach Local (now the South Beach Local), Jeff brings a unique perspective to important ridership issues.

#### 3 Discussion: *Reorganization Update*

*Putting the ART mission—to promote multiple, inter-connected and environmentally sound transportation solutions for our community—into effect. 12-Month 3-Part Goals/Coordinators:*

- Website content (Tobias)
- Increasing membership numbers (open)
- Outreach: other organizations (open)
- ART's role in local elections (open)

#### 4 “5-Minute Quickie” Updates

- MPO TIP Interactive Meeting/Miami Beach streetcar efforts/BASIC (Gabrielle)
- Sierra Club/CTAC (Mike)
- Coordination with Miami Streetcar Project (Jeffrey)
- Neighborhood-based solutions collaboration with the UEL (Dennis)

#### 5 Old/New Business

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#### What **IS** Rail-Volution?

Rail-Volution is, first and foremost, a conference for passionate practitioners - people from all perspectives who believe strongly in the role of land use and transit as equal partners in the quest for greater livability and greater communities. You should attend the conference if you:

- *Want to see your community adopt an innovative approach to transit and other alternative forms of transportation.*
- *Work in the private sector and want to have meaningful interactions with potential new clients.*

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- *Work in the public sector and want to learn best practices along with colleagues from around the U.S. and beyond.*
- *Want to have a stronger voice in how your community plans for future growth.*

Attending Rail-Volution is like being in the midst of a living, breathing laboratory where the best new ideas from around the country are introduced, tossed around with great fervor, researched and tested thoroughly, and then shared among like-minded colleagues. Expect to attend hands-on workshops that feature case studies and how-to discussions, symposia that provide in-depth explorations of issues facing every community, and inspiring plenary sessions that showcase some of the best livability minds in the country and the world. Attend Rail-Volution and you are guaranteed to return home with a palette of new ideas and a toolbox of new strategies for making your community more livable.

See <http://www.railvolution.com/> for details.

## ***In The News***

Around the Caribbean—*Tren Urbano*

Where's the only Caribbean *subway* located? That's right—Puerto Rico!  
(I'm surprised, too; I thought it was Cuba.)

See <http://www.urbantransport-technology.com/projects/sanjuan/index.html#sanjuan1>



(Cool wheels )

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Fast? You want *Fast*?

French Train Breaks Speed Record:

<http://www.cnn.com/2007/WORLD/europe/04/03/TGVspeedrecord.ap/index.html>

We'd get downtown Miami in... how many seconds?

JHB

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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.