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ALLIANCE FOR RELIABLE TRANSPORT

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## NEWSLETTER & MEETING AGENDA

Monday May 7, 2007

6:30 – 8:00pm

...at The Seymour, 945 Pennsylvania Avenue, Miami Beach

### Agenda

#### 1 Welcome and Introductions

#### 2 Guest Speaker: Fernando Vazquez, PE City Engineer, Public Works Department, City of Miami Beach

As the Miami Beach City Engineer, Fernando Vazquez is responsible for planning and overseeing above and below ground projects. More germane to ART, he also supervises the Transportation Division of Public Works. Among his duties are overseeing the design and implementation of community enhancements like the 16th Street ROW improvements project between Bay Road and Washington Avenue; the city's bicycle master plan; and traffic-calming measures. Mr Vazquez currently facilitates the Coastal Communities Master Transportation Plan Steering Committee, which, among other things, is examining ways of streamlining future bus service along Collins Avenue, and recommending existing bus service improvements for the South Beach Local and A routes. ART looks forward to insightful updates into community initiatives designed to improve our increasingly urban environment through transit—and, for the opportunity of providing input on these important issues. A tall order, to be sure, but all in a day's work for the redoubtable Mr Vazquez!

#### 3 Public Forum: Round Robin of Citizens' Questions, Comments and Input

Derek Harrison will present a "time to think out of the box" look at alternative transit solutions

#### 4 "5-Minute Quickie" Updates

- MPO TIP Interactive Meeting/Miami Beach Streetcar Project/BASIC: Gabrielle Redfern
- Sierra Club/CTAC: Mike Robinson
- Coordination with Miami Streetcar Project: Jeffrey Bradley
- Neighborhood-based solutions collaboration with the UEL: Denis Russ

#### 5 Internal Planning/Reorganization Discussion

Putting the ART mission—to promote multiple, inter-connected and environmentally sound transportation solutions for our community—into effect.

- Increasing membership: Open
- Outreach to other organizations: Open
- ART's role in upcoming elections: Open

#### 6 Old/New Business

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## *Tracking Transit*

“Communities long for investment opportunities that enable multiple goals to simultaneously leverage one another.” Unraveling the workspeak, I think that means that putting down even a single track anywhere will induce the streetcar nuclear pile to go critical mass. Now, *that’s* as clear as Pluto on a cloudy night, isn’t it?

Anyway, see the article on how lowly Tampa got a streetcar while we still struggle to make the blind see the light. Headlight, that is. [http://www.ctaa.org/rail/rail15/Tampa\\_TECO\\_Line.pdf](http://www.ctaa.org/rail/rail15/Tampa_TECO_Line.pdf)

Keep the faith.



<http://www.ci.miami.fl.us/MiamiStreetcar/pages>

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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.