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ALLIANCE FOR RELIABLE TRANSPORT

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## NEWSLETTER & MEETING AGENDA

Monday August 8, 2007

6:30 – 8:00pm

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

### Agenda

#### 1 Welcome and Introductions

#### 2 Guest Speaker: Michael Gongora, Miami Beach City Commissioner

Commissioner Gongora, elected to a vacated commission seat via special election last November, is seeking reelection. The commissioner, who appeared as a candidate during a forum at the Seymour that featured other commission hopefuls, was cognizant of the need for addressing existing vehicular issues while proposing viable rapid transit solutions. After a year in office, the commissioner will be laying out his accomplishments, and offering his views, for moving our community into a more modern urban environment through enlightened transportation strategies.

Commissioner Gongora's website lists public transit as a top priority: "Parking and transportation continue to be a big concern of mine and one that I am also monitoring and working on diligently. Ultimately the solution to both of these problems is better public transportation that will cause a decreased need for parking and allow for transportation to flow through our streets." ART agrees. The commissioner will be addressing ways of implementing this process, and answering questions. This is an opportunity to involve yourself in the transportation future of Miami Beach.

Among other notable accomplishments, Commissioner Gongora is an attorney with the law firm of Becker & Poliakoff, and President of the Miami Beach Bar Association.

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

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

- MPO TIP Interactive Meeting/Miami Beach streetcar efforts/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.

- Website update (Tobias)
- Increasing membership: Open
- Outreach to other organizations: Open
- ART's role in upcoming elections: Open

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## 6 Old/New Business

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### *Tracking Transit*

Look! Even little Baltimore is knitting a rapid transit system that moves people around very well.



For more things Baltimore light rail, see [http://www.roadtothefuture.com/Balt\\_Light\\_Rail.html](http://www.roadtothefuture.com/Balt_Light_Rail.html)

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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.