

RTA REGIONAL LEADERSHIP TOUR TO SOUTH FLORIDA**Presented by GoTriangle and the North Carolina Railroad Company**

Tour sponsors: Atkins, HDR, Kimley-Horn, Research Triangle Foundation of NC, WSP
Tuesday, March 29 through Thursday, March 31, 2022

SUMMARY AGENDA**Tuesday, March 29:**

- Evening welcome reception in Fort Lauderdale

Wednesday, March 30:

- Kickoff Breakfast and Broward County Leadership Briefing:
 - Tour overview; Broward Co. mobility overview; Tri-Rail commuter rail
- Morning field visits in Broward and Miami-Dade counties:
 - Tri-Rail commuter rail; Miami Intermodal Center; Metrorail urban rail; The Underline linear park; Ghost kitchen flagship site; robot delivery
- Miami / Miami-Dade County Leadership Briefing and Luncheon:
 - Miami-Dade mobility overview; SMART plan/bus rapid transit (BRT); Florida DOT freeway/multimodal update
- Miami / Miami-Dade innovation interlude:
 - Brightline intercity rail, Circuit shuttle, Miami-Dade economic development
- Afternoon field visits in Miami-Dade and Broward counties:
 - Metromover shuttle; transit station development; Brightline intercity rail; last five mile options; electric transportation; climate resilience; downtown development
- Evening accelerated metropolitan mobility reception in Fort Lauderdale

Thursday, March 31:

- Recharge Breakfast and hotel check out
- Regional Leadership Discussion
- Fort Lauderdale leadership briefings:
 - Mobility innovations; climate resilience; downtown development
- West Palm Beach / Palm Beach County Leadership Luncheon and briefings:
 - Mixed use development in West Palm Beach and Palm Beach County, last mile solutions
- Early afternoon field visit in Palm Beach County
 - Tri-Rail commuter rail transit-oriented development site
 - I-95 express lanes

Logistical notes

- *Tour activities for each day begin and end at the Riverside Hotel in Fort Lauderdale*
- *The evening reception will not commence earlier than 6 pm on Tuesday, March 29*
- *We will conclude all scheduled tour activities by 4 pm on Thursday, March 31*

RTA REGIONAL LEADERSHIP TOUR TO SOUTH FLORIDA

Tuesday, March 29 – arrival and evening welcome reception in South Florida

Afternoon Arrival and Check-in to Riverside Hotel, Fort Lauderdale

At Riverside Hotel, 620 East Las Olas Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale; (954) 467-0671

6p – 8p Evening welcome reception at Riverside Hotel

At Riverside Hotel, The Skyline Terrace (rain location: Himmershee Ballroom)

Focus: Welcome, sponsor thank yous, perhaps greetings from locals

Speakers: Honorary tour co-chairs

- Harold Hicks, RTI International, RTA chair-elect

- Mary-Ann Baldwin, City of Raleigh, mayor

- Eric Boyette, NCDOT, secretary

Presenting sponsors

- Chuck Lattuca, GoTriangle

- Carl Warren, NC Railroad Company

Guest speaker:

- Broward County Vice Mayor Lamar Fisher

8:30p Evening free time

Nearby outdoor locations can be found [here](#)

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Wednesday, March 30 – tour kickoff sessions

6:30a – 7a RTA staff available to distribute Whisper units just outside of welcome/kickoff sessions

7a – 7:45a Tour opening breakfast

At Riverside Hotel, The Skyline Terrace (rain location: Himmershee Ballroom)

Note: tour participants are encouraged to pick up Whisper units by 7:45 am

Note: breakfast will remain available from 7 am through 9 am

7:45a – 8a Tour kickoff: Tour overview and level set

At Riverside Hotel, The Skyline Terrace (rain location: Himmershee Ballroom)

Focus: Tour overview, logistical game plan

Presentations: Joe Milazzo, RTA

Speakers: Amy Crum, RTA / Raleigh Chamber

Christine Gornto, RTA / BCD Meetings & Events

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Wednesday, March 30 – early morning session

8a – 9:25a Leadership briefing: Overview of Broward County mobility and Tri-Rail commuter rail

At Riverside Hotel, The Skyline Terrace (rain location: Himmershee Ballroom)

Focus: Tri-Rail commuter rail; Florida DOT perspectives, Broward County mobility

Presentations: Greg Stuart, Broward MPO, executive director

Gretchen Cassini, Broward County Mobility Advancement Program Director

Tim Garling, Broward County Deputy Transportation Director

Gerry O’Reilly, Florida DOT, District 4, District Secretary; SFRTA board member

Victor Garcia, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA),
director of public affairs

Flow: 8:00a – Joe Milazzo does welcome and bios

8:05a – remarks by Greg Stuart

8:15a – remarks by Gretchen Cassini

8:25a – remarks by Tim Garling

8:35a – remarks by Gerry O’Reilly

8:45a – remarks by Victor Garcia

8:55a – panel discussion / Q&A begins

9:15a – panel discussion / Q&A ends

9:15a – closing remarks

By 9:20a – adjourn and move to lobby/buses

NOTE: We are requesting 7-10 mins per speaker. Shorter is fine and will allow more time for interaction.

9:25a Group gathers at Riverside Hotel lobby

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Wednesday, March 30 – mid-morning sessions

9:30 – 10a *Travel to Tri-Rail commuter rail*

9:30a – 9:50a *Group takes private buses to Fort Lauderdale Tri-Rail station*

9:50a *Group gathers at Fort Lauderdale Tri-Rail station and boards train upon its arrival*
Logistical note: southbound platform (track 1); train P619

10:08a - 11a **Field visit: Tri-Rail commuter rail**

Via SFRTA Tri-Rail from Fort Lauderdale station to Miami Airport station

Focus: Experience South Florida’s regional commuter rail service, including 9 stations

Speaker: Victor Garcia, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), director of public affairs

11a – 11:10a **Field visit: Miami intermodal center**

At Miami Airport – transfer between Tri-Rail commuter rail and Metrorail heavy rail

Focus: Welcome to Miami-Dade County, overview of intermodal connections

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Wednesday, March 30 – late morning sessions

11:11a – 11:28a Field visit: Metrorail transit

Along Miami-Dade Metrorail system, between Miami Airport and Brickell stations

Focus: Experience metropolitan Miami’s urban rail system

Speakers: TBD – We have requested assistance from Miami-Dade Co. staff

11:30a – 12:30p Field visit: The Underline linear park and REEF Miami Flagship Site

Gather at the Underline below the Brickell Metrorail station

Focus: *Understand the history, funding, and future of the Underline linear park;
See and experience innovations including a ghost kitchen and robot delivery*

Speakers: Patrice Gillespie Smith, Friends of The Underline, chief operating officer
Ron Bilbao, Head of Public Affairs, REEF

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Wednesday, March 30 – luncheon sessions

12:30p – 1:50p Leadership Luncheon: Miami-Dade County mobility overview

At SLS Brickell, Altitude pool

Focus: The Underline; Miami-Dade mobility overview including SMART plan and BRT: Florida DOT perspectives for Miami-Dade; integrated mobility

Welcome: Jimmy Morales, Chief Operations Officer, Office of the Mayor, Miami-Dade County

Juan Carlos Bermudez, mayor, City of Doral; Miami-Dade TPO, vice chair

Presentations: Aileen Bouclé, AICP, Miami-Dade TPO, executive director

Eulois Cleckley, Miami-Dade County, director of public works

Stacy Miller, Florida DOT, district secretary (FDOT district 6)

Panelists: Patrice Gillespie Smith, Friends of The Underline, chief operating officer

Javier Betancourt, Citizens Independent Transportation Trust

Flow: 12:30p – 12:55p – lunch

12:55p – welcome by Jimmy Morales, Chief Operations Officer, Office of the Mayor, Miami-Dade County

1:00p – welcome by Miami-Dade TPO Vice Chairman Bermudez

1:05p – presentation by Aileen Bouclé

1:15p – presentation by Eulois Cleckley

1:25p – presentation by Stacy Miller

1:35p – panel discussion / Q&A begins

1:50p – panel discussion / Q&A ends

1:50p - break

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Wednesday, March 30 – early afternoon sessions

2:10p-2:55p Leadership interlude: Intercity rail, innovation

At SLS Brickell, Altitude pool

Focus: Brightline, Brightline+ app; integrated mobility

Presentations: Patrick Goddard, Brightline president

Alexander Esposito, Circuit

Matt Haggman, Miami-Dade Beacon Council

Flow: 2:10p – presentation by Patrick Goddard

2:20p – presentation by Alexander Esposito

2:30p – Matt Haggman, Miami-Dade Beacon Council, Opportunity Miami

2:40p – panel discussion / Q&A begins

2:55p – panel discussion / Q&A ends

2:55p – closing remarks

By 2:55p – adjourn

NOTE: We are requesting 7-10 mins per speaker. Shorter is fine and will allow more time for interaction.

3:05p Group gathers at lobby, walks to MetroMover station across from hotel

3:15p Arrive at Financial District MetroMover station across from SLS Brickell hotel

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Wednesday, March 30 – mid-afternoon sessions

3:15p – 3:30p Field visit: Metromover automated people mover to Brightline MiamiCentral station

Via Metromover from Financial District to Wilkie Ferguson stations

Speakers: Ali Soule, Brightline, VP, Community Relations

Speakers: Jonathan Hopkins, Brightline, VP Mobility

3:30p – 3:48p Field visit: Walking tour of MiamiCentral station area and nearby downtown redevelopment

Speaker: Ali Soule, Brightline, VP, Community Relations

Possible speaker: *Miami-Dade Co. rep who can speak to Government Center complex redevelopment*

3:48p – 4:18p Field visit: Brightline intercity rail

Via Brightline, from Miami to Fort Lauderdale stations

Focus: Micromobility, future expansion (Aventura, Boca Raton stations; Orlando)

Speakers: Jonathan Hopkins, Brightline, VP Mobility

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Wednesday, March 30 – late afternoon sessions

4:20p – 5:45p Field visit: Brightline Fort Lauderdale station, Fort Lauderdale Riverwalk, Laura Ward Riverwalk Plaza, Climate Resilience, and Tunnel Top Plaza

From Brightline Fort Lauderdale station to Riverside Hotel

Focus: Brightline Fort Lauderdale station, Fort Lauderdale Riverwalk and associated development; Tunnel Top Plaza (under construction); climate resilience

Speakers: Jenni Morejon, Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority, President and CEO

Dr. Nancy Gassman, City of Fort Lauderdale, Assistant Director of Public Works – Sustainability

Dr. Jennifer Jurado, Broward County, Chief Resilience Officer and Director of the Environmental Planning and Community Resilience Division

Note: RTA tour attendees return their Whisper units in front of the hotel/lobby at the conclusion of the session

5:45p – 6:30p Free time / explore Las Olas Boulevard

Outdoor locations can be found [here](#)

RTA REGIONAL LEADERSHIP TOUR TO SOUTH FLORIDA

Wednesday, March 30 – early evening sessions

6:30p – 8:30p Accelerated Metropolitan Mobility reception

At Riverside Hotel, The Patio (rain location: Himmershee Ballroom)

8:30p Evening free time

Nearby outdoor locations can be found [here](#)

RTA REGIONAL LEADERSHIP TOUR TO SOUTH FLORIDA

Thursday, March 31 – early morning sessions

7a – 7:30a RTA staff available to distribute Whisper units just outside of welcome/kickoff sessions

7a – 8:15a Recharge breakfast and hotel checkout

Note: tour participants are encouraged to pick up Whisper units by 8:15 am

Note: tour participants encouraged to check out of hotel by 8:15a (must be done by 9:45a)

Note: breakfast will remain available from 7 am through 9:30 am

8:15a – 8:55a Regional Leadership discussion: What we have learned thus far, what else do we want to see

At Riverside Hotel, The Skyline Terrace (rain location: Himmershee Ballroom)

Focus: Logistical game plan, game plan for hotel checkout and leadership luncheon,
discussion of lessons learned to date

Speakers: - Joe Milazzo, RTA executive director

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Thursday, March 31 – mid-morning sessions

9a – 10:30a Leadership briefing: Fort Lauderdale mobility and land use innovations, climate resilience
At Riverside Hotel, The Skyline Terrace (rain location: Himmershee Ballroom)

Focus: Autonomous innovations, climate adaptability/resilience redux, redevelopment
Welcome: Greg Chavarria, City of Fort Lauderdale, Assistant City Manager
Presentations: Ben Rogers, City of Fort Lauderdale, Transportation Director
Dr. Nancy Gassman, City of Fort Lauderdale, Assistant Director of Public Works
– Sustainability
Jenni Morejon, Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority
Flow: 9a – Joe Milazzo – introductions
9:05a – Greg Chavarria
9:15a – Ben Rogers
9:25a – Dr. Gassman
9:35a – Jenni Morejon
9:45a – panel discussion / Q&A begins
10:05a – panel discussion / Q&A ends
10:05a – final remarks

NOTE: We are requesting 7-10 mins per speaker. Shorter is fine and will allow more time for interaction.

*NOTE: We **may** be adding one or two speakers to this session, focused on mobility innovation or resilience. They would speak from 9:40a – 10:00a.*

10:10a Break

10:30a Group gathers at Riverside Hotel lobby to board buses

10:35a Buses travel to Brightline station

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Thursday, March 31 – late morning sessions

10:55a Group gathers at Brightline platform

11:20a – 12p Field visit: Brightline intercity rail

Via Brightline, from Fort Lauderdale to West Palm Beach stations

Focus: Customer experience, partnerships

Speakers: Ali Soule, Brightline, VP, Community Relations

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Thursday, March 31 – early afternoon sessions

12n – 12:25p **Field visit: West Palm Beach / The Square walking tour**
From Brightline West Palm Beach station to Palm Beach County Convention Center
 Focus: Mixed use development, last five mile mobility (Brightbike, Circuit),
 electrification (Lucid Motors)
 Speakers: Gopal Rajegowda, Related Companies
 Raphael Clemente West Palm Beach Downtown Development Authority

12:30p – 2:15p **Leadership Luncheon: Palm Beach County development and mobility highlights**
Palm Beach County Convention Center, Courtyard / North Patio (rain location: prefunction)
 Focus: Mixed use development, downtown/last five mile micromobility (Brightbike,
 Circuit)
 Presentations: Kelly Smallridge, Palm Beach County Business Development Board
 Gopal Rajegowda, Related Companies
 Raphael Clemente West Palm Beach Downtown Development Authority
 Welcome: Jorge Pesquera, Discover The Palm Beaches, CEO
 Flow: 12:40p – welcome by Jorge Pesquera
 12:45p – 1:10p – lunch
 1:10p – introductions by Joe Milazzo
 1:15p – presentation by Raphael Clemente
 1:25p – presentation by Kelly Smallridge
 1:35p – presentation by Gopal Rajegowda
 1:45p – panel discussion / Q&A begins
 2:00p – panel discussion / Q&A ends
 2:10p - adjourn
*NOTE: We are requesting 7-10 mins per speaker. Shorter is fine and will allow
 more time for interaction.*

RTA REGIONAL LEADERSHIP TOUR TO SOUTH FLORIDA

Thursday, March 31 – mid-afternoon session

2:25p *Group boards reserved coach*

2:45p *Shuttle departs coach for Boca Raton field visit*

3:10p – 3:20p Field visit: Future commuter rail transit-oriented development

At Boca Raton Tri-Rail station

Focus: Future transit-oriented development site for commuter rail

Speakers: Steve Abrams, SFRTA executive director

3:20p *Board shuttles for Riverside hotel*

Note: RTA tour attendees return their Whisper units as they re-enter the coach

Aprx. 4p *Shuttle arrival by this time at Riverside Hotel; tour ends*