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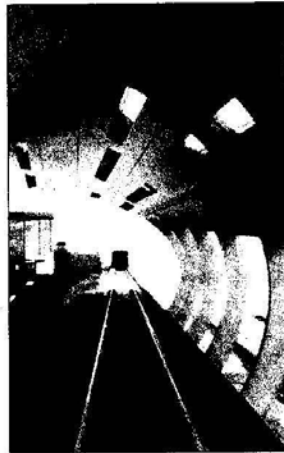
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AirportLink is the right connection at the right time

In the very near future, county residents and tourists alike will have easy access to Miami International Airport (MIA) via Miami-Dade County's AirportLink Metrorail Extension. Construction is well underway on the 2.4-mile extension of Metrorail from the existing Earlington Heights Station to the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC), the county's future central transportation hub located right next to the airport.

Scheduled to open in spring of 2012, the AirportLink Metrorail Extension Project is considered the centerpiece of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP). The total project cost is estimated to be \$506 million with \$406 million being funded by the PTP and \$100 million from the Florida Department of Transportation.

With its award-winning design, the new Metrorail station at the MIC will provide comfort and accessibility as well as the much needed regional connectivity of various modes of transportation in South Florida. This new connection to the airport will reduce the number of cars on the road, thereby reducing carbon emissions and supporting a clean environment.

MIA and the surrounding area is Miami's employment hub and the AirportLink will offer commuters another option for getting to and from work during peak times. It will also provide critical access to new employment opportunities for transit dependent populations nearby.

People's Transportation Plan making all the right moves

From state-of-the-art traffic signal synchronization, improvements to roads and bridges, traffic calming circles, major road and street lighting, school zone flashing signals, express bus service and more, the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) half-penny surtax has helped to improve mobility throughout Miami-Dade County and its municipalities from Aventura to Florida City.

PTP funding makes it possible for the Miami-Dade Public Works Department (Public Works) to make improvements to roads and bridges, develop new roadways, widen roads, resurface streets, upgrade drainage, and other neighborhood improvements throughout the county.

A PTP-funded Automated Traffic Management System that synchronizes all traffic signals in the county helps enhance traffic safety by increasing the number of vehicles able to pass through the county's major roadways, reducing delays and improving traffic flow. In addition, over 3,000 traffic signals were upgraded with energy efficient LED lighting — saving the county nearly \$1.8 million in energy costs each year!

Public Works has installed over 50 energy-efficient solar powered flashing signals in school zones under the PTP's School Flashing Signals Program. A future project includes the installation of Dynamic Speed Display Signs around school and work zones that will let drivers know when they are going too fast.

The centerpiece of the PTP is the AirportLink Metrorail Extension Project, which in addition to creating jobs, will provide a fast, reliable Metrorail connection to Miami International Airport and the surrounding area for millions of residents, employees and visitors.

Other notable PTP-funded improvements include:

- EASY Card transit fare collection system
- Express bus services
- Golden and Patriot Passports that offer seniors and qualifying veterans free Metrobus and Metrorail rides
- Free Metromover that helps ease traffic congestion in the Downtown Miami and Brickell areas
- Fuel efficient hybrid buses with environmentally friendly LED lighting

Through these and future projects, the People's Transportation Plan is showing its commitment to improving mobility and creating thousands of transportation and construction-related jobs for years to come.

