

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Traffic in Miami-Dade is one of the great issues of our community. How great? INRIX, a Seattle-based transportation data group, ranks Miami among the top 6 worst U.S. cities for annual hours lost by commuters. Absolutely no one is surprised by that. Traffic is the byproduct of a desirable city on the rise. But solutions are necessary and possible. The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee works to bring answers and solutions to the transit woes. Working on a local, state and federal level with public and private entities, this committee aims to re-shape how our transportation systems function.

MISSION

The Transportation Committee works to leverage partnerships and dialogue between the business community, transportation officials, and local, state, and federal governmental agencies to improve transportation infrastructure and mobility through educational forums, legislative and policy initiatives, and improved ridership in mass transit.

OBJECTIVES

- Evaluate, support, and advocate for legislative, policy initiatives and transit solutions on behalf of Chamber members.
- Inform Chamber members and business community on the latest developments in transportation and promote and help create a culture of people wanting to use alternative transit modes and opportunities available.
- Develop and maintain key partnerships that promote transit solutions for our members and improve overall transportation within the County.
- Invite elected officials to experience our transportation challenges in Miami to engage their continuous support

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Participation in the Transportation Committee is open to all chamber members who have interests or concerns related to transportation issues. Committee members include community organizations, professionals within the transportation arena, private sector advocacy groups, engineers, educational organizations, and concerned citizens.

LEADERSHIP

The Transportation Committee is led by a Committee Chair and Vice Chair, who are elected by the Board of Directors for a one-year term. The Committee Chair is responsible for the effective functioning of the Transportation Committee and ensuring its goals and activities are aligned with the committee's mission and objectives.

2026-2027 GOALS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

1. **Advocate for, promote, and support the Smart Program and other local regional transit agencies' key projects in these key areas:**
 - a. Engage with elected officials to underscore the urgency and importance of process and timing needed for project to move forward
 - b. Funding support and new funding sources and grants
 - c. First and Last Mile
 - d. Land use / Transit Oriented Development leveraging benefits of Live Local Act
2. **Review, assess and advocate for mobility options**
 - a. Collaboration and discussion with TPO, FDOT, GMX, DTPW, MIA, PortMiami, and other agency stakeholders on what the Chamber can do to advance what is needed from the business community.
 - b. Work with the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) on regional approaches and solutions
 - c. Seek support from Legislators for Tri-County Transportation Projects and services.
 - d. Implementation of non-disruptive technologies such as traffic management systems across tri-county area
3. **Hold quarterly informational forums and presentations to assist members and promote the adoption of transportation alternatives/solutions:**
 - a. Create a one stop Chamber resource guide with employer ridership discount programs and incentives available and promote opportunities to HR Professionals.
 - b. In collaboration with DTPW, organize Transit Day to promote and encourage the use of alternative transit modes, integrating network of micro mobility lanes along arterial roads
 - c. Provide Transportation updates from respective agencies on ongoing active projects.
 - d. Learn from other successful programs in other regions / invite them to speak and share challenges
4. **Strengthen engagement and participation by increasing involvement from transportation agency and department leaders, expanding GMCC membership, and activating current members**
 - a. Engage transportation agency and department heads to participate regularly in committee activities and initiatives.
 - b. Recruit 10 new companies to become GMCC members.
 - c. Engage 15 existing GMCC members to join and actively participate in the Transportation Committee

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