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FloridaTransit.org Contest Winner To Address Members of Congress Today

Tells Story of How Public Transportation Helped Her Succeed as a Disney Executive

TALLAHASSEE, FL – September 22, 2010 – The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) has invited Broward County resident Deanna Droira-Garcia to speak to members of Congress about the importance of funding for public transportation. Ms. Droira-Garcia was the winner of the Florida Public Transportation Association's "Tell Your Story" contest, a statewide initiative supporting APTA's national "Telling Our Story" effort.

Due to a medical condition, Ms. Droira-Garcia was forced to give up driving. An account supervisor with Radio Disney, she had clients throughout the tri-county area. Using Tri-Rail, Broward County Transit, Miami-Dade Transit, and Palm Tran, she was not only able to make and keep appointments, but she became one of Radio Disney's top salespeople in the area.

Deanna will speak at a "Telling Our Story" rally in Washington, D.C. today, September 22 at 11 a.m. Among the officials expected to attend are Representative Jim Oberstar, chair of the House's Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Executive Director Wes Watson said, "Every one of people who took 262 million trips on Florida's transit systems last year has a compelling story about why transit is important to Florida."

The Florida Public Transportation Association is a nonprofit association whose members include every major public transit agency in Florida, as well as interested citizens and businesses. The FPTA acts as a collective voice in promoting the recognition, use, expansion and enhancement of public transportation in the state of Florida. The transit industry in Florida employs tens of thousands of Floridians, transports about 262 million riders a year, and creates billions of dollars per year in annual economic activity. We also help people like Deanna.

To read Deanna's story, or to voice your support for public transportation, please visit www.FloridaTransit.org.

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