



## NEWS RELEASE



# Transit-Riding Sales Woman Setting Records Using Public Transportation Rather than a Company Car

Named Winner of “Tell Your Story” Contest at FloridaTransit.org

TALLAHASSEE, FL – June 15, 2010 – The Florida Public Transportation Association (FloridaTransit.org) today announced the winners of the “Tell Your Story” contest that attracted hundreds of videos, images and stories from every corner of the state. The association had been seeking true stories from Floridians and visitors that benefit from using any of Florida’s public transportation systems.

The winners are as follows:

- First Place: Deanna Droira-Garcia of Pembroke Pines, who after being diagnosed with epilepsy, courageously went on to set a monthly sales record at her company -- all while using South Florida’s four transit systems (Tri-Rail, PalmTran, Broward and Miami-Dade County Transit) to reach her clients.
- Second: Rosy Weisberg and the “MDT Route 252 Breakfast Club”. This group of professionals has become lifelong friends by travelling and laughing together every day on the bus while their tired counterparts fight Miami traffic.
- Third Robert Collins, a University of Miami law student, created a terrific short video about the benefits of transit.
- Third (tied): Charles Jacks saves hundreds of dollars a month by taking Tri-Rail. He uses his commute wisely moonlighting on the train. Instead of wasting energy navigating America’s most dangerous road, I-95, Charles works on his laptop to earn extra money as a consulting programmer during his daily ride.

Deanna said, “If had not been for public transportation, I would not have been able to be the best salesperson, reach my goals and learn about myself that you can accomplish anything by not focusing on the obstacles, but overcoming the challenges”.

Check out FloridaTransit.org for a selection of stories, images and videos from Floridians who rely on public transportation.

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.

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