

BROWARD COUNTY 2004 EAR SUFFICIENCY REMEDIAL RESPONSES

- **What are the available options for additional dedicated funding?**

The County has explored all optional funding sources. There is a possibility of a local option sales tax. Since the completion of the EAR, the County Commission has directed staff to initiate comprehensive plan amendments for transit oriented concurrency.

- **What alternatives were considered?**

Three alternatives were considered in the needs assessment. However, the financially feasible plan was based on the available revenue projection.

- **How well has transit performed in providing service to the transit dependent and transportation disadvantaged?**

Overall transit ridership has continued to increase since 1996 as illustrated in the following table:

Transit Ridership Growth since 1996

Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Annual ridership	24,911,813	26,319,357	26,643,823	27,376,025	28,469,758	32,442,539	33,953,895
Annual % increase	0.43%	5.65%	1.23%	2.75%	4.00%	13.95%	4.66%

As transit rider-ship has increased, so has Para Transit Service, Broward County's door-to-door public transit service to the transportation disadvantaged.

Para Transit Ridership for Transportation Disadvantaged and Dependent

Year	Total Trips (ADA, TD, Workforce, VocRehab & Medicaid)	Total TD Trips	Total TD Bus Passes Issued
1997	825,333	179,598	6,000
1998	815,337	173,838	22,960
1999	887,719	224,030	28,850
2000	912,532	192,685	30,350
2001	912,555	204,550	29,933
2002	1,227,020	321,892	25,042
2003	1,287,653	333,162	25,446