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Inner-City Transit Gets New Buses

Margate, FL February 6, 2006 – After years of 165-mile per day use, the Margate Inner-City Transit (MIT) buses are being replaced. All five new buses are 2006 models, 29' in length, carry 23 passengers plus two wheelchairs, and feature an improved air conditioning system. They are scheduled to arrive in fall 2006.

MIT is partially funded by Broward County Transit and Margate Public Works manages the transportation system. Irv Minney, Broward County Contract Administrator describes MIT as “one of the premier community bus services in the County.” So, before the city’s contract for the current MIT busses ended, Margate Public Works department worked to gather all the necessary materials so that when it came time to submit a request for new buses the transaction could happen swiftly. When the County recognized that it was time to replace the buses, it was presented to the County Commission and they approved the project.

In addition to the new buses, the City has proposed the purchase of some of the old buses. If approved, the vehicles could be modified for self-sufficient facilities for emergency response. This would allow Margate Police, Public Works or the Fire Department to be able to respond locally after critical incidents

like hurricanes even if there is damage to city facilities. These types of buses would also allow critical response departments to be able to respond to the needs of other cities, like that which occurred in New Orleans with Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Once the new vehicles arrive, bus-advertising space will be available to local businesses. For more information on advertising possibilities call 954-972-5497.

MIT hours are from 6:30 AM to 7 PM, six days per week. Visit the city website at www.margatefl.com for bus routes and schedules, or call Public Works at 954-972-8126. The fare is just 25 cents per person. Exact change is required.



Current Margate Inner-City Transit Bus

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