



# SOUTH FLORIDA VANPOOL PROGRAM (SFVP)

Report as of June 2008

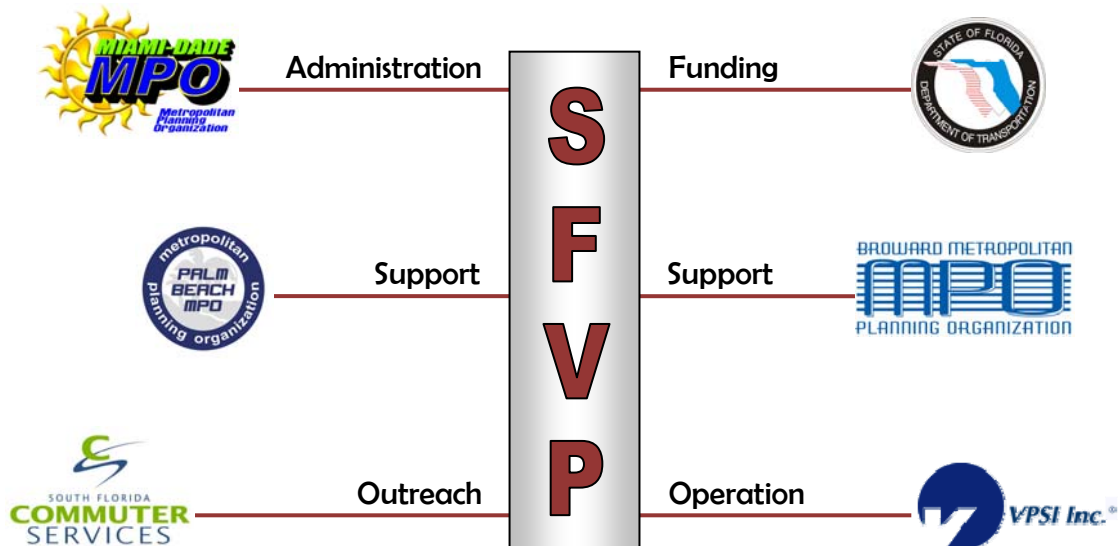
## INTRODUCTION

The South Florida Vanpool Program (SFVP) was created in 1998 by the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Under MPO Board resolution #39-95, CMAQ funds were allocated for implementing the program. After the success and expansion of the program, Broward and Palm Beach MPOs joined the SFVP in 2002 and 2006, respectively.

## BACKGROUND

The program operates based on a 30-day lease agreement. This agreement is between the vanpool provider (VPSI, Inc.) and the volunteer driver. VPSI provides the van, insurance (no-deductible), all scheduled and non-scheduled maintenance, as well as a back-up vehicle, if needed. All participants of the vanpool group are registered in the Emergency Ride Home (ERH) Program administered by the South Florida Commuter Services (SFCS). This program provides participants to have access to free taxi service in emergency situations.

A monthly fee is charged based on the size of the van (7, 9 or 15 passengers) and the monthly mileage. A \$400 subsidy per van per month is provided for the participants in the program. The SFVP is a joint effort between the MPOs (Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach), FDOT (Districts 4 & 6), SFCS and VPSI.



## FUNDING SOURCES

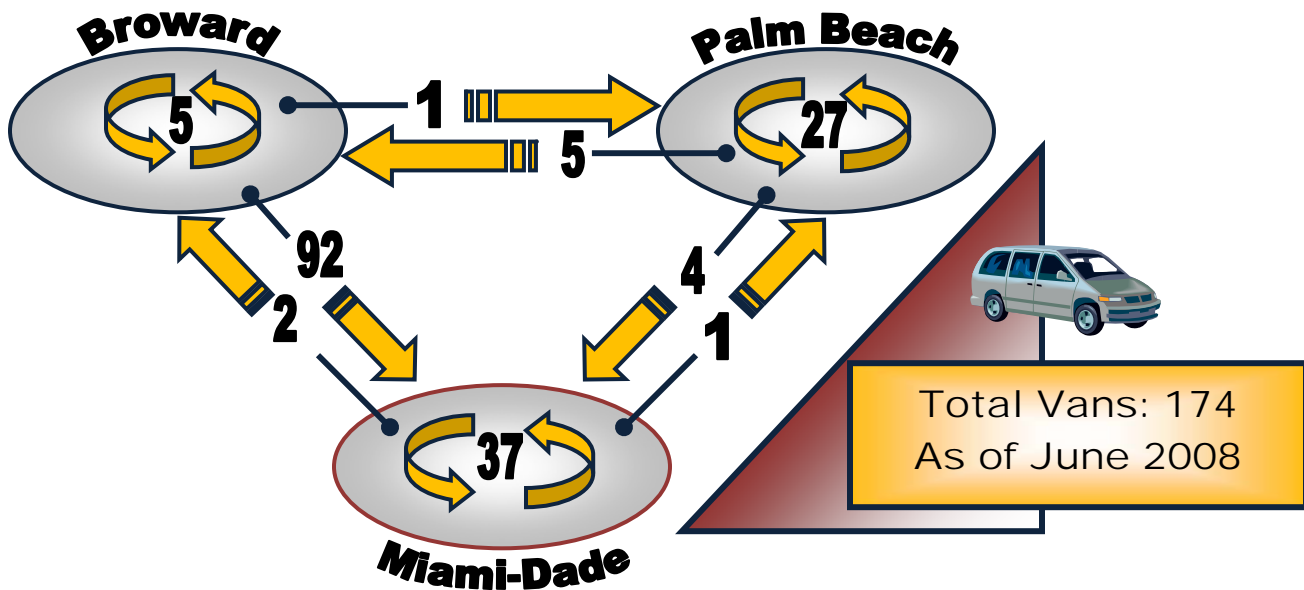
Over 80% of the funding source for the program is Federal, while the State has matched the rest of the funding. No local funds have ever been used for the operation of the program.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

As of June 2008:

- 173 vanpools within the 3-county area.
- Average monthly roundtrip mileage: 15,174 miles
- Average roundtrip mileage: 87.7 miles
- Average passengers per van: 6.9 persons
- Estimated passenger-trips saved/year: 540,000 trips
- Estimated passenger-miles saved/year: 23.8M miles
- Estimated parking spaces saved per day: 1,025 spaces

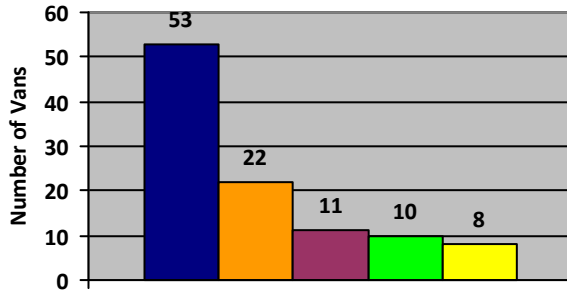
## VANPOOLS DISTRIBUTION BY COUNTY



Vanpooling help in alleviating traffic congestion and improve our environment and the quality of life. Additionally, other benefits associated with the vanpoolers include: Emergency Ride Home, back-up vans, preferential parking, tax deductions, etc...

# MAJOR ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS

## Origins

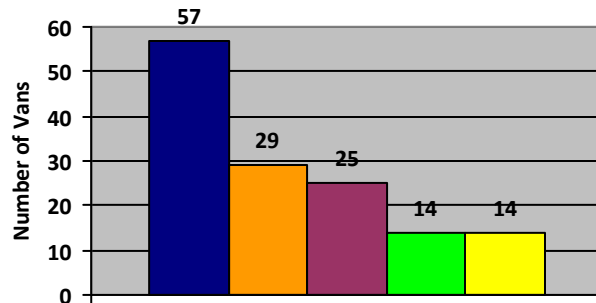


- Pembroke Pines
- West Palm
- Homestead
- Weston
- Miramar

60% of all groups reside in the top five residential areas.

FY 2007-08

## Destinations

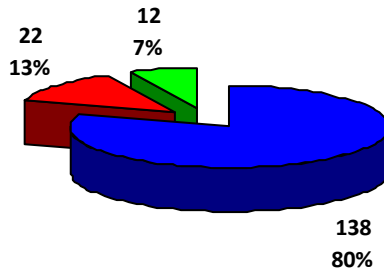


- Doral
- West Palm
- Civic Center
- Kendall
- Miami Beach

80% of all groups travel to the top five working areas.

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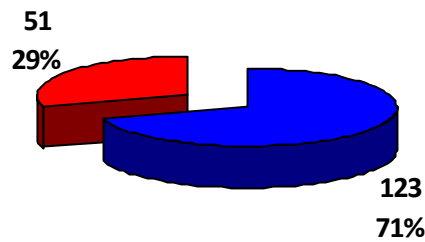
## VANPOOL SIZE



- 7-Pass
- 9-Pass
- 15-Pass



## VANPOOL DRIVERS

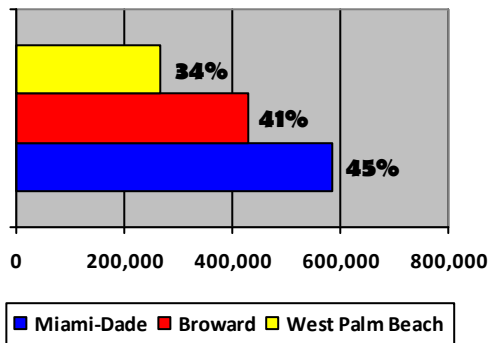


- Men
- Women

## **CONTRACT COST**

<b>Description</b>	<b>2002-03</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2006-07</b>	<b>2007-08</b>
<b>Contract (\$)</b>	190,950	199,548	209,475	219,899	230,842	230,842
<b>Coordinators (\$)</b>	58,700	57,960	60,858	63,902	67,096	67,096
<b>Comments:</b>	Every County provides their own funding. Contract costs are split among the three counties.					

## **TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES**



Expenses include all capital, operating and marketing expenses for the 3-county area. This includes also groups coming from Key West, St. Lucie and Martin Counties.

## **SFVP NEWS**

1. The SFVP is generating its own funding source through FTA Section 5307 formula funds and State Block Grant funds. The program received \$661,189.27 corresponding to the 2005 allocations. These funds are being used for FY 2008-09 expenses. The estimated allocation for 2006 is approximately \$1.2M.
2. Additionally, the SFVP will also apply for State Block Grants. These funding sources will provide the necessary financial support and stability to the program.
3. Miami-Dade MPO is entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Miami-Dade Transit (MDT). The purpose of this MOU is for the MPO to receive Federal and State funds allocated for the Vanpool Program. MDT is the designated Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant recipient for the Miami-Dade Urbanized Area. Therefore, MDT will serve as a pass through department for the MPO.
4. Miami-Dade MPO is working with the stakeholders in the preparation of a Scope of Services and Request for Proposal for the new open bid process. The current contract will expire in June 2009.

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