



Rail, Not Roads, The Solution

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Congratulations on your editorial - "A Healthy Skepticism On New Roads" (Our Opinion, April 13 - regarding the long-overdue recognition that roads are not now nor have they ever been the solution to the entire Tampa Bay area's transportation problems.

As the spokesperson for Miami-Dade County during the Transit Improvement Program in the early 1970s and the person generally credited with being responsible for bringing rapid transit to Miami, I can assure you that the major part of said solution to the "road woes" is and will be rail-based, both light rail in the form of modern light rail vehicles and heavy rail in the form of rapid transit.

When environmental issues, pollution, wasted time and gas in traffic, the cost of auto accidents and their ancillary problems and the strain on infrastructure are addressed, the Bay area, as have so many cities across America, will realize and recognize that the **only** way to begin solving its "traffic woes" is and will be through a long-term series of solutions based upon rail transit as its nucleus and centerpiece.

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