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1 888 838 5355**Miami Intermodal Center****News Clip**From: *Miami Today*, Thursday, April 14, 2011Subject: **Miami-Dade County's one-stop shop for rental cars; MIA Mover: Connecting MIA to Miami-Dade County**Provided by: Jenine Spoliansky, Kommunikatz, Inc.
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Miami-Dade County's one-stop shop for rental cars

Miami International Airport passengers now have a convenient, one-stop shop for all their rental car needs just east of MIA on LeJeune Road.

The MIA Rental Car Center (RCC), which opened July 2010, consolidates under one roof the operations of 16 rental car companies currently serving the area surrounding MIA. A new consolidated shuttle bus service transports travelers from MIA's arrivals level to the RCC's spacious fourth-level customer service lobby, where they can pick the company and vehicle of their choice from a combined inventory of 6,500 rental cars.

The RCC, projected to serve approximately 28,000 customers daily during peak seasons, has the capability to wash and re-fuel 300 vehicles per hour because of its multi-level fueling system - the first of its kind in the U.S. - and state-of-the-art Quick Turnaround Area, which includes 120 gas pump positions and 42 car wash bays on three vehicle storage levels.

In addition to improving the rental car experience for MIA passengers, the RCC reduces traffic congestion and air pollution at MIA as well. The new shuttle bus service cuts the combined rental car bus fleet from 120 buses to 60, decreasing total traffic at the airport's arrivals level by 15 percent. The shuttle bus service will be replaced entirely in the fall of 2011 with the MIA Mover system.

"We are extremely indebted to the Florida Department of Transportation for building this facility that benefits not only MIA and its passengers, but all of Miami-Dade County," said Miami-Dade Aviation Department Director José Abreu. "The Rental Car Center is another huge step toward making MIA a world-class entrance to South Florida for visitors from around the world."

MIA Mover: Connecting MIA to Miami-Dade County

In case you were wondering what those elevated tracks at the entrance of MIA are, you guessed correctly - a train to MIA is being built. Scheduled to open in September, the MIA Mover is a 1.25-mile-long people mover system that will have the capacity to transport more than 3,000 passengers per hour between the airport and the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC). MIA Mover utilizes cutting-edge Crystal Mover vehicle technology by Sumitomo Corporation of America and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries. Once operational, the MIA Mover will reduce curbside traffic and green house gas emissions at MIA by 15 percent.

Completion of the system's guideway and delivery of the eight MIA Mover train cars to the guideway were completed in December and two passenger stations at opposite ends of the train line - one between MIA's long-term parking garages and the other at the Miami Intermodal Center - are also being built. The MIA Mover will link the airport to Amtrak, Tri-Rail and Metrorail's AirportLink, a 2.4-mile extension scheduled for completion in 2012 that will connect the MIC to Miami-Dade Transit's Earlington Heights Metrorail Station and the rest of the County's Metrorail system.

