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SCAT Cattlemen Intermodal Transit Station now open

The newest transit station for Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) is now open for business. Located on the southeast corner of Cattlemen Road and Bahia Vista Street in Sarasota, the Cattlemen Intermodal Transit Station is a full-service transfer facility with six bays that can accommodate SCAT's fixed-route 29- and 35-foot-long buses. If all the bays are full, a smaller separate area is available for SCAT's paratransit buses.

Opened Jan. 23, the modern facility has a covered platform for bus service patrons, restrooms, an area for bus operators and supervisors and a station manager office. It will handle transfers between Route 1 (Fruitville Road), Route 1A (Fruitville Road via McIntosh Road) and Route 15 (Cattlemen – Airport). Minor routing and bus stop changes will occur on those routes. No other SCAT routes will be affected at this time by the opening of the new station.

Two of the bus bays are expanded for larger multimodal intercity services, such as that provided by Greyhound Lines Inc., in the future.

Although not available yet, the facility also will soon have ticket vending kiosks, electronic signage directing riders to buses and cameras to enhance the safety of SCAT passengers and staff. It also is expected to be certified under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System developed by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Online SCAT Google Transit and the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) will not provide accurate information for the Cattlemen facility until late spring 2012.

The \$2.2 million project was funded by a Florida Department of Transportation intermodal grant and two grants from the Federal Transit Administration, including one funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

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