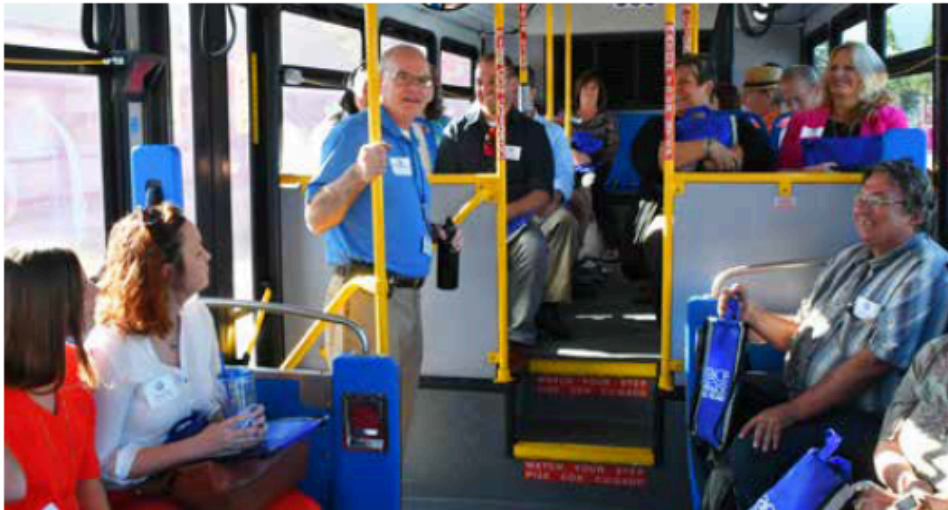


# Ride with Jim Transit Events

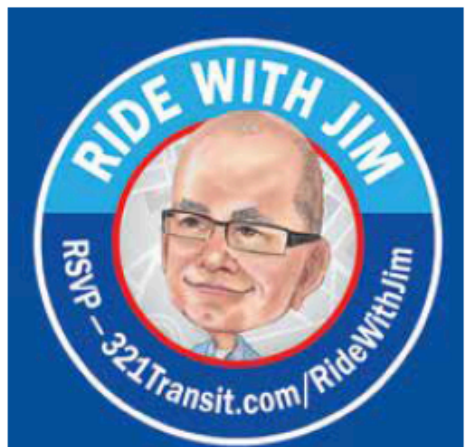


**Space Coast Area Transit recently concluded their inaugural RIDE WITH JIM quarterly transit event in Titusville on August 30th.** RIDE WITH JIM provides the general public and transit advocates an opportunity to share coffee & conversation with those who help shape Brevard County's Transit System. Some pre-registered riders may be experiencing transit for the first time, while others will enjoy having the opportunity to meet in an informal setting to suggest transit improvements or ask questions. Event organizers state that one of the goals of RIDE WITH JIM is to actively seek out increased transparency in the planning of transit's future in Brevard County.

Co-sponsored by Bagel 13, the morning event begins with a bus picking up registered riders at a select bus stop and driving them to a nearby Bagel 13. Over coffee and a bagel, participants have the opportunity chat about transit with Interim Assistant County Manager, Jim Liesenfelt. "Our transit system impacts the lives of many individuals in our community. I guarantee you that even someone who doesn't use transit relies on someone who does," stated Liesenfelt. "The RIDE WITH JIM events are designed to help us build stronger community relationships and receive input from our citizens, all while in a casual

and comfortable environment. I like to think of it as an open house on wheels," he said.

The President of the Titusville Chamber of Commerce, Marcia Gaedcke, said she was "inspired" after attending the first RIDE WITH JIM event. "There was just really great conversation," Gaedcke said. "I wanted a better understanding of how Rails to Trails could collaborate with our local transit system and the RIDE WITH JIM event was an awesome way to connect. Our Chamber realizes that building relationships and maintaining open lines of communication are important factors in Brevard County's success. As we continue to grow, improving the connectivity and diversity of transportation options are a huge part of our future."



**The next RIDE WITH JIM event will take place in Cocoa Beach on November 1, 2017.**

- No cost for this event
- Seating is limited
- Pre-register online at [321Transit.com/RideWithJim](http://321Transit.com/RideWithJim) or call 321-635-7815 ext. 201 for registration assistance.