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‘Ride into the future’ at May 16 transit forum in Newtown

The Newtown area will be the focus of a “Riding into the Future” Transit Forum to be held 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, May 16, in the parking lot at the Newtown Redevelopment Office, 1782 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Sarasota.

The forum is sponsored by Sarasota County and the city of Sarasota, through a grant provided to Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) by the Federal Transit Administration. Topics to be covered include:

- The benefits of easy access to public transportation and safe walking areas for pedestrians created through transit-oriented development
- The best examples of transit-oriented development, “friendly streets” and walkable communities
- How transportation is planned, and how citizens can participate in the process

Forum participants will be invited to learn how to conduct a walking audit to understand the “walkability” of potential transit stations in the area.

For more information about the transit forum, call the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000, or visit scgov.net and click on the “Riding into the Future” button.

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