



Education / Development Advisory Committee Progress Report

April 14, 2016 Meeting

Product / Action	Progress	Status	Notes
Short-term (FY15-16)			
MPO Annual Report	100%	First report published July 2015/ Ongoing	The second Annual Report is in production and expected to be released Summer 2016. To view the current Annual Report, visit www.browardmpo.org/about-us
One-page Summary of all Board meetings	100%	Ongoing	E-mailed by the boards coordinator after each Board meeting and posted to social media.
Public Participation Plan (School Age Children)	60%	Ongoing	Met with Superintendent Runcie, Ms. Good and Curriculum specialists December 14, 2015. See highlights below for specific initiatives.
Board Educational Program	75%	Ongoing	<p>Board Orientation Guidebook published July 2015. To view the Guidebook, visit www.browardmpo.org/about-us/board-committees</p> <p>Committee requested common planning terms to be defined in a glossary. To view a list of acronyms, visit our website www.browardmpo.org/services/resources/acronyms</p> <p>The annual report also includes a Quick References section on page 11 www.browardmpo.org/about-us</p> <p>Discussion Topic: Committee directed staff to develop a fact sheet/pamphlet that provides a concise yet comprehensive overview of the project prioritization process.</p> <p>Draft text for the fact sheet is available in Attachment 1</p>

Mid-term (FY16-18)

MPO Staff Skills Audit	10%	In progress	Discussion topic.
MPO Staff Educational Program	0%	Not applicable	Discussion topic. The Skills audit is intended to identify training needs for MPO staff.

Long-term (FY19+ / Ongoing)

MPO Annual Report			
Board Education Program	N/A	In progress	Many of these items are ongoing and other items may be added in the future as directed by the Committee.
MPO Staff Education Program			

Highlights

TRAC & RIDES Program



TRAC (Transportation and Civil Engineering) is a hands-on, educational outreach program of the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO). The TRAC program is designed for integration into the teaching of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). State Departments of Transportation provide the program free of charge to middle and high schools in their State. The Broward MPO has worked with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to bring this program to Florida. Following the success of the training held at the MPO in February 2015 a two day workshop for physics teachers is scheduled for June 28 & 29. The MPO hopes to make this an annual training event and would like to be able to purchase materials for teachers to use in the classroom after their training.

This is an important initiative for the MPO. Across the country, it is becoming increasingly difficult to attract young men and women, especially young people of diverse ethnic backgrounds, to the world of transportation planning and engineering. Many agencies and organizations refer to it as the “[Silver Tsunami](#)”; this is an opportunity for the MPO to help.

For more information on TRAC & RIDES, take a look at this 4 minute video youtu.be/Qljw3sfDRD4 or visit trac.transportation.org

Partnerships & Internships



Following our meeting with Superintendent Runcie and Ms. Good on December 14, 2015, staff from the MPO and Career, Technical, Adult and Community Education (CTACE) met to discuss possible opportunities to partner. One of the suggestions from CTACE was to explore partnership and internship opportunities. Brian King and Enid Valdez made presentations to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) and MPO Board in February and March. At least five (5) people have shown interest in providing internship opportunities that Brian King

(CTACE) is following up on. This includes MPO Board members Commissioner Dale Holness, County Commission and Commissioner Yvette Colbourne, City of Miramar. Broward County Public Schools are striving to make the school curriculum more relevant to the work environment; this is an opportunity for the MPO to help.

Planning Exercise/Field Visit – Cypress Creek Mobility Hub



In an effort to provide education opportunities for school age children, MPO staff, with the help of CTACE, met with the principal and teachers of Deerfield High School. The intention is to hold a one day field visit/planning exercise at the MPO with Deerfield High School students. The field visit is scheduled for May (exact date to be determined). This is a pilot project with the intention of using this project with numerous other schools in the future.

Brian King and his colleagues are striving to make the school curriculum more relevant to the work environment; this is an opportunity for the MPO to help. The School Board has developed a flyer for distribution to teachers (see [Attachment 2](#)).

Note: To view more information on the Cypress Creek Hub, visit www.browardmpo.org/services/mobility-hubs/cypress-creek-mobility-hub

National Walk to School Day Event – October 5, 2016



At the February 11, 2016 Board meeting, Ms. Good suggested MPO Board members adopt an elementary school to hold a Walk to School event on October 5, 2016.

The next step is to meet with Ms. Good and staff at the School Board to coordinate events on October 5, 2016. We should update the MPO Board about the events and hope Board members who adopted a school can attend their individual schools on the day.

Note: To view more information on National Walk to School Day, visit www.walkbiketoschool.org

Upcoming Related Events

April 27, 2016	Teacher Training Day (CTACE)	Broward MPO (To be Confirmed)
May 5, 2016	Career Day	Tropical Elementary, Plantation, FL
May 17, 2016 (Date to be confirmed)	Planning Exercise/Field Visit by Deerfield High School Students	Broward MPO
June 28 - 29, 2016	TRAC Training Workshop for Physics Teachers	Broward MPO

Note: For additional information on events, contact Anthea Thomas at (954) 876-0034 or thomasa@browardmpo.org.

Next Education / Development Advisory Committee Meeting October 13, 2016

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