

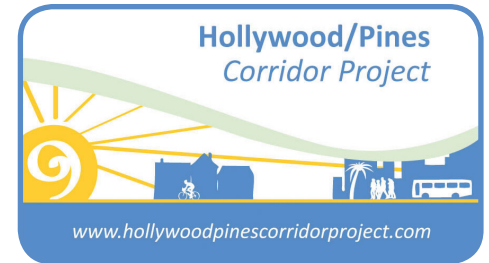
# Transportation Transformation

Connecting Communities Through Transportation Choices

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## TURNING PLANNING INTO REALITY

The Broward MPO with its partner agencies and municipalities are advancing the Hollywood/Pines Corridor Project from the study phase to the implementation phase. The intent of this project is to improve safety and mobility along the corridor, and to move people and goods using a variety of modes (transit, biking, walking, and motorized vehicles). The draft report, presented in November 2013, resulted in recommendations that advance the implementation of the Broward 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan.

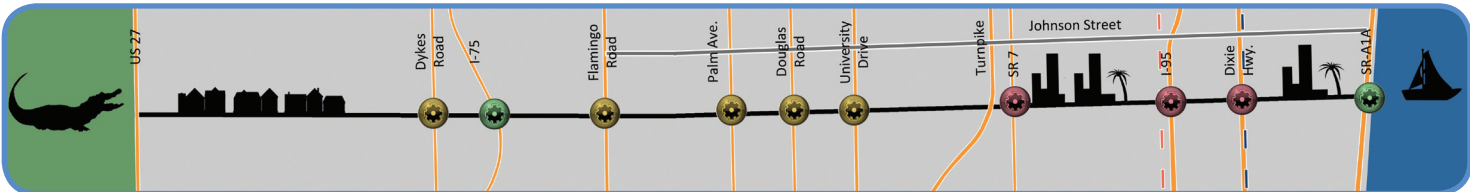


Short-term recommendations include:

- Add bicycle and pedestrian facilities that provide connections from the neighborhoods to transit facilities and activity centers.
- Enhance and relocate bus stops to provide safer, more convenient access.
- Implement pedestrian-friendly design treatments at major intersections and interchanges.
- Improve traffic safety, including lighting and traffic signal operation modifications.
- Identify potential traffic operational improvements, such as synchronizing traffic signals for better traffic flow.

The above shows one of the Preferred Scenarios. This one is located at Pines Boulevard and University Drive, providing redevelopment opportunities with walkable, mixed-use that supports transit.

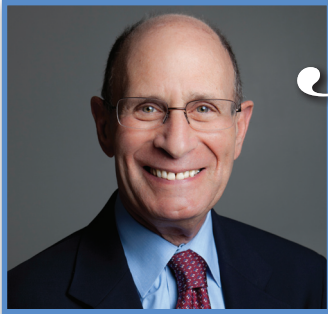
Longer-term recommendations include Complete Streets improvements and Preferred Scenarios for four Mobility Hubs. Mobility Hubs are locations where different types of transportation with high levels of transit ridership and opportunities for redevelopment. The Preferred Scenarios are the outcomes of the March 2013 Visioning Workshops. The Project recommendations include an Urban Design and Implementation Toolkit to guide the application of land use and urban design recommendations to be applicable at Mobility Hubs along the remainder of the corridor or in other parts of Broward County.



The Study Area extends north-south for 1/2-mile from Hollywood/Pines Boulevard (SR 820) and from US 27 at the western edge of the Broward County Urban Services Boundary east to SR A1A along the Atlantic coast. There are eleven Mobility Hubs along the Hollywood/Pines corridor.

[www.hollywoodpinescorridorproject.com](http://www.hollywoodpinescorridorproject.com)

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Vice Mayor Richard Blattner  
Chair, Broward MPO  
City of Hollywood, District 4

# Message From The Chair

At its monthly meeting, the MPO Board unanimously endorsed the Model Complete Streets Policy and Planning Framework in September. As Broward County and its municipalities are adopting their own Complete Streets Guidelines, these tools will assist in this important endeavor. The Broward MPO has secured funding to construct more than \$100 million of Complete Streets improvements on Broward streets over the next five years.



*What is a Complete Street? It's a street that is safer, more livable and welcoming to all users, whether vehicles, transit users, bicyclist, or pedestrians. For instance, here locally, residents and business owners surrounding the new Bailey Road improvements (shown right) in the cities of Tamarac and North Lauderdale, and NW 56th Avenue in the City of Lauderhill are all experiencing first-hand how a Complete Street can positively affect their lives. The photo shows Bailey Road with new sidewalks, new bike lanes and new turn lanes, so all users can safely enjoy this street.*

Complete Streets can be a catalyst to economic growth, as safer and more welcoming streets come to life. You can learn more about Complete Streets through two websites that report related news on Complete Streets. They are National Complete Streets Coalition at [www.smartgrowthamerica.org/complete-streets](http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/complete-streets) and Urban Health Solutions and Urban Health Partners at [www.urbanhs.com/category/complete-streets/](http://www.urbanhs.com/category/complete-streets/).

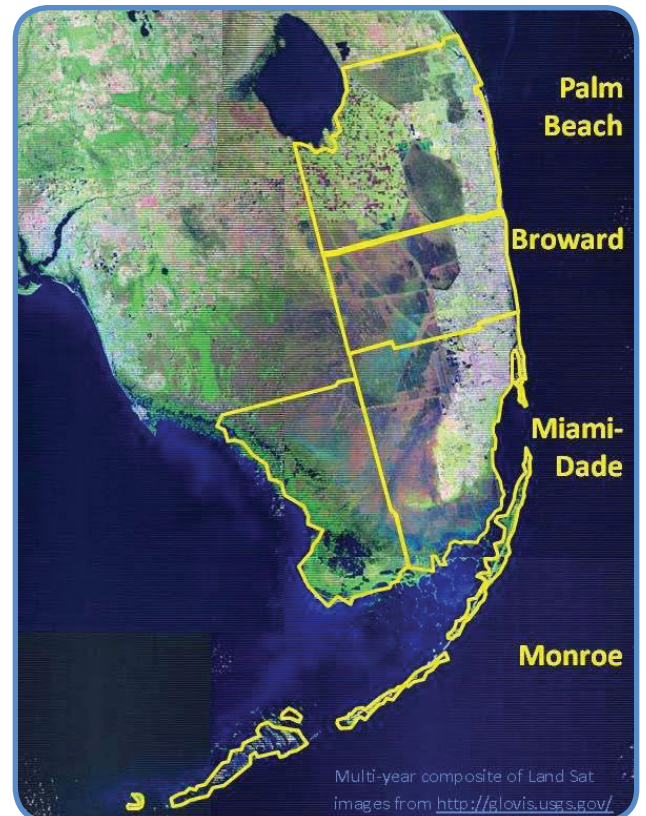
## SOUTH FLORIDA CLIMATE CHANGE VULNERABILITY AND ADAPTATION PILOT PROJECT



On March 5, 2013, the Broward MPO was awarded a grant by the Federal Highway Administration in the amount of \$300,000 to incorporate climate change issues into transportation decision making and to build upon the existing vulnerability assessments prepared by the Southeast Florida

Regional Climate Change Compact. The Project Study Area (shown to the right) covers Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. The Project will develop tools to integrate climate change adaptation goals into the transportation decision-making process and provide a model of climate change adaptation for other public transportation providers. The completion date for the Pilot Project is September 30, 2014.

In addition, we are proud to report that Broward MPO Board member and Broward County Commissioner, Kristin Jacobs, was appointed to a White House task force on climate change by President Barack Obama. President Obama issued an executive order for government agencies to prepare for the impact of a warmer world.



**SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE COMPACT COUNTIES**

Multi-year composite of Land Sat images from <http://glvis.usgs.gov/>

## EDUCATION AND OUTREACH



Safe and secure bicycle parking helps to encourage bicycle ridership. Bicycling accounts for 6% of daily trips in the Portland region.

The MPO showed a strong presence at the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations annual conference in Portland, Oregon, **October 22nd through 25th**. Gregory Stuart, Executive Director, moderated a panel on Solutions to Expand Transportation Funding. James Cromar, Director of Planning, presented the Hollywood/Pines Corridor Project as part of a panel. Broward MPO Vice Chair, Bryan Caletka represented the Board, and Chris Ryan participated in the Technical Committee meeting and Ricardo Gutierrez

represented staff. Portland, Oregon has an outstanding reputation for transportation and land use planning. Staff and the Vice Chair conducted a Peer Exchange with staff from METRO, the Portland region's MPO. The meeting extended into the afternoon with a tour of Transit-Oriented Development projects with funding from METRO, including several mixed use projects along streetcar and corridors with frequent transit service. The Portland community has embraced the local investments in multi-modal transportation options.

On **November 12th**, people rode their bike, including MPO staff, to the County Commission Chambers to celebrate along with the Broward County Commissioners as Broward County received a national biking award for a Bike Friendly Community (pictured below).



## COMMITMENT 2040 UPDATE

The *Commitment 2040* team has completed its second phase of public outreach and will begin drafting the long range transportation plan update. As part of this phase of outreach, the team went out to the community to ask people in Broward how to make public transportation and bicycle/pedestrian options more appealing to motorists. Additionally, the team conducted a financial resources workshop with the MPO board where they gave input on how available resources should be allocated.

To date, over 1,800 people have participated in the Long Range Transportation Plan's outreach efforts. This valuable feedback will be considered as the team drafts the full report.

All public outreach will wrap up by the end of November, in time for the planning team to begin drafting the plan this winter. *Commitment 2040's* draft will be ready by March 2014, when it will be available to the public for a month-long comment period. We are excited to show you what you have helped us create! Go to [www.Commitment2040.org](http://www.Commitment2040.org) to learn more.

## SPEAK UP BROWARD WEBSITE A CLICK AWAY



### SPEAK UP BROWARD

Transportation Choices. Your Voice Counts.

Our new website launched in October and features a video of Broward travelers speaking up on transportation issues. Information about today's transportation choices, what's in the works, and how you can get involved is only a click away. We have formed a Speakers Bureau

and invite your participation and recommendations for upcoming engagements. Presentation teams are ready to meet with your community or business organization. Fifteen community-based organizations submitted letters of interest for our Program for Empowering People migrant competition and are finalizing their public outreach proposals now. This program is a new way to engage communities to broaden exposure and seek more meaningful input on transportation priorities and issues. We are hearing from a growing network

of Broward citizens willing to speak up about our transportation future. Click onto our website and get involved today. Speak Up Broward is listening.



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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

	JAN 2014	FEB 2014	MARCH 2014	APRIL 2014
<b>Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)</b> <i>Meets every 2nd Thur. at 9:30 a.m.</i>	No Meeting	13	13	10
<b>Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)</b> <i>Meets every 4th Wed. at 2:30 p.m.</i>	22	26	26	23
<b>Community Involvement Roundtable (CIR)</b> <i>Meets every 4th Wed. at 6 p.m.</i>	22	26	26	23
<b>Local Coordinating Board (LCB)</b> <i>Meets at 2 p.m.</i>	27	No Meeting	No Meeting	28

\*Dates changed due to holiday or conflict

All meetings are held in the Broward MPO Board Room, Suite 850, in the Trade Centre South building.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Christopher Ryan at (954) 876-0036 or [ryanc@browardmpo.org](mailto:ryanc@browardmpo.org). If hearing impaired, telephone 1 (800) 273-7545 (TDD).

For more information on upcoming meetings, complaints, questions or concerns about civil rights or nondiscrimination; or for special requests under the ADA, please contact: **Christopher Ryan, Public Information Officer/Title VI Coordinator** at (954) 876-0036 or [ryanc@browardmpo.org](mailto:ryanc@browardmpo.org).

## DID YOU KNOW?

Since Broward B-Cycles inception in December 2011:

- 52,426 Bike Rides have been taken by 34,940 different users
- 182,662 miles ridden on bike
- 8,998 Gallons of gas saved
- 176,993 lbs. of carbon emissions reduced
- 900 Annual members

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