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Connecting Communities Through Transportation Choices

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## TALK TO US ABOUT OUR TRANSPORTATION FUTURE



### SPEAK UP BROWARD

Transportation Choices. Your Voice Counts.

**Speak Up Broward** is a new initiative to engage the public in building a unified vision of our transportation future. The **Speak Up Broward** team is collaborating with the Commitment 2040 project team who are currently assessing transportation needs and available revenues. This long-range transportation plan update will result in a financially feasible plan expected to be adopted by the Broward MPO about this time next year.

**Speak Up Broward** will develop two additional system plans and potential new revenue sources for both operating and capital cost that come closer to addressing our transportation needs. The regional transit systems plan scheduled for adoption by the Southeast Florida Transportation Council in October

2013 will also provide a reference point for scenario building. These scenarios will be the basis for our conversation with the public and stakeholders about a financially responsible and sustainable transportation future.



The **Speak Up Broward** team is forming a **Speakers Bureau** to go where people already meet. Soon the **Speak Up Broward** team will solicit public engagement proposals from community-based organizations to conduct their own outreach and report back.

This first phase is getting the conversation started. A Baseline Survey was conducted in late April 2013 to better understand community values. As part of this initiative, a group was formed, known as the Broward Partners Group to serve as an idea bank and sounding board. Participants in this group include Broward leaders from

business, citizen and government sectors. An online survey and a series of telephone and televised town hall meetings will be held to test the scenarios in the spring of 2014 and we encourage your involvement. Street

Teams will also be organized to go out to community events and solicit input. The question we need to answer today is not only what Broward wants, but what do we want to pay for and how? The conversation is just beginning and **Speak Up Broward** is listening.

**STAY INFORMED** - go to [www.SpeakUpBroward.org](http://www.SpeakUpBroward.org) to learn more and to contact the **Speak Up Broward** team.

**JOIN OUR SPEAKERS BUREAU OR REQUEST A SPEAKER TODAY!**

## COMMITMENT 2040 UPDATE COMMITMENT 2040

move people • create jobs • strengthen communities

Over 1,200 people have participated in **Commitment 2040's** outreach efforts to date. In your comments you've told us that public transit, cycling and pedestrian improvements are vital to shaping the future of transportation in Broward. Before we begin drafting the plan, we need your input again. How can we make these non-automotive options more appealing to you? Please share your ideas with us and direct our efforts by taking our "improve your travel options" survey. The results from this survey will inform

the Broward MPO as we work with the community to select and prioritize the projects that will be in the long range plan. Please tell us how we can make these options more appealing to you by visiting our website at [www.Commitment2040.org](http://www.Commitment2040.org). Please share this link with your friends and family. Your participation will help the Broward MPO develop a compelling vision for transportation over the next three decades.

## GET INVOLVED. STAY CONNECTED.

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

# Message From The Chair

*Did you ever sit at a railroad crossing while a freight train went passing by and get just a little frustrated that your drive was interrupted by this inconvenience? Or have you been on the highways and wonder why there were so many semi-trucks that seemed to be*

*overtaking the roads? We don't realize how crucial freight transportation is to our economy and to our everyday lives. Many of the goods and services that we use and rely on everyday are transported to us through these crucial modes of transportation. Freight in South Florida is an important part of the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan and an important regional focus.*

*I have always been a supporter of the concept of getting freight out of the ports and onto rail for delivery to a point where the products can be broken down for further distribution. Both the Port of Miami and Port Everglades have expansion projects underway. Port Everglades is currently developing expanded storage and distribution*

*areas, with connections directly to rail, and the Port of Miami has a dredging project to deepen the bay and a new tunnel for routing freight trucks. Our MPO has provided Port Everglades capital funding through the Florida Department of Transportation that is critical to many of the rail and roadway projects currently under construction. We know these capital investments keep South Florida competitive with other ports on the east coast and allow us to build onto our established economic base.*

*Be sure to look for further information coming out soon on the Southeast Florida Regional Freight Plan. This plan is a collaboration between the Southeast Florida Transportation Council, the MPOs of Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach and the Florida Department of Transportation Districts 4 and 6. The Plan is intended to provide critical input into the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan as well as the individual MPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan updates. The ultimate goal of the Plan is to provide a list of prioritized freight transportation system needs. These needs will bridge modes, corridors, hubs, and connectors. We will have more information on this in future newsletters, so stay tuned!*

## BROWARD A1A SCENIC HIGHWAY CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Broward A1A Scenic Highway Corridor Management Plan is currently being updated and we want your input! This plan will identify how to heighten awareness of the intrinsic resources along the corridor while protecting them to enhance the traveling experience. Please plan to attend one of the upcoming workshops, shown below and help us develop a plan for the future of the designated S.R. A1A Scenic Highway:

**OCTOBER 14 @ 5:00PM – 7:00PM • POMPANO BEACH MARRIOTT**  
1200 North Ocean Boulevard, Pompano Beach, FL 33062 • Complimentary valet parking is available.

**OCTOBER 15 @ 5:00PM - 7:00PM • HOLLYWOOD BEACH MARRIOTT**  
2501 North Ocean Drive, Hollywood, FL 33019 • Complimentary self parking is available.



## 2040 SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE

The 2040 Southeast Florida Regional Transportation Plan identifies the most significant transportation investments needed to meet growing travel demands throughout the Southeast Florida region.

Go to [www.seftc.org/regionalplan](http://www.seftc.org/regionalplan) to learn more about this important plan and take the 2040 Regional Plan Survey.



## EDUCATION AND OUTREACH



With freight being an important focus at the MPO, Greg Stuart, Executive Director attended the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and the Federal Highway Administration's Office of Freight

Operations 5th biennial Freight Partnership Meeting in Washington, D.C., held from July 31 to August 2. This meeting brought together freight and transportation officials from other State Departments of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration Division Offices, the United States Department of Transportation Headquarters, the private sector and other national MPOs. Greg participated by sitting on panel discussions with national transportation leaders, key representatives with the Federal Highway Administration, and other MPOs from around the country about implementing MAP-21, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act.

On July 25 the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council held its July meeting in Fort Lauderdale. Before the meeting, Greg Stuart joined other attendees on a tour of Port Everglades to show and inform the participants of the various expansion projects taking place at Port Everglades. Thank you to staff at Port Everglades for making this happen.



On August 29, James Cromar spoke to the Uptown Fort Lauderdale Focus Group about the proposed mobility hub located within the City's Uptown area, which includes the Tri-Rail Station at Andrews Avenue and Cypress Creek Road. The focus group consists of owners and business leaders along the Cypress Creek Road corridor generally located between I-95 and Powerline Road.

## ADA COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT

The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory Committee, whose membership includes the three MPO's, the three transit agencies and the three Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Boards, recently performed an ADA compliance assessment on Tri-Rail's West Palm Beach Station. The assessment was done as part of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority's ongoing efforts to assure continued compliance with federal, state and local accessibility guidelines.

## TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Broward MPO Board adopted the Transportation Improvement Program FY 2013/14 – FY 2017/18 at their July 11, 2013 meeting. To learn more, go to [www.browardmpo.org/programs/transportation-improvement-program](http://www.browardmpo.org/programs/transportation-improvement-program)



## TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

## 21ST ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED BEST PRACTICES AND TRAINING WORKSHOP

The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) held its 21st Annual Transportation Disadvantaged Best Practices and Training Workshop August 6, 2013 through August 7, 2013 at the Ocean Center in Daytona Beach. Broward MPO participants were Debbie Byrnes, Transportation Disadvantaged Program Manager, and Priscila Clawges, Transportation Planner, along with Broward County Transit, Community Transit Officer, Steve Ullman and the Florida Department of Transportation, District 4's Local Coordinating Board Representative, Jayne Pietrowski.

Among the many coordinated transportation topics the workshop sessions covered were Innovative Solutions to Challenging Service Issues, Financing, Negotiating the Multi-Generational Workplace, Developing Relevant Performance



Mobility Management, and a Federal Update presented by Jennifer Hibbert, Federal Transit Administration. The sessions culminated with a statewide Planners Roundtable to discuss common issues and solutions.

This informative conference ended with a Banquet Dinner and the CTD Awards Presentation by Executive Director Steve Holmes.



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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

	SEPT 2013	OCT 2013	NOV 2013	DEC 2013
<b>Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)</b> <i>Meets every 2nd Thur. at 9:30 a.m.</i>	12	10	14	12
<b>Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)</b> <i>Meets every 4th Wed. at 2:30 p.m.</i>	25	23	20*	No Meeting
<b>Community Involvement Roundtable (CIR)</b> <i>Meets every 4th Wed. at 6 p.m.</i>	25	23	20*	No Meeting
<b>Broward County Coordinating Board (BCCB)</b> <i>Meets 3rd Monday at 2 p.m. when scheduled</i>	23*	No Meeting	18	No Meeting

\* 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?

Deerfield Beach  
Complete Streets Guidelines



The City of Deerfield Beach is the first City in Broward to adopt Complete Streets Guidelines, based upon the Broward Complete Streets Guidelines.

Complete Streets are designed to enable safe access for all users. Pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and public transportation users of all ages and abilities are able to safely move along and across a complete street.

Go to: [www.deerfield-beach.com](http://www.deerfield-beach.com)  
Then click on: **Departments > Planning & Development Services > Complete Streets**