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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

	APRIL 2014	MAY 2014	JUNE 2014	JULY 2014
<b>Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)</b> <i>Meets every 2nd Thur. at 9:30 a.m.</i>	10	8	12	10
<b>Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)</b> <i>Meets every 4th Wed. at 2:30 p.m.</i>	23	28	25	No Meeting
<b>Community Involvement Roundtable (CIR)</b> <i>Meets every 4th Wed. at 6 p.m.</i>	23	28	25	No Meeting
<b>Local Coordinating Board (LCB)</b> <i>Meets every Mon. at 2 p.m.</i>	28	No Meeting	23 Committee Meeting	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).**

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## DID YOU KNOW?

**Reversible Express Lanes on I-595 will be opening at the end of March**

**Eastbound Traffic Flow**  
M-F, 4 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Westbound Traffic Flow**  
M-F, 2 p.m. to 2 a.m.



For more information visit  
[www.i-595.com](http://www.i-595.com)



Pictured above (from the left to right): Stewart Robertson, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., Gregory Stuart, MPO Executive Director, Commissioner of Miramar Yvette Colbourne, Commissioner of Deerfield Beach Richard Rosenzweig, and Vice Mayor of Davie Bryan Caletka

As part of the summit, Safe Streets Awards were presented highlighting various cities in the County that have led by example in creating better streets for all users. Three awards were voted upon by locals through the website, receiving a total of 117 votes nominating 18 cities as well as county and state roads. The first award **"Making Bike Lanes a Big Hit"** went to the City of Fort Lauderdale who worked closely with the Florida Department of Transportation to assure a quality bicycle facility in their City. The second award, **"Not So Fast! Best Jurisdiction to Implement Traffic-Calming Tactics"** went to the City of Hollywood. For the third award, **"All Hail to the Broward Champion of Safe Streets"**, more than a dozen jurisdictions were

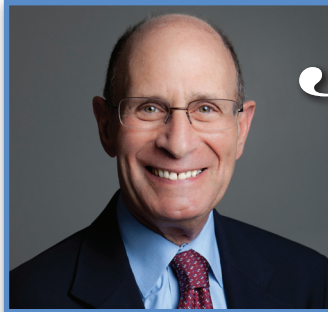


nominated. The award went to Broward County with long-time champion for Complete Streets, Commissioner and MPO Board member Kristin Jacobs accepting the award on behalf of Broward County.

The MPO continues to provide technical assistance to cities interested in implementing Complete Streets and is offering Walkability Audits which takes a look at the existing walking conditions in an area by inviting people of all ages and backgrounds to participate in a walking tour of the areas.



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Commissioner Richard Blattner  
Chair, Broward MPO  
City of Hollywood, District 4

# Message From The Chair

2014 is off to a great start. In an effort to make the MPO more competitive, keep our pulse on important transportation and infrastructure legislative issues, and strengthen our legislative voice in Washington, DC, and Tallahassee, our Board approved a Membership Fee. This fee is raised from local funds to be used for advocacy related activities and services and is based on the population of each Broward County city. These services provide the MPO with opportunities to advance and promote legislative priorities, like funding for complete streets, community shuttles, mass transit freight movement and governance issues. MPOs across the country are competing for grants and funding, so it is important for us to make these efforts to stay ahead of the competition.

Sometimes rules get enacted which have unintended consequences. One example is that MPOs that are recipients of Federal Funds are prohibited from using those funds to lobby at the Federal level. Actually, that makes sense, since the funds should go only to accomplish the project for which they were intended. On another, it prohibits MPOs from advocating for their priorities.

Last year, the MPO approved a process to raise funds to engage a Washington lobbying firm which would be a persistent face in front of numerous committees that approve projects and allocate funds. To implement this process, each city in the county was asked to make a contribution based on five cents per resident. The County, School Board, and the SFRTA were also included.

Through our procurement process, the Board selected Holland & Knight, as its lobbyists. They have already begun advocating on our behalf and keeping the Executive Committee apprised on the latest TIGER grant information. With a new transportation authorization bill being drafted as you read this article, we have opportunities to increase transportation funding to our region that will further our planned transportation projects that are part of the MPOs long range goals and priorities. We are enthusiastic about our advocacy services to help grow the MPOs influence for transportation and I personally look forward to reporting to you more secured funding as we move forward in 2014/2015.

## COMMITMENT 2040 IS ALMOST COMPLETE!



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Commitment 2040, your long range transportation plan update, is almost complete! After concluding the final

phase of public outreach in November, we have drafted Commitment 2040 and are currently meeting with our partner agencies to finalize it in time for a month-long public comment period in April 2014. During that time, the plan and its recommended projects will be available to the public for their input. This plan is the culmination of a year-long process and is drafted with input from the over 1,800 people that have participated in our outreach efforts and our partner agencies who will implement the plan.

Two versions of the plan will be available: one specifically for the public and another for agencies who will be responsible for constructing and maintaining the projects outlined in the plan. We are excited to show you what you have helped us create!

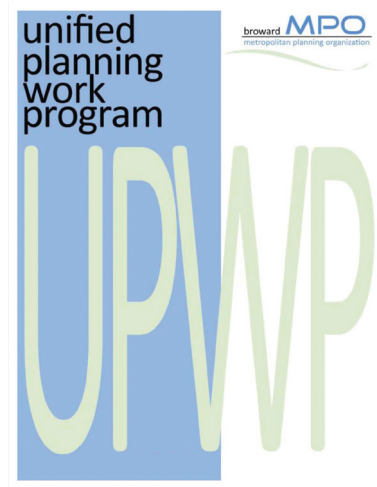
Please visit [www.Commitment2040.org](http://www.Commitment2040.org) for more information. The website will be updated in April with drafts of the plan, an interactive map with projects we can afford to construct and ways to give input on individual projects and the overall plan itself.

## REGIONAL TRAVEL SURVEY WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU



The Southeast Florida Transportation Council is a partnership of the Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach MPO's and they are continuing to create the **2040 Southeast Florida Regional Transportation Plan**. If you drive or travel to Palm Beach or Miami-Dade Counties, they would like to hear from you and receive your important input.

To participate in the **Regional Travel Survey**, please visit [www.seftc.org/regionalplan](http://www.seftc.org/regionalplan).



## THE MPO WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU

The draft **Unified Planning Work Program Fiscal Year 2014/15 – 2015/16**, also known as the Business Plan, is available for review and comment on the Broward MPO website under the Programs tab at [www.browardMPO.org](http://www.browardMPO.org). The draft describes proposed transportation planning activities and associated costs, to be accomplished in Broward County by the Broward MPO during the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2016.

**THE DRAFT IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT FROM MARCH 10 TO APRIL 24, 2014.**

Please submit comments via e-mail at [info@browardMPO.org](mailto:info@browardMPO.org), via fax to (954)-876-0062 or by mail to the MPO address noted on the back of this newsletter, **by April 24, 2014**. Persons needing special accommodations to view this document or for further information call 954-876-0033.

## EDUCATION AND OUTREACH



In fulfilling a new proclamation signed by Governor Rick Scott establishing the first week in December to be Older Driver Safety Awareness Week in Florida, the MPO staff participated in an inaugural Safety is Golden Mobility Fair on December 5, 2013, along with the Safe Mobility for Life Coalition, the City of Tamarac, Car Fit and the Florida Department of Transportation.

To promote transportation and civil engineering professions, the MPO staff, during the week of December 4, 2013, along with the Federal Highway Administration, hosted training for educational outreach programs that are designed for use in Science, Technology, Engineering,

and Math (STEM) classes. Fun, interactive, and hands-on activities (pictured below) were introduced to the educators who attended, to teach them more about the transportation and civil engineering profession and inspire them to consider careers in those fields.



On March 5th, the MPO hosted an "Implementing Complete Streets" seminar, which provided policymakers, planners and engineers with a range of tools to make streets "complete", which means they are safe and convenient for all users and for a wide range of different roadway environments. The seminar was led by John LaPlante, Director of Traffic Engineering for T.Y. Lin, International.

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