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## **MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR: THE FUTURE OF STATE ROAD 7**







As many Broward residents know, State Road 7 (SR-7) is one of the most traveled roads in the area. In fact, the SR-7 Corridor has the highest transit ridership in all of Broward, with over 20,000 riders per day! The MPO has commissioned a multimodal improvements corridor study on SR-7 (from the Broward-Miami-Dade County line to north of Sample Road) with the aim of enhancing the traveling experience for all users, including those who drive, bike, walk, and take transit along the corridor. Study goals include reducing congestion, increasing safety, promoting active and multimodal transportation, and promoting redevelopment opportunities along the corridor.

After extensive public outreach, recommendations from the SR-7 study will include both short, mid, and long term improvements, and will focus on improving safety for all users of the corridor. Objectives of the study include reducing the frequency of automobile, pedestrian, and bicycle accidents, providing a continuous bike lane on SR-7, and providing better opportunities for safe and convenient crossings of SR-7 and other roadways within the corridor. Representatives on the working group committees include staff from the cities along the corridor as well as the Seminole Tribe of Florida. The study is expected to be completed by summer 2016, with the implementation plan to follow.

If you drive, take transit, bike, or walk along the corridor, planners from the SR-7 study team want to hear from you! For more information about the SR-7 Multimodal Improvements Corridor Study, and to participate in a user survey, please visit *www.ImproveSR7.org*.

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

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Earlier this month, the Broward MPO released our first ever Annual Report, which summarized our accomplishments in the 2014-15 fiscal year. The 2015 Annual Report identifies our successes in addressing the various goals outlined by the MPO Board in the Strategic Business Plan. In this most recent year, we adopted Commitment 2040, our Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), expanded our Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by \$400 million dollars, and programmed \$100 million dollars for bicycle and pedestrian improvements through



our Complete Streets Initiative. These accomplishments reflect our goal to increase funding for transportation improvements throughout the Broward region.

Economic development is another important strategic direction for the Board. In an effort to promote this goal, the MPO and its partner agencies developed the Southeast Florida Regional Freight Plan. We have also developed several initiatives to accomplish our goal of expanding strategic partnerships. For instance, Speak Up Broward, the MPO's grassroots public outreach campaign, has been engaging communities in the transportation planning process; to date this program has reached over 45,000 people through various engagement activities.

The MPO Board is pleased with the accomplishments outlined in the report, and we are very excited about our plans for the future. If you would like to learn more about the 2015 Annual Report or the Strategic Business Plan, please visit us at www.browardmpo.org/about-us.

## **EQUALITY IN TRANSPORTATION**

On August 3-6, members of the Broward MPO attended and presented at this year's Southern Transportation Civil Rights Training Symposium held at the Fort Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach. This symposium, hosted by the Southern Transportation Civil Rights Executive Council (STCREC), included participation from civil rights transportation professionals from across the country. The Broward MPO's Paul Calvaresi and Anthea Thomas presented on Quiet Zones and social media, respectively.





Through biannual symposiums and its membership, the STCREC aims to promote Civil Rights Program initiatives, advocating for the equitable distribution of programs on both the state and federal levels. The STCREC's goal is to educate its members on civil rights and transportation and to advocate for equality in transportationrelated programming. For more information about this year's symposium and for copies of the 2015 presentations, please visit www.stcrectraining.com. Stay tuned for more information about the next training in 2017!

### **MAKING COMPLETE STREETS IMPLEMENTATION EASIER**

More Complete Streets are coming to Broward! The Complete Streets and Other Localized Initiatives Program (CSLIP) was recently approved by Broward MPO's Board. CSLIP will be a helpful tool for municipalities to use in order to apply for Complete Streets-related funding. Although the official application has not yet been released, we wanted to let municipalities know that it is coming soon! Once the application process is initiated, municipalities will be able to submit their requests for funding in order to make our roads safer for all travelers - with special attention to cyclists and



pedestrians. For more information on CSLIP, please contact Michael Ronskavitz at RonskavitzM@browardmpo.com.

## **EDUCATION AND OUTREACH**

#### Join Our Ambassador Program

In order to continue the conversation about the transportation system in Broward County, the MPO has unveiled its "Ambassadors" social media program. Using Facebook and LinkedIn, we have been able to connect with fellow commuters, gathering stories on how they navigate the South Florida transportation system and what recommendations they have to make the system more effective. To learn more about our Ambassador program, or to become an Ambassador yourself, please contact Anthea Thomas, Public Involvement Specialist at *ThomasA@browardmpo.org*.





#### Safe Streets Summit Save the Date

The third annual "Safe Streets Summit" will provide training and technical guidance to South Florida transportation professionals to help implement **Complete Streets** and bicycle and pedestrian safety initiatives. The Summit will feature nationally recognized speakers who will share their insights on a wide variety of **Complete Streets**-related topics. Don't miss out on this great training opportunity!

#### **MPO Attends Groundbreaking Events**

The MPO recently attended groundbreaking events in Oakland Park to celebrate the building of Complete Streets projects at NE 38th Street (Park Lane East) and NE 34th Court. These projects were completed with MPO funds, and added new bike lanes, pedestrian enhancements, and drainage, water, and sewer improvements. For more information on Complete Streets, please visit: **www.browardmpo.org/ projects-studies/complete-streets** 



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#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

	OCT 2015	NOV 2015	DEC 2015
<b>MPO Executive Committee</b> <i>Meets 1st Thursday at 9:30 a.m.</i>	1	5	3
Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Meets 2nd Thursday at 9:30 a.m.	8	12	10
Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meets 4th Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.	28	18*	No Meeting
Community Involvement Roundtable (CIR) Meets 4th Wednesday at 6 p.m.	28	18*	No Meeting
Local Coordinating Board (LCB) Meets 4th Monday at 2 p.m.	26	No Meeting	No Meeting
Complete Streets Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meets 2nd Monday at 2 p.m.	12	No Meeting	14

# DID YOU KNOW?

The "Sharrow" is a pavement marking indicating that the road can be shared by bicycles and automobiles, while recommending the proper position for the bicyclist, and offering directional guidance.



Whether you are traveling via car, bike, or as a pedestrian, please be cautious and alert when sharing the road. Let's continue to keep Broward roads a safe place for all modes of transportation!

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. If hearing impaired, telephone 1 (800) 273-7545 (TDD). \* Dates changed due to holiday or conflict

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.

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