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### **WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!**

In an effort to improve our communications with you, the Broward MPO would like your comments on our newsletter. To provide your feedback, please complete the survey at the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J359ST8

Alternatively, you may call Christopher Ryan, Director of Public Involvement and Communication/Title VI Coordinator, at (954) 876-0036, or send a letter to the MPO Offices at: 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 850, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309. We look forward to hearing from you!

# TIGER & FASTLANE GRANTS: FUNDING THE CONNECTIONS GAP

The Broward MPO has applied for two key grants with the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) in order to fund additional transportation initiatives in our area. One grant, through the USDOT's Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program, would fund additional bike lanes and sidewalks in the cities of Fort Lauderdale, Lauderdale Lakes, Pompano Beach, and Oakland Park. If awarded, USDOT would provide over \$11 million dollars for projects in the above cities that would continue the MPO's efforts to provide safe streets for all users of the road. With an existing 9.2-mile gap in the Regional Complete Streets Initiative system, Broward's residents are missing vital connections in a 70-mile portion of the network that provides access to major employment centers, educational facilities, and healthcare needs. USDOT is expected to announce the TIGER Grant winners in August or September.

In addition to the TIGER grant, the MPO, in conjunction with Port Everglades, is applying for a Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-Term Achievement of National Efficiency (FASTLANE) grant. The MPO's FASTLANE grant would allow Port Everglades to construct the Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP). The IFCP would create the addition of up to five new berths at the Port, the renovation of dock infrastructure, the purchase of state-of-the-art super post-Panamax container gantry cranes, as well as environmentally-friendly bulkheads. As with the TIGER Grant, USDOT is expected to announce the FASTLANE Grant winners in August or September.



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

### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The Broward MPO has completed the redesign of our website. Our goal was to make it more visual and user-friendly for our partners and the general public. The new site makes it easier to learn about the work of the MPO; locate and download information, including board and committee agendas; find out about upcoming events by accessing our calendar; and keep up with the latest news and projects.

While doing this redesign, we ensured that the site continues to be accessible for all users, including ADA compliance. Given the growing market for handheld devices, we also

wanted to make sure that the website would be supported on smart phones and tablets. The redesign allows our site's content to be loaded on all devices regardless of the users' technological preferences.

Visit us at BrowardMPO.org and let us know what you think of our new site!

### BRIGHTLINE - CONNECTING FLORIDA TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE



On May 13, 2016, Brightline (brought to you by All Aboard Florida) held a construction milestone event at the site of their Fort Lauderdale Brightline Station. Local community leaders attended this event and were given the opportunity to quite literally "make their mark," by inscribing their initials in the freshly poured concrete V-columns! The station's V-columns will serve as an



iconic, identifying feature of all Brightline stations. Reaching up to 45 ft. in height, the columns will also be illuminated with various colors at night.

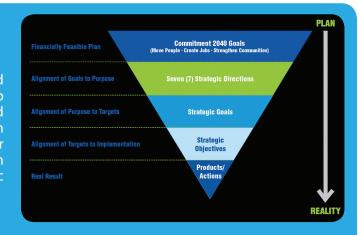
Beginning in Summer 2017, Brightline will initially offer express inter-city rail service between Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach. Service to Orlando is planned for a second phase.

For more information, visit: http://www.gobrightline.com/ or like them on Facebook: www.facebook.com/gobrightline.

## NEXT DIRECTION: STRATEGIC ADVISORY COMMITTEES

In the 2015 Strategic Business Plan, the Broward MPO Board established five Strategic Advisory Committees to further develop goals established by the Board. The Strategic Plan identified the need to address the rapid change in modern transportation technology, as well as find ways for additional funding for MPO projects. In each of the next five issues of Transportation Transformations, we will be highlighting a particular Strategic Advisory Committee. These important Committees include:

- Leadership/Partnership
- Education/Development
- Revenue/Funding
- Multimodal Improvements
- Economic Development



Stay tuned for more detailed information about each Committee, their findings, and their recommendations for moving the MPO's goals forward.

For more information, please contact James Cromar, Director of Planning, at (954) 876-0038 or cromarj@browardmpo.org.

### **EDUCATION AND OUTREACH**

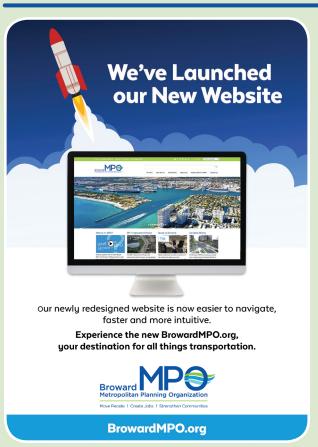
### **Deerfield Beach High School Helps Plan the Future**



On May 17, the Broward MPO hosted a group of Deerfield Beach High School students in an exercise to plan the Cypress Creek Mobility Hub. The students looked at ways to make the Cypress Creek area safer for pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users. Throughout the school year, MPO staff has forged a partnership with Broward



County Public Schools to teach students about transportation and the importance of transportation planning in the community. This program is an outgrowth of the Education and Development Strategic Business Plan Subcommittee, detailed on Page 2. For more information or to learn more about getting your local school involved in this initiative, please contact Chris Ryan at Ryanc@browardmpo.org or (954) 876-0036.



### **Voice Your Opinions at the 2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Public Meetings!**

It's that time of year again! Please join the Broward MPO at its upcoming public meetings for the 2016/17 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). These meetings provide the public with an opportunity to voice your opinions on which transportation programs and initiatives should be priorities in the upcoming years. You may also access this information through the MPO's Interactive TIP tool: http://broward.dtstiptool.com. Public meetings will take place on:

- Wednesday, June 22nd, 2:30 pm Technical **Advisory Committee**
- Wednesday, June 22nd, 6:00 pm Citizen's **Advisory Committee**
- Thursday, July 14th, 9:30 am Broward MPO **Board Meeting (Final Action Taken)**

All meetings will be held in the Broward MPO Board Room located at Trade Centre South, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 850, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309. We look forward to your active participation!

Remember to join the conversation about transportation in Broward by following Speak Up Broward below.













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YOUTUBE: www.youtube.com/watch?v=p85ym801zl0 INSTAGRAM: www.instagram.com/speakupbroward





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UPCOMING MEETINGS	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT
MPO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS 1ST THUR. AT 9:30 A.M.	2	7	NO MEETING	,
Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) MEETS 2ND THUR. AT 9:30 A.M.	9	)4	NO MEETING	8
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETS YTH WED. AT 2:30 P.M.	22	NO MEETING	24	28
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEETS YTH WED. AT 6 P.M.	22	NO MEETING	24	28
LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (LCB) MEETS YTH MON. AT Z P.M.	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	12

\* 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. 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.

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The Sun Trolley, operated by the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association, provides free (or very low cost) transportation in our area. The seven routes include:

- Uptown Link
- Downtown Link
  - Galt Link
- NW Community Link
  Las Olas/Beaches Link (\$1.00)
  - Neighborhood Link
    - ► Airport Link
    - ► Water Trolley

For more detailed information, detailed maps and schedules, please visit:

http://www.suntrolley.com/