

# Investing your dollars in Transportation

## UNDERSTANDING THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

### WHAT IS THE BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION?

The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is an agency responsible for transportation planning, intergovernmental coordination and transportation funding allocations in Broward County. The Broward MPO works with the public, planning organizations, government agencies, elected officials, and community groups to address transportation needs and develop transportation plans, such as the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

### HOW IS THE TIP CREATED?

The TIP is prepared by the Broward MPO in cooperation with local transportation agencies such as the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, Southeast Florida Transportation Council, the municipalities within Broward County, and Broward County transportation service providers such as Broward County Transit (BCT), Aviation and Port Everglades. The Broward MPO and its planning partners develop the TIP on an annual basis. At the end of the process, the TIP signifies an agreement among local, state and regional officials as to what transportation improvements to pursue.



### WHAT IS THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)?

The TIP is a five-year program that prioritizes and documents the funding of transportation improvement projects the region expects to build over the next five years. These projects include transit, highway, air and seaport, as well as bicycle, pedestrian, and freight-related projects. The TIP is a tool to advance projects from the Long Range Transportation Plan to a short range five year program. All TIP projects are evaluated to assure consistency with the goals and objectives of the LRTP. The current TIP and LRTP can be found online at [www.browardMPO.org](http://www.browardMPO.org)



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### HOW IS THE TIP FUNDED?

TIP projects are funded through a mix of local, state and federal transportation funds. Federal funds are administered through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Funds also come from state, county, and local municipalities via fuel taxes.

### HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE IN DEVELOPING THE TIP?

- The primary ongoing venues for public participation are the monthly meetings of the CIR, TCC and the Broward MPO.

Visit <http://www.browardmpo.org/mpo/agenda.htm> for the date and time of meetings and upcoming agendas.

- Plan to visit the Broward MPO website often at [www.browardMPO.org](http://www.browardMPO.org) and click on the “Transportation Improvement Plan” section.

- E-mail comments and questions to [leeksg@browardmpo.org](mailto:leeksg@browardmpo.org) or [ener@browardmpo.org](mailto:ener@browardmpo.org) or call at 954-876-0042.

- Fax your comments and questions to 954-876-0062 or mail them to the address below.

- Prior to the adoption of the TIP, the MPO sponsors a public hearing, and a 30 day public comment period. This usually occurs in May-June of each year.

### CAN THE TIP BE AMENDED?

Yes, changes are routinely made to the TIP through amendments. The TIP can be amended in order to add, change, or delete projects. Such amendments have to be reviewed and approved by the MPO and FDOT. The review also includes opportunities for public comment. The primary methods for public participation are the monthly meetings of the Community Involvement Roundtable (CIR), the Technical Coordination Committee (TCC) and the Broward MPO held at the MPO office.

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### WHY IS THE TIP IMPORTANT?

The TIP identifies, for both Broward residents and taxpayers, how federal, state and local dollars are being spent on transportation projects. The TIP is a vehicle to move projects from the unfunded LRTP to a funded priority list that includes an anticipated schedule and the cost for each project.

### TIP Annual Schedule:

#### January-April:

- The MPO is provided with projects from FDOT, local transportation agencies and municipalities for inclusion into the TIP.

#### May-June:

- The Broward MPO conducts public review and comment period for draft TIP.

#### July:

- The approval of the TIP by the Broward MPO Board.

The TIP document can be found on the Broward MPO’s website at [www.browardMPO.org](http://www.browardMPO.org) by clicking on the “Transportation Improvement Program” section. If you require assistance viewing this document please contact [ryanc@browardmpo.org](mailto:ryanc@browardmpo.org) or 954-876-0036.



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