Broward MPO's 2015 Federal and State Legislative Priorities November 13, 2014 Board Meeting



## **Federal**

Expand direct sub-allocation of federal funds to the Broward MPO:

Establish direct sub-allocation of the National Highway Performance Program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds (along with associated Obligation Authority) to the MPO.

Increase the amount of Surface Transportation Program funds (along with Obligation Authority) that are currently sub-allocated to the MPO.

• Restore pre-MAP-21 funding levels for programs vital to the Broward MPO:

Reinstate dedicated funding for bridges, regardless of National Highway System status or functional classification.

Return funding to pre-MAP-21 levels for Safe Routes to Schools, Recreational Trails, and Transportation Enhancement that have been combined under the Transportation Alternative Program.

Return funding to pre-MAP-21 levels for Bus and Bus Facilities programs and continue the needs-driven discretionary program.

Expand Federal Transit Administration funding for transit operations within the Broward Region as prioritized by the MPO and its partner governments.

 Create a multimodal freight program with the revenues necessary to improve intermodal networks at the metropolitan and statewide levels:

Establish a freight trust fund with eligibility provided for all modes and direct suballocations (along with associated Obligation Authority) to the MPO. This will allow the MPO to focus on providing Port Everglades additional federal funding to expand existing and future Freight/Manufacturing Facilities within the Broward Region.

 Support continued discretionary funding of the WAVE streetcar and any WAVE streetcar extension.

Continue to engage the Broward County Congressional delegation to support inclusion of the WAVE Streetcar and any potential expansions in FY 15 and subsequent Federal Transit Administration Budget Request to Congress.

• Provide the Broward MPO oversight of revenues and expenditures for managed lanes generated from the Interstate Highway System.

Establish the MPO as the oversight authority to approve the use of revenues generated by the managed lanes program on the interstate highway system within the Broward Region.

## **State**

- Restore funding for the Transportation Regional Incentive Program to promote regional planning and project development.
- Establish a revolving fund to be utilized by Metropolitan Planning Organizations to advance the use of Federal Funds prior to reimbursement from the United States Department of Transportation.

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