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BROWARD AND PALM BEACH MPOs PARTNER WITH ALL ABOARD FLORIDA FOR QUIET ZONES

Beginning in 2016, **All Aboard Florida** will have 16 trains running round-trip daily between Miami and West Palm Beach.

In order to run passenger service on the Florida East Coast (FEC) corridor, **All Aboard Florida** will privately fund and install additional safety improvements: predictor units to establish more consistent warning times before train arrivals to crossings; power-off indicators to alert train crews of a crossing malfunction; event recorders to log the activation of warning devices, and wayside horns. A quiet zone is a section of rail where the train is not routinely sounded at rail crossings, more aptly described as a "reduced train horn area." Under the federal rule, a quiet zone may be established with the installation of Supplemental Safety Measures (SSM), which are meant to mitigate the increased risk of not sounding the train horn. The train horn may still be sounded in the case of an emergency situation. An established quiet zone makes wayside horns no longer necessary to install at train crossing locations.

Construction of a Supplemental Safety Measure or SSM can be as much as \$500,000 per crossing, which can be prohibitively expensive. However, through a Public Private Partnership the Broward and Palm Beach



MPOs were able to piggyback on All Aboard Florida's construction timetable and expertise to leverage their combined funds. The result of this partnership will be a continuous quiet zone from the City of Hallandale Beach to the City of West Palm Beach.

The return of passenger train service on the FEC tracks will provide an excellent opportunity for cities along the corridor to implement plans for economic development along the route in preparation for the day when local rail service starts.

To learn more about All Aboard Florida and the planned stations and quiet zones, please visit
www.allaboardflorida.com



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

Message From The Chair

Beginning in 2016, commuter service from Miami to Jupiter will become a reality. Federal requirements mandate that locomotive engineers must begin to sound train horns in advance of all public grade crossings.

P3s are joint development agreements between a public agency and a private sector entity in order to share associated costs. The significant investment being made by All Aboard Florida for safety improvements at each grade crossing



will drastically reduce the cost of improvements otherwise associated with the introduction of quiet zones. Without a P3, Quiet Zones along the corridor would not be financially feasible.

Through a Public Private Partnership (P3), the Broward MPO and Palm Beach MPO are partnering with Florida East Coast Industries, LLC (FECI), the owner and developer of "All Aboard Florida", to fund "Quiet Zones" along the rail line corridor from Hallandale Beach to West Palm Beach. A quiet zone is a section of railroad where additional safety measures have been installed at at-grade crossings to eliminate the need for train horns when approaching highway crossings.

Partnerships such as these are important for municipalities to fund projects that help to make a community safer and preserve the quality of life for its residents.

WALKING AUDITS

As part of our Complete Streets Initiatives, we will be hosting a series of Walking Audits.

The purpose of Walking Audits is to highlight corridors and areas that could benefit from a street assessment to better promote all modes of transportation.

The first Walking Audit was held in Fort Lauderdale on July 24, 2014. Over 50 people participated and provided feedback and recommendations to create better and safer streets for drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users.

Visit www.browardmpo.org or call 954-876-0044 to learn more.



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A walking audit helps highlight areas of improvement for your community.

Help us understand the needs of your neighborhood

Get Involved and Participate!

SIGN UP FOR UPCOMING AUDITS!

Coconut Creek

October 7, 2014 • 2:30-5:00 pm
Coconut Creek Community Center
1100 Lyons Road • Coconut Creek, FL 33063

North Lauderdale

October 23, 2014 • 2:30-5:00 pm
City Commission Chambers
701 SW 71 Avenue • North Lauderdale, FL 33068

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October 2014 • Time TBD
Location TBD



EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

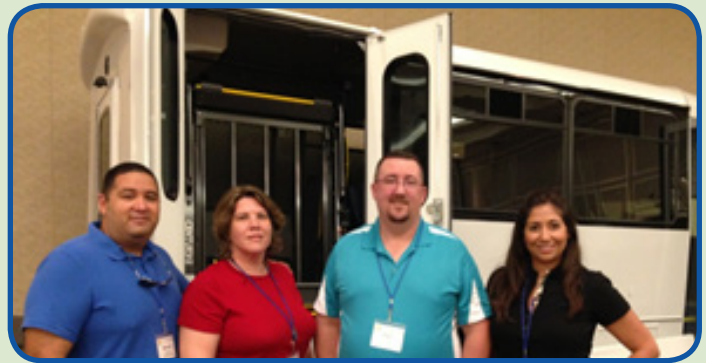
22nd Annual Transportation Disadvantaged Best Practices and Training Workshop

The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) held its 22nd Annual Transportation Disadvantaged Best Practices and Training Workshop July 29, 2014 through July 30, 2014 at the Renaissance Hotel at Seaworld. Broward MPO staff member Priscila Jager Clawges, TD Program Manager along with BCT Paratransit Manager Paul Strobis, BCT Community Transit Officer Steve Ullman, BCT Fleet Manager Steven Wheeler, and FDOT District 4's Local Coordinating Board Representative Nancy Weizman attended the workshop.

Among the many coordinated transportation topics the workshop sessions covered were Innovative Mobility Management Solutions, Medicaid Best Practices, Strategies for Providing Cost Effective Transportation, Marketing Fundamentals for Transit Service Providers, and Employment First Initiative presentation by

the Chairman of the CTD, David Darm. The sessions culminated with a statewide Planners Roundtable to discuss common issues and solutions.

This informative conference ended with a Banquet Dinner and the CTD Awards. **Congratulations to Broward County Transit who won the CTD Award for Innovation of the Year!**



From left to right: Steven Wheeler BCT, Nancy Weizman FDOT, Paul Strobis BCT, Priscila Clawges, BMPO

Speak Up Broward - Let's Talk Transportation!

The Broward MPO and Jade Alexander want your input on the future of transportation in Broward! Your voice matters, so Speak Up Broward!

eTownHall Meetings

Thursday, October 2, 2014 • 7-8pm
Thursday, October 9, 2014 • 7-8pm
Wednesday, October 15, 2014 • 7-8pm

Join the Discussion!

- Watch live on BECON TV (available on all cable providers)
- Stream online at www.SpeakUpBroward.org
- Call in and listen live at 877-353-4701
- Rep. Lois Frankel and Rep. Debbie Wasserman-Schultz will be joining the October 9th ETownhall meeting
- Join us in person at the Broward MPO office:
Trade Centre South, 100 W. Cypress Creek Road, Suite 850, Fort Lauderdale



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YOUTUBE: www.youtube.com/watch?v=p85ym801zI0

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

	OCT 2014	NOV 2014	DEC 2014
Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) <i>Meets every 2nd Thur. at 9:30 a.m.</i>	9	13	11
Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) <i>Meets every 4th Wed. at 2:30 p.m.</i>	22	19*	No Meeting
Community Involvement Roundtable (CIR) <i>Meets every 4th Wed. at 6 p.m.</i>	22	19*	No Meeting
Local Coordinating Board (LCB) <i>Meets every Mon. at 2 p.m.</i>	27	No 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. 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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