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TRAC AND RIDES: MENTORING THE NEXT GENERATION

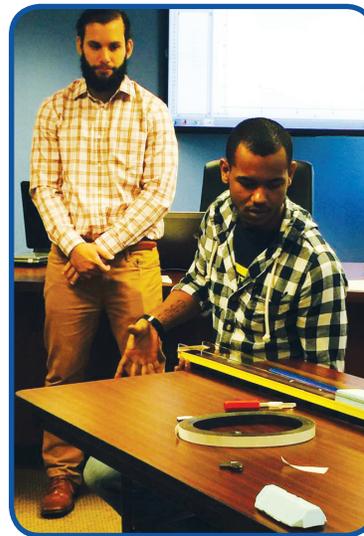
On February 10th and 11, 2015, the Broward MPO, in coordination with the **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)**, held **Transportation and Civil Engineering (TRAC)** training sessions for Broward's Middle and High School teachers. In an effort to bring awareness to and raise interest in engineering professions, TRAC is designed to provide educators with hands-on, training experience in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math, also known as STEM. The TRAC initiative, and its elementary school counterpart, **Roadways Into Developing Elementary Students (RIDES)**, developed at the nationwide level by the **American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO)**, is offered to all states, by way of their respective Departments of Transportation.

Teachers actively participated in hands-on lab work and activities including bridge building, magnetism, traffic technology, and highway safety. As reflected in the 2015 Broward MPO Strategic Plan, educational outreach and involvement with regard to STEM-oriented curriculum are essential for the continuation of the transportation and engineering industries. Working in close concert with Broward County Superintendent of Schools, Robert W. Runcie, and Broward County's Math, Science, and Gifted Department, the Broward MPO aims to provide the County's educators with the necessary tools to encourage their students' interests in the fields of math and science. As the current leaders in transportation begin to reach the age of retirement, colloquially referred to as the "Silver Tsunami," many DOTs across the nation are concerned about the state of the industry; therefore, it is especially important to encourage young peoples' participation. It is through programs such as TRAC and working relationships between school boards and public agencies, that students of all ages are introduced to the exciting worlds of transportation and civil engineering. This continuing partnership is a high priority for the Broward MPO, not only for 2015, but also for the years beyond!

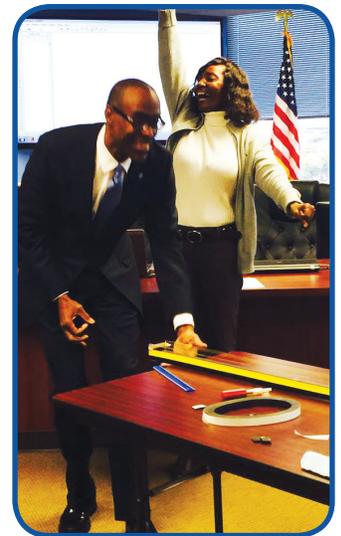
For more information on TRAC, visit:
mmsd.transportation.org/trac_rides/



FROM R TO L: Commissioner Blattner, Broward County Superintendent, Robert Runcie, Broward County School Board Member, Patricia Good, MPO Executive Director, Gregory Stuart, and Tracy Duval of the FHWA.



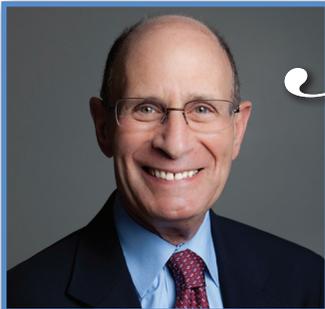
LEFT: Two Broward County high school science teachers participating in hands-on TRAC activities.



RIGHT: Merilyn Blair-Johnson, Science Curriculum Supervisor, cheering on Superintendent Runcie as he tries his hand at a TRAC training activity.

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

Message From The Chair

Yogi Berra, the famous NY Yankees ball player and coach, had it right when he said, **"If you don't know where you are going, you are certain to end up somewhere else."** On January 8th, the MPO Board met for an all-day strategic

planning retreat. The purpose of the retreat was to create a clear path for the future direction of the Broward MPO. The result tied together seven strategic themes, such as strengthening and expanding strategic partnerships; education/development (the article on the first page of this newsletter showcases our outreach to school age children); multi-modal improvements; and economic development.

The Strategic Plan is built around 35 objectives to be accomplished over the next two years; these include developing a program to identify public/private partnership opportunities, forming a Freight Committee, and developing a Transit System Plan.

The Board desires to be a forward looking, proactive agency positioned to face the challenges of transportation planning in Broward County - today and into the future. We are rightly proud that the Broward MPO board involvement, through the creation of the Strategic Plan, is unique among MPOs in Florida.

The Broward MPO Strategic Plan will clearly identify where we want to go and provide the directions to getting there. Thanks for the reminder, Yogi.

Join the Annual **LET'S GO BIKING EVENT**

March 22nd, 2015
starting from Sabal Pines Park
(5005 Northwest 39th Avenue, Coconut Creek, FL 33073)
to Tradewinds Park @ 9:30 a.m.

HELMET FITTINGS & GIVEAWAYS

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FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Call 954.876.0047 or visit www.browardmpo.org/lets gobiking for more information.

LET'S GO BIKING!

To celebrate Florida's "Bike Month" this March, the Broward MPO, in conjunction with our sponsors and host, the City of Coconut Creek, will be holding our annual "Let's Go Biking" event on Sunday, March 22nd. During this fun-filled, family event, there will be helmet fittings, bike and helmet giveaways, as well as the opportunity to sample food from local food trucks.

Please join us at 9:30 am at Sabal Pines Park in Coconut Creek to begin the ride! For more information please call (954) 876-0047, or visit www.browardmpo.org/lets gobiking



SAFE STREETS AWARDS 2015

As a follow-up to our last newsletter, we are excited to announce the winners of the Safe Streets Awards for 2015! Held on January 22 at the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame & Museum in Dania Beach, the Safe Streets Summit included recognition of the exemplary work of the following municipalities and individual:

- **Transit Priority Award, "Making Bike Lanes a Big Hit"** - City of Fort Lauderdale in Partnership with TMA
- **Complete Streets Community Award** - City of Coconut Creek
- **Complete Streets Champion Award** - Mark Horowitz

Please visit www.browardmpo.org/services/complete-streets/safe-streets-summit to learn more about the initiative and for information on voting for the 2016 awards.

2015
SAFE STREETS AWARD

BROWARD COMPLETE STREETS
Safer, Healthier Streets for ALL Users

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

2nd Annual Automated Vehicles Summit



Assistant Secretary Biter presenting to MPO board on February 12.

On December 15th and 16th, 2014, the Florida Department of Transportation hosted the 2nd Annual Automated Vehicles Summit at Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida. Attended by many transportation professionals, as well as Broward MPO's own Greg Stuart, and Board Member Javier Garcia. The two-day Summit began with meetings and presentations about the state of the transportation industry, as well as specific information about FDOT's efforts to increase State highway safety. Day Two included live demonstrations of automated vehicles on the Walt Disney World Speedway. In addition to the Summit, the Broward MPO Board and the Local Coordinating Board were further educated, on two separate occasions, by presentations by FDOT Assistant Secretary, Richard Biter.



Americans with Disabilities Act Celebrates 25 Years

The Broward MPO, along with Kimley-Horn and Accessology, hosted a public roundtable

discussion regarding the necessity for local municipalities to ensure the existence of an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan on February 19th. This 3-hour discussion provided attendees with pertinent information regarding the specific Transition Plan Requirements, highlighting the fact that the Department of Justice is strictly enforcing compliance, especially Title II entities in 2015—the ADA's 25th Anniversary. With over 70 registrants, the roundtable was a lively, informative event, bringing the necessary awareness to ensure that Broward continues to be a safe and accessible area for all. For more information, please visit www.ada.gov/comprob.htm.

A Day in the Life: Negotiating Broward with a Disability

In photos on the right, as part of the Designing Pedestrian Facilities for Accessibility Workshop, Broward MPO staff experiences, first-hand, what it is like to negotiate our streets with a disability. According to participants, it was a very humbling exercise and underscored the extreme importance of ensuring that our cities are accessible to all!



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

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

	APR 2015	MAY 2015	JUN 2015	JUL 2015
MPO Executive Committee <i>Meets 1st Thursday at 9:30 a.m.</i>	2	7	4	2
Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) <i>Meets 2nd Thursday at 9:30 a.m.</i>	9	14	11	9
Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) <i>Meets 4th Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.</i>	22	27	24	No Meeting
Community Involvement Roundtable (CIR) <i>Meets 4th Wednesday at 6 p.m.</i>	22	27	24	No Meeting
Local Coordinating Board (LCB) <i>Meets 4th Monday at 2 p.m.</i>	27 Committee Meeting	No Meeting	22	No Meeting
Complete Streets Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) <i>Meets 2nd Monday at 2 p.m.</i>	9	11	8	No Meeting

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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DID YOU KNOW?

March is Florida Bike Month. Bicycling to work is a healthy way to start your day! It is also the most energy-efficient form of travel and great for the environment. Bicycling reduces energy use, improves air quality, and reduces traffic congestion.



**For more information, please visit:
floridabicycle.org**