

# CALENDAR of Events

MPO	BAC	BCCB	CIR	TCC
<b>March</b>				
Thursday 9 at 9:30 a.m. Room 422	Wednesday 8 at 6:30 p.m. Room 329 F	Monday 20 at 2:00 p.m. Room 422	Tuesday 7 at 6:00 p.m. Room 430	Monday 27 at 2:00 p.m. Room 302
<b>April</b>				
Thursday 13 at 9:30 a.m. Room 422	Wednesday 12 at 6:30 p.m. Room 329 F	No Meeting	Tuesday 4 at 6:00 p.m. Room 430	Monday 24 at 2:00 p.m. Room 302
<b>May</b>				
Thursday 11 at 9:30 a.m. Room 422	Wednesday 10 at 6:30 p.m. Room 329 F	Monday 15 at 2:00 p.m. Room 422	Tuesday 2 at 6:00 p.m. Room 430	Monday 22 at 2:00 p.m. Room 302
<b>June</b>				
Thursday 8 at 9:30 a.m. Room 422	Wednesday 14 at 6:30 p.m. Room 329 F	Monday 19* at 2:00 p.m. Room 422	Tuesday 6 at 6:00 p.m. Room 430	Monday 26 at 2:00 p.m. Room 302

All meetings are at the Governmental Center, 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale and are open to the public.

\*Subject to change.

## Acronyms

AADT	Annual Average Daily Traffic Counts	DCA	Department of Community Affairs
APR	Annual Performance Report	DPEP	Department of Planning and Environmental Protection
APTA	American Public Transit Association	DRI	Development of Regional Impact
BAC	Bicycle Advisory Committee	EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
BCCB	Broward County Coordinating Board	EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
BCT	Broward County Transit	FAA	Federal Aviation Authority
BLC	Broward League of Cities	FAC	Florida Administrative Code
BUS	Broward Urban Shuttle	FCTD	Florida Commission Transportation Disadvantaged
CAAA	Clean Air Act Amendment	FDOT	Florida Department of Transportation
CBD	Central Business District	FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
CMA	Congestion Management	FS	Florida Statute
CIR	Community Involvement Roundtable	FTA	Federal Transit Administration
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality	FY	Fiscal Year
CMS	Congestion Management System	GIS	Geographic Information System
CTC	Community Transportation Coordinator	MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
		TCC	Technical Coordinating Committee

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## FDOT DECLARES A1A IN BROWARD COUNTY ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR FLORIDA SCENIC HIGHWAY DESIGNATION



Fort Lauderdale Beach along A1A.

State Road A1A in Broward County is a 28-mile scenic corridor that runs from the Broward/Palm Beach county line to the Broward/Miami-Dade county line.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) announced in early 2006 that State Road A1A Broward Scenic Highway meets the eligibility requirements necessary for a potential designation as a Florida Scenic Highway.



Hollywood Broadwalk on Hollywood Beach along A1A.

The A1A Scenic Highway Corridor Advocacy Group, comprised of staff from Broward County's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), various municipalities, and private citizens recently completed the eligibility phase of the application.

There are two application phases that remain to be completed, Designation and Implementation. Upon completion and approval for designation by FDOT, the State Road A1A Broward Scenic Highway will be eligible for various grants and improvements along the roadway.



Dania Beach Pier along A1A.

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## “TAKING IT TO THE STREETS”



MPO staff with Councilmember Judith Paul.

### Orange Blossom Festival

The Davie community came out in large numbers for the annual Orange Blossom Festival, held at the Davie Town Hall. On February 25<sup>th</sup>, a large community parade was staged that included horse-back riders, horse-drawn carriages, parade floats, and marching bands for a full-day of celebrating the Town of Davie's history.

The Broward County MPO staff was on hand with the 34-foot Mobile Information Station (MIS) to speak to the public one-on-one about the transportation planning process and to gather survey results from parade goers.

MPO staff surveyed 100 attendees during the event. Almost 60% of the people surveyed stated that their number one transportation concern was congestion. Many solutions were offered during the surveying, such as lower speed limits, community shuttle services, and timing traffic signals to reduce gas consumption.



## TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES

Richard J. Kaplan,  
MPO Chair,  
Mayor,  
City of Lauderdale

The Broward County MPO is working hard to improve upon the existing transportation infrastructure as South Florida continues to experience rapid population growth. That task is not always an easy one... it means going beyond improving roadways and traffic management... improving connectivity is also key!

Whether you use the new shuttle service (highlighted below in this issue of

*Shortcuts*), the Broward Boulevard East/West Express Transit Service (BEWE), take a carpool to work, consider vanpooling as an option, use the Broward County Transit System or ride Tri-Rail on your commute to work, it should be remembered that the MPO's purpose is to support planning and funding initiatives that enhance your experience and quality of life.

The Broward County MPO is committed to continuing partnerships with the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) and the Broward community at large to identify and meet the needs of our future, while improving our economic and environmental goals.



## BROWARD MPO FUNDS EXPRESS TRANSIT SERVICE

A new Broward Boulevard East/West Express Transit Service (BEWE) provides a convenient, reliable, and free express transit service for residents. The new express

service links the Broward County Government Center West location at One University Drive in Plantation, with the County's Governmental Center in downtown Fort Lauderdale. One stop along Broward Boulevard at NE 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue provides access to the Broward Sheriffs

Office. Two 20-Passenger shuttle buses are being utilized to provide the express service.

The service began operating on January 17<sup>th</sup> and operates on 30-minute frequencies from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Broward East/West

Express Transit Service runs on bio-diesel fuel in an effort to promote domestically produced renewable energy sources. The BEWE service is a demonstration project

funded through an MPO federally funded Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant and operated through a contract with the downtown Transportation Management Association (TMA). The project has been started as a pilot project to test the potential market.



BEWE Shuttle at One University Drive in Plantation.

Employees, consultants, developers and other customers conducting business with Broward County on a regular basis are encouraged to take advantage of the service. The service is free and open to the general public.

## SPOTLIGHT ON THE CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

On Wednesday, July 13, 2005 the Broward County MPO, along with the Miami-Dade and Palm Beach County MPOs, held its first regional citizen's advisory committee meeting to help residents learn about current and future transportation projects that have regional impacts.

The meeting was held at Tri-Rail's Administrative Offices in Pompano Beach with over 60 attendees from the public. Staff from Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), as well as various other transportation agencies, presented major projects

## TELL US ABOUT "TELUS"

The Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has worked extensively with the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) for the past six years to develop the Transportation Economic Land Use System (TELUS) as the base to develop the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Broward County. The MPO was selected by NJIT, along with approximately 12 other MPOs throughout the country, to be beta-testers for this new software.

When migration to the web-based TELUS is complete, the MPO's TIP will be easily accessible for viewing by anyone on the worldwide web. Broward County anticipates that next spring, the FY 2006/07-FY2010/11 TIP will be developed in the web-based format, thereby enhancing the availability of transportation project information for the public in a friendly format that, in turn will promote public input back to the MPO.

Not only is TELUS a wonderful tool for TIP management, it has offered solutions to satisfy the ever-changing TIP requirements as the MPO grows to meet the needs of the Broward community and the region, while meeting the requirements of our state and federal funding agencies.

that cross all three county lines, topics covered at the meeting included:

- SR-7 Fast Bus Project
- South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) Double Tracking Update
- South Florida East Coast Transit Corridor Study
- Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update

Committee members and the audience had an opportunity to make comments and ask questions on projects, plans and other issues affecting their communities. At the conclusion of the meeting, the three committees agreed to meet again to discuss regional transportation issues.

## MARINA MILE ROADWAY SOON TO HAVE MARINE THEME

The "Marina Mile 84 Beautification" project began in 1998, when the Marina Mile 84 Association, Broward County, City of Dania Beach, Town of Davie and City of Fort Lauderdale collectively envisioned this section of State Road 84 to be enhanced and portray a marine theme.

Designated by the state as the "MARINA MILE", this stretch of roadway is home to over 30 marine-related facilities. The project limits extend from SR 84 at I-95 and con-



Buoy construction completed - September 2005.

tinues west to Port Blvd/ SW 30 Avenue. The transportation enhancements include two unique, three dimensional buoy signs, the relocation of 39 sabal palm trees and 112 new sabal palms within the median. This project is a collaborative effort that will safely beautify the area and provide a sense of place for this highly traveled corridor. The project is scheduled for completion by the end of fiscal year 2006.

## “TAKING IT TO THE STREETS”



Everyone decided to "mug for the camera" with our favorite mascot, Buddy!

### Children's Outreach Program

The Broward County MPO has continued to support their student outreach program by scheduling six school presentations during the 2005-2006 school calendar year. During the month of February, the first two schools, Thurgood Marshall Elementary and Stephen Foster Elementary, participated in the program.

One new facet of the program has been to make a return visit to each school one week after the initial presentation to gauge the students' interest and participation levels. On the return visit, MPO staff reviews the homework assignment and asks the students to cast a ballot to name two of the characters in the program.

During the presentation, the students at both schools played educational games, learned about careers in transportation, and even participated in planning a new sidewalk for each of their schools.