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SAFE STREETS SUMMIT SUCCESS!

On January 29, 2016, the Broward MPO hosted the 3rd Annual Safe Streets Summit at the DoubleTree Hilton in Deerfield Beach. With over 200 attendees, the Summit was the largest to date, and brought together elected officials, technical staff, and national leaders from various fields. Kit Keller, Executive Director of the National Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals, attended the Summit and remarked that it “served as a model for MPOs across the country.” In addition to the various presentations made at the Summit, three awards were given to recognize both municipalities and individuals who have demonstrated a strong commitment to making Broward County’s streets safer for all modes of travel. This year’s winners include:

- **City of Fort Lauderdale - “The Complete Streets Agency Champion”**
 - ▶ Of special note is the City’s successful integration with the private sector to include Complete Streets concepts in two major developments on US-1.
- **City of Fort Lauderdale - “Local Municipality Award”**
 - ▶ For its major investments in promoting and implementing Complete Streets concepts.
- **Jennifer Fierman – “Individual Champion- Sole of Complete Streets”**
 - ▶ For her leadership as the first FDOT District 4 Complete Streets Coordinator (prior to accepting a position at Marlin Engineering).

The MPO thanks everyone who attended the 2016 Safe Streets Summit as well as the generous sponsors who made the event possible. Check our website in the coming weeks for an announcement on the location of the 2017 Safe Streets Summit.



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

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The question most asked about the Broward MPO is "What do you do?" That question is often followed by an important one: "Where do you get your funding?"

The answer to the first question is simple: We plan and fund transportation projects like transit, bike lanes, sidewalks, and roadways

throughout Broward County. The second question is trickier to answer: Funding to the MPO comes from a variety of federal and state sources, including the gas tax.

The problem however, is that revenues from sources like the gas tax (which hasn't been raised on the federal level since 1993) continue to decline, and there is not enough money to pay for all of Broward's transportation needs. In fact, the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) identifies over \$1 billion in unfunded transportation projects in Broward County. Through the MPO's Speak Up Broward effort, we examined a variety of ways to raise additional revenue for transportation projects in Broward.

In an effort to secure additional funding for transportation projects, the Broward MPO has been working with our municipal partners and Broward County to educate the public on the potential for a penny sales tax referendum to go on the ballot in November 2016. Revenue from the sales tax would split between Broward County and local municipalities, and would pay for transportation projects large and small throughout our region. It is estimated that 30% of the penny sales tax would be paid for by tourists.

The sales tax revenue could be used to pay for projects like the Wave Streetcar extension to the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, expanded coverage and service for Broward County Transit buses, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure throughout the Broward region, and traffic light signalization on our major corridors.

A penny sales tax has the potential to change the landscape of transportation projects in Broward, and continue the work towards promoting multimodal transportation options and making Broward a more livable community. Much work still needs to be done, but we are inching closer to the final goal.

BROWARD MPO SHINES IN FHWA/FTA 2015 FEDERAL CERTIFICATION

Every four years, the Broward MPO undergoes an intensive evaluation process headed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The FHWA/FTA Federal Review consists of four main activities, including: The review of planning documents, conducting a site visit, the development of a certification report, and a certification review close out presentation that discusses evaluation findings.

Federal review team lead Stacie Blizzard recognized the Broward MPO for 13 different items that the FHWA/FTA identified as "best practices." The closeout findings acknowledged many of the Broward MPO's key initiatives, such as support for TRAC & RIDES, the Speak Up Broward program, the Complete Streets Initiative, and attention to



the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) population. "It was very difficult trying to boil down how many things to include in this report, because I just don't think there really is anything that this MPO initiates and starts that isn't a best practice," Blizzard stated at the close out presentation.

To view the complete findings from 2015, as well as those from previous certifications, please visit: www.browardmpo.org/documents-publications/federal-state-certifications

MAKING TRAVEL EASIER: THE I-95 ICM DEPLOYMENT PLANNING STUDY

On February 26, 2015 the Broward MPO received a grant from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to support the creation of an advanced Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) system. This grant will be used to create an integrated management approach for the I-95 corridor in Broward County. The I-95 ICM grant will enhance the ability to reroute traffic to alternative roads when there is a high amount of congestion (crashes, railroad grade crossings, special events) present on I-95. In addition to the \$180,000 grant from the FHWA, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will provide \$50,000 of in kind services to execute the study for the MPO. Stay tuned for more information about how this study will positively impact your future I-95 travel!



EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Let's Go Biking!

In recognition of March as "Bike Month" in Florida, the Broward MPO hosted the **2016 Let's Go Biking** event on Sunday, March 6th from 9:00-11:00 AM at CB Smith Park in Pembroke Pines. The morning was filled with fun activities including helmet fittings, bicycle raffles, bicycle-related giveaways, a bounce house, and free food. Thanks to all who participated in this year's event, and a special thanks to our partners for helping make the event a success.



Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) Small and Disadvantaged Business Forum

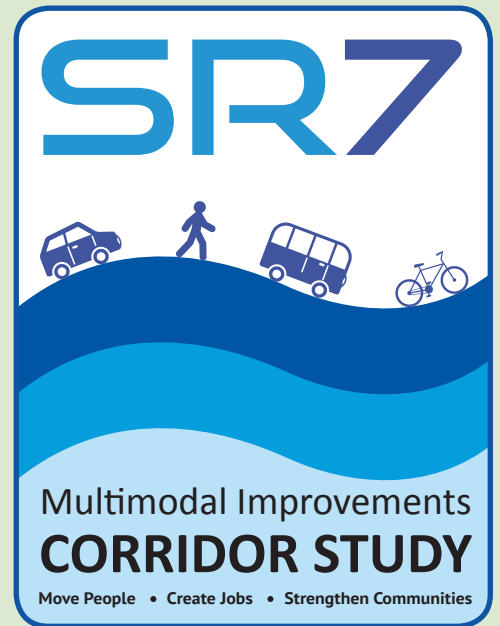
On March 9, 2016, the Broward MPO attended the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) Small and Disadvantaged Business Forum. Hosted at the FDOT District 4 Auditorium in Fort Lauderdale, the Forum attracted attendees with an interest in learning more about resources from the U.S. Small Business Association and CareerSource Broward as well as contracting opportunities in South Florida. For more information about the Fort Lauderdale COMTO chapter, please visit: comtoftlauderdale.org

SR7 Corridor Study: Where Are We Now?

The SR7 Multimodal Improvements Corridor Study is working to identify both short and long term improvements to promote mobility and safety for all modes along the SR7 corridor. On November 12, 2015, the Broward MPO hosted an e-Townhall meeting, in which over 500 people participated. The study team has also met with over a dozen neighborhood and business groups to gather input on issues and opportunities along the study corridor. Working with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Broward County Transit, and local municipalities along the corridor, the team has identified projects to improve sidewalk and

bike lane connections to transit, shops, and jobs along SR7, as well as improvements to intersections that enhance pedestrian safety. The team is also looking at opportunities to make longer term improvements to busy intersections with high transit ridership.

A draft list of projects should be available by the end of March 2016. The team will present its findings to Board members and local governments along the corridor in May and June, with a study completion date of June 2016. Additional information about the study can be found at: www.improveSR7.org



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UPCOMING MEETINGS	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY
MPO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS 1ST THUR. AT 9:30 A.M.	7	5	2	7
BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) MEETS 2ND THUR. AT 9:30 A.M.	14	12	9	14
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETS 4TH WED. AT 2:30 P.M.	27	25	22	NO MEETING
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEETS 4TH WED. AT 6 P.M.	27	25	22	NO MEETING
LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (LCB) MEETS 4TH MON. AT 2 P.M.	11 COMMITTEE MEETING	9	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.**

DID YOU KNOW?

The Broward MPO updates its Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) every two years. This document outlines all of the planning activities the MPO will undertake and serves as the agency's budget.



For more information on the UPWP/Budget, please visit our website:

www.browardmpo.org

(Hover over the "Programs" tab, and click "Unified Planning Work Program")

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2018

May 12, 2016