**ANNUAL REPORT** 2020 - 2021

# **MILES** TO SUCCESS







As the Chair of the MPO I am elated to showcase the work of the Organization in this year's Annual Report. The MPO remains focused on the mission to collaboratively plan, prioritize, and fund the delivery of diverse transportation options The MPO is committed to innovation, leading the way, and gaining-

momentum as a leading MPO in the State of Florida and the nation.

The challenges presented by this past year promoted forward-thinking, planning, and programming as solutions to maintain the MPO strides toward a more sustainable and resilient Broward. Following

our annual Board Engagement Forum, we hosted a Board Orientation to introduce and bring our new Board Members up to speed. Our Board welcomed several new members who are eager and passionate about creating a better Broward.

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Chair Broward MPO



The past year has challenged all of us. We are grateful to have been able to work differently. Remote work and virtual meetings have allowed us keep safe and allowed us to achieve our mission. Even though we have been working differently, we continue to ensure that the transportation planning process is inclusive, equitable, and accessible to all

members of the community. We have experienced a huge increase of our residents utilizing the miles of new bicycle lanes and sidewalks. One transportation project completed this past year includes the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Mobility Hub. The mobility hub safely connects pedestrians and bicyclist from Broward County Transit Central Terminal and Brightline Train Station to downtown Fort Lauderdale and the 32,000 new residential units. This Mobility Hub is the first of many Mobility Hubs to be built in the Broward Region. We also broke ground on our Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant project. This project is helping us connect a larger network of bicycle and pedestrian improvements in multiple municipalities in Broward.

Working differently, we have also had great success with our virtual events, allowing our citizens to participate in the transportation planning process from the safety of their own home. Our regional stakeholders have been able to work virtually on projects that will shape Broward's transportation future, and technology allows the Broward MPO to continue to be a leader in the nation!



**GREGORY STUART**Executive Director



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The Broward MPO is a transportation policy-making board comprised of 25 voting members including representatives from the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority/Tri-Rail (SFRTA), also a Broward County Commissioner, the School Board of Broward County, and four representatives from the Broward County Board of Commissioners. There are an additional 13 Alternate Members of the Board, who have voting rights when others are absent. The MPO is responsible for transportation planning and funding allocation in urbanized Broward County. The Broward MPO works with the public, planning organizations, government agencies, elected officials, and community groups to develop transportation plans.



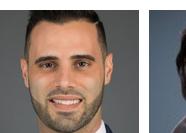
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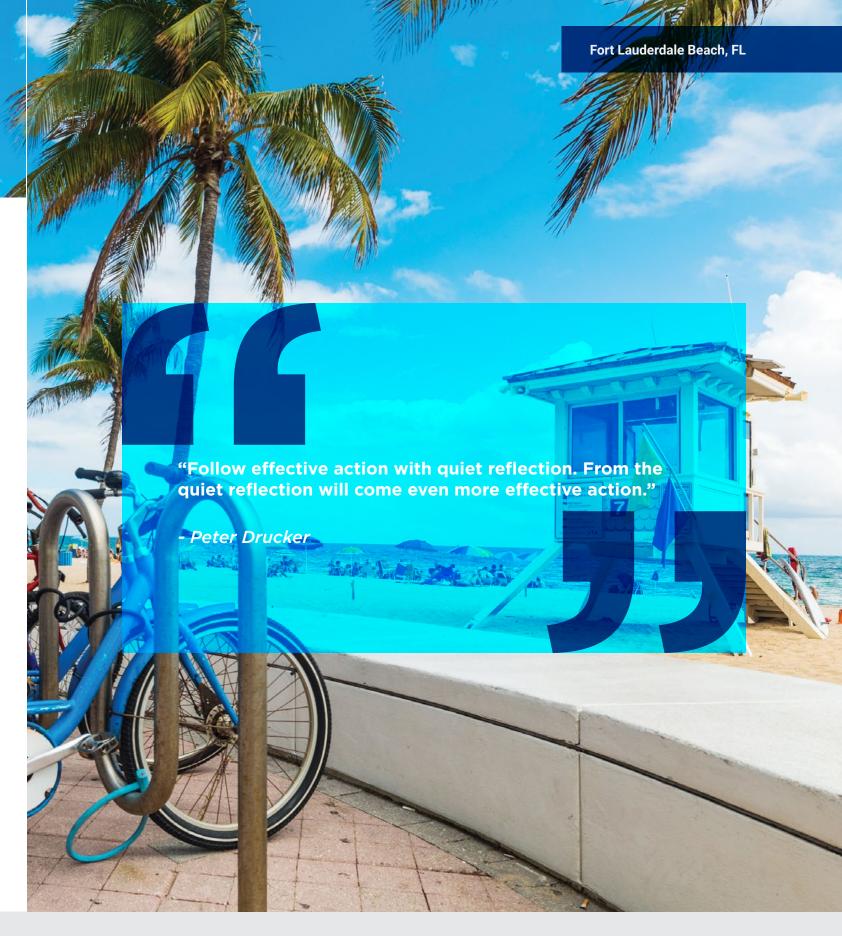
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# OUR AGENCY RESPONSE DURING THE PANDEMIC

The MPO implemented its Continuity Of Operations Plan (COOP) on March 13, 2020 as a direct response to COVID-19. Staff was able to seamlessly transition to telework/remote working with little disruption to the organization due to previous investments in redundant and flexible Information Technology (IT). Although teleworking did present some challenges, it also had many if not more successes for our agency. Perhaps the most significant and most tangible change the pandemic brought about was the shift to virtual public meetings and outreach events. Staff immediately went to work researching virtual meeting software, state and federal regulations, Americans with Disabilities Act compliance, and drafted manuals and guidance documents to help ease the transition for Board Members, presenters, and other staff. In addition, the MPO began the practice of conducting dry runs before some of its larger meetings to ensure that presenters are comfortable with and able to use the available technology. The MPO also leveraged its significant online presence to introduce a new webinar series with panel discussions on many elements and aspects of transportation. In return, we saw record shattering attendance and increased activity across all its social media platforms.

The MPO took the opportunity to update its COOP to incorporate modifications for lessons learned from the COVID-19 experience that can apply to any future emergencies. The MPO has also updated its policies regarding telework as we anticipate that robust telework options will continue for MPO staff even after the current pandemic is over. Telework combined with hotel office accommodations will eliminate our need to lease additional office space to accommodate our growing agency. We have seen that telework and virtual meetings do not negatively impact MPO functions. In fact, we have seen increased partner and public participation. Further, we understand the benefits of telework as a transportation demand management (TDM) strategy, which we intend to promote to partners and local businesses.









The Broward MPO has been designated as a **BEST Workplace for Commuters** by the Center for Urban Transportation Research at the University of South Florida for meeting the National Standard of Excellence for outstanding commuter benefits. These benefits promote energy conservation by reducing traffic congestion and related air pollution. This demonstrates that options to drive-alone commuting, such as transit, carpools, and teleworking are economically beneficial, yielding value to workers, employers, and our environment.

Because the commuting experience varies geographically, the Best Workplaces for Commuters program offers a wide array of options to meet the particular commuting needs of individual employers.

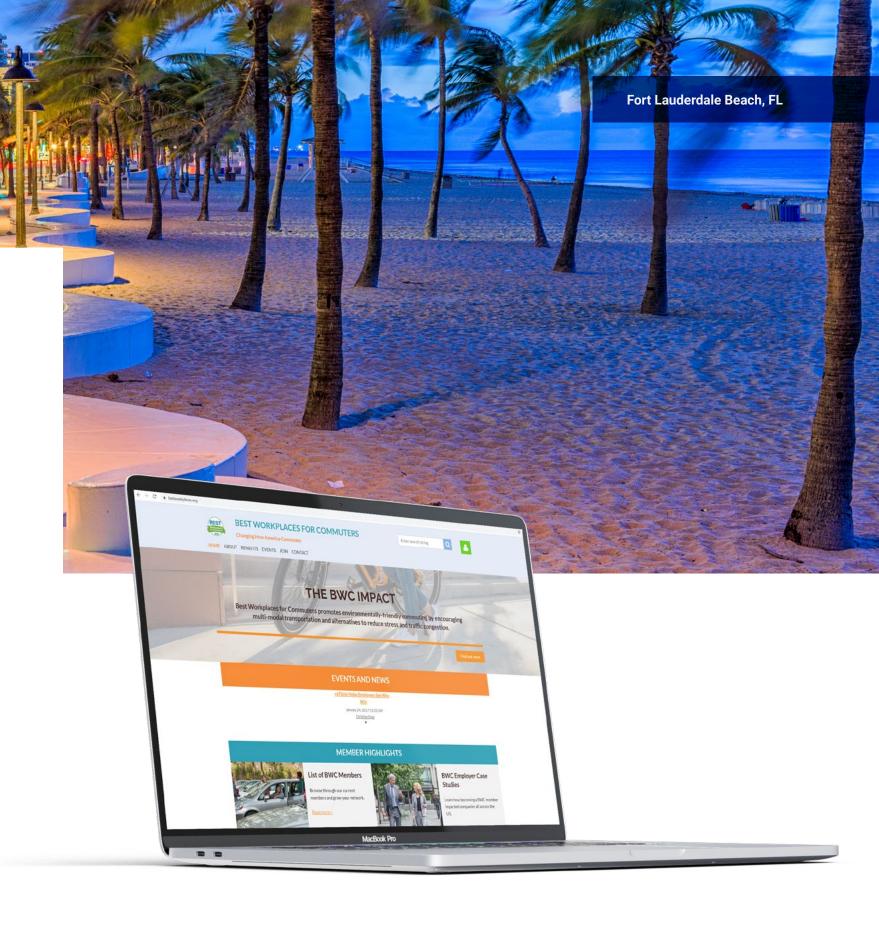
To qualify, an employer must offer one (1) primary benefit, such as employer-paid tax-free transit or vanpool passes, teleworking, or parking cash-out (enabling workers to trade free parking for its cash equivalent).

Employers must also offer three (3) supporting benefits, choosing from options such as shuttles to and from transit stations (provided directly by the employer or contracted through a service), ridesharing or carpool matching, preferred or reduced-cost parking for carpools and vanpools, and compressed work schedules.

Best Workplaces for Commuters designated worksites must offer access to an Emergency Ride Home (ERH), which provides participants with a ride at little or no cost if they need emergency transport home due to special circumstances.

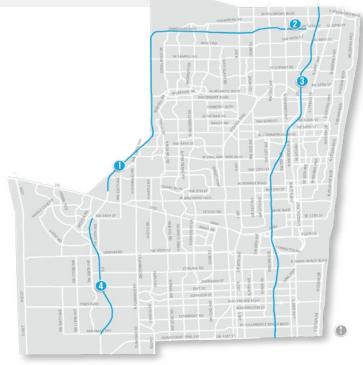
### Learn more about the BWC impact at:

https://bestworkplaces.org/





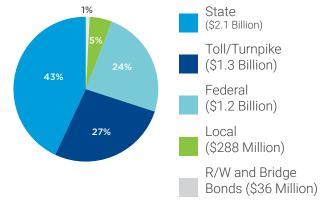
The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a comprehensive list of Federal, State, and locally funded transportation projects expected to be built over the next five years. This MPO core product is a snapshot of your tax dollars at work! As one of the largest MPO's in the state and nation, our annual TIP includes hundreds of projects, making it a challenge to find individual projects within a given municipality. This year our staff created municipal reports, individualized reports highlighting all projects within that municipality, making it easily accessible to municipal partners, the public, stakeholders, and Board Members to review projects within their jurisdiction. The Broward MPO updates the TIP annually, and the MPO Board approves the TIP in July every year. The Fiscal Year 2021-2025 TIP programmed 464 projects with a funding commitment of about \$4.9 billion.



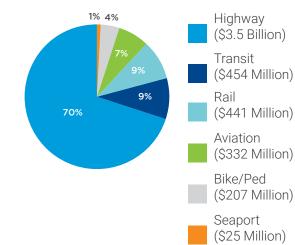
# **MAJOR PROJECTS**

PROJECT	LIMITS	TYPE OF WORK	COST (MILLION)	FISCAL YEAR (FY)
Sawgrass Expressway	From NW 8th St to Powerline Road	Widen and reconstruct	\$570	FY 2021- FY 2025
SR-869/ SW 10th St	From Powerline Rd to Military Trail	Add Lanes	\$424	FY 2023
I-95 Interchanges	From Hallandale Beach to Hillsboro Blvd	Improve Interchanges	\$501	FY 2021- FY 2025
SR-93/I-75	From SW 14th Street to Miramar PKWY	Interchange Improvements	\$28	FY 2021- FY 2025

# FUNDING SUMMARY BY SOURCE



# FUNDING SUMMARY BY MODE



As one of the largest MPOs in the state and nation, our annual TIP includes hundreds of projects. This makes finding individual projects within a given municipality a challenge.

To help municipal partners review and monitor projects in the TIP falling in their jurisdiction, the Broward MPO has extracted a list of projects for each municipality from the current TIP. These Municipal TIP Reports include projects that fall within a municipal boundary but exclude countywide and statewide projects.

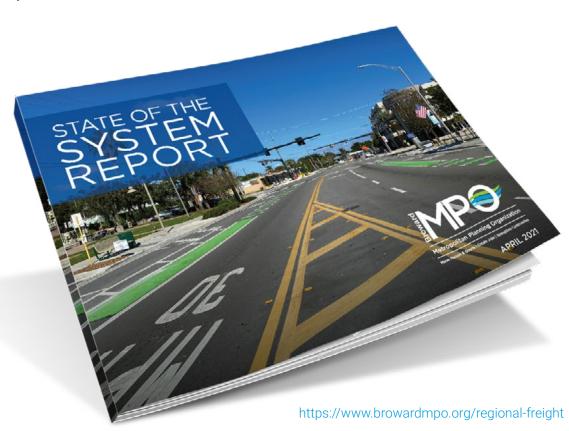
The current TIP Municipal Reports are available at

https://browardmpo.org/core-products/transportation-improvement-program-tip



The State of the System Report was developed to provide the MPO with a data-driven "snapshot" that can assist in our planning efforts and those of our regional planning partners. The report contains the most recent and available transportation and land use data about Broward County and its diverse multimodal transportation system which includes: Roadways, Transit, Rail, Air, Sea and non-motorized.

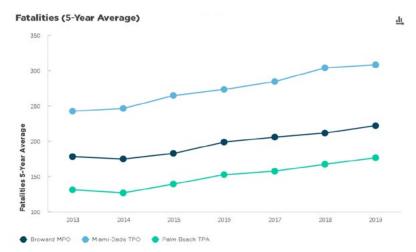
The Report is updated on a yearly basis and provides a yearly look into the MPO's progress in achieving federally required performance measures. Having this data available each year helps to improve the MPO's ability "to plan, prioritize, and fund the delivery of diverse transportation options," as specified in our Strategic Business Plan's Mission Statement.



# **VISION ZERO**

In response to the rate of serious injury and fatal crashes on Broward's roadway network, the Broward MPO committed to a target of "zero" for its Federal performance measures in 2018. In order to meet this target, the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) established the Transportation Systems Management & Operations (TSM&O) and Safety Program with an emphasis on addressing safety concerns at key intersections and corridor segments on Broward's roadway network. The intent of this program is to identify high crash intersections and corridors for further analysis, develop countermeasures, and program capital improvements to address safety throughout Broward. The Broward MPO has spent the past year developing an annual process for

studying these high crash locations, working with State and local partners to leverage available funding for safety projects, and programming safety projects for implementation. The first pilot project for this effort is located in the City of Coral Springs on Royal Palm Boulevard from Riverside Drive to University Drive and will utilize the standardized roadway safety audit process developed for this initiative. The MPO anticipates completion of the annual roadway safety audit process and the associated pilot project analysis in early 2022. Moving forward, the MPO will establish an annual cycle for identifying and studying high crash locations, developing countermeasures, and programming state and Federal funds for project implementation.





Building on the MPO's previous resiliency efforts, the MPO City Services team initiated the Transportation Resiliency Framework Study. The Study will evaluate methods and best practices to develop a framework for incorporating climate change preparedness into project planning, design, and construction. In December 2020, the MPO established a Resiliency Technical Working Group to be the link between the project team and stakeholders as well as help guide and shape the framework.

Focusing on the eight corridors identified in the 2045 MTP, the study will establish a programmatic framework to demonstrate key considerations and questions to address when embarking on future projects and ensure resiliency is a principal factor in the development of the MPO's 2050 MTP as well as future efforts of our partners.

# BROWARD MPO'S TRANSPORTATION RESILIENCY FRAMEWORK STUDY

The purpose of this study is to develop a framework for climate change preparedness to support project planning, design, and construction to enhance and incorporate transportation resiliency in the MPO's 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the future efforts of our partners. Focusing on the eight (8) identified study areas from the MPO's 2045 MTP, the team will develop a framework to identify and address the network vulnerabilities.



- 1 E Las Olas Blvd from US-1/SR-5 to SR-A1A
- 2 US-1/SR-5 from E Las Olas Blvd to SR-736/Davie Blvd
- 3 US-1/SR-5 from SR-842/Broward Blvd to E Las Olas Blvd
- 4 Johnson St from US-1SR-5 to N 14th Ave
- 5 SR-820/Hollywood Blvd from US-1/SR-5 to SR-A1A
- 6 SR-858/Hallandale Beach Blvd from US-1/SR-5 to SR-A1A
- 7 SR-A1A from S of Arizona St to SR-858/Hallandale Beach Blvd
- 8 US-1/SR-5 from SR-824/Pembroke Rd to SR-858/Hallandale Beach Blvd



This summer, the Broward MPO partnered with the City of Hollywood Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to submit a Federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant to United States Department of Transportation (USDOT). RAISE is the successor to the TIGER Grant program, of which the MPO won an award in 2016. The Hollywood CRA is requesting \$14 million of the total \$31 million needed to complete the project. This project is ready for implementation due to an unprecedented level of local support and proactive planning.

The Hollywood, Florida: Reconstruction and Resiliency Improvements Project is an innovative transportation project aimed at the enhancement of safety, connectivity and accessibility between Magnolia Terrace and Harrison Street in Hollywood, Florida. As regionally significant project, the goal is to reconstruct eighteen (18) City of Hollywood streets and incorporate additional infrastructure improvements to include:

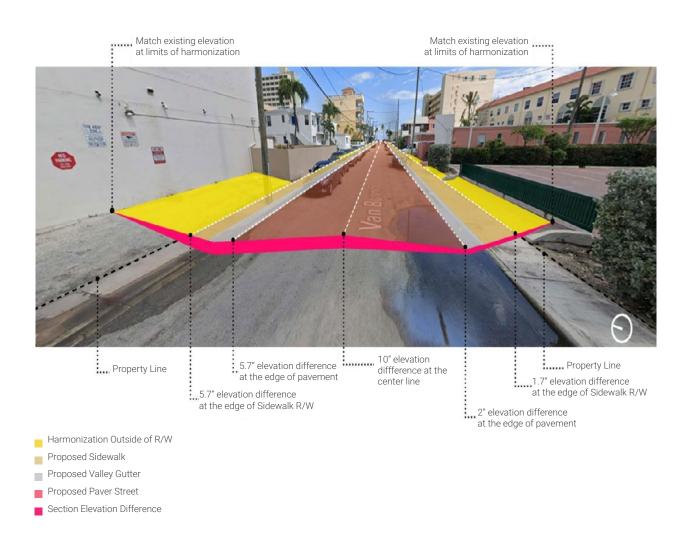
- 1. Raising the roadway profile eight (8) inches and installing additional drainage structures
- 2. Undergrounding of the overhead power lines
- 3. Replacing roadway asphalt surfaces with permeable concrete pavers
- 4. Harmonizing the adjacent properties with the new, raised roadway profile
- 5. Installing or reconstructing ADA-compliant sidewalks
- 6. Installing new, energy efficient pedestrian and turtle-friendly lighting
- 7. Replacing landscaping and irrigation, as well as public furnishings along the streets

All the proposed improvements will be reconstructed and designed to improve flooding conditions in response to severe sea-level rise and natural weather events. Additionally, this project will improve the quality of life by improving connectivity for the citizens residing and working in the Hollywood Beach area—particularly the elderly population—and make the community and project area more attractive through the reduction of street flooding, reconstruction of streets, and the introduction of ADA-compliant sidewalks. This Project has demonstrated its strong collaboration by a diverse group of Federal, State, local and private partners.

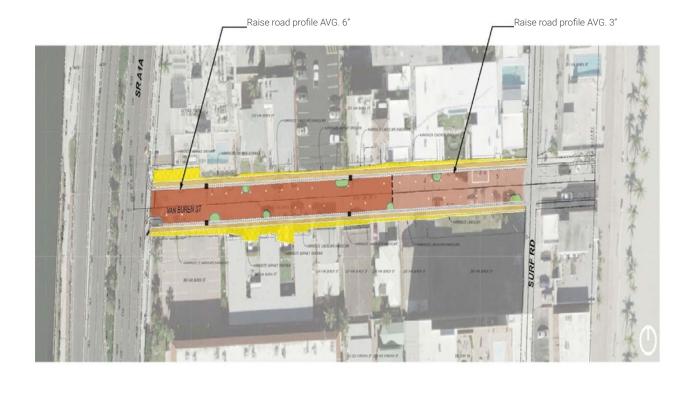




Van Buren Street-Limited Street elevation improvements to support FDOT drainage solutions.



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- Harmonization Outside of R/W
- Proposed Sidewalk
- Proposed Valley Gutter
- Proposed Paver Street
- Section Landscape Area



# **MOBILITY PROGRAM**

The Broward Mobility Program, as the implementation arm of the Complete Streets Initiative, continues to implement multimodal mobility facilities in Broward. To date, the Broward MPO has committed over \$300 million in Complete Streets projects. Whether you drive, walk, bike, or take transit, facilities are being constructed to provide safe and comfortable multimodal access to many destinations in Broward. This past year, 12 projects for approximately \$50 million were completed. These projects added approximately 31 miles of multimodal facilities, including bike lanes, sidewalks, and multiuse paths. An additional \$217 million is currently being invested on 28 projects in different phases of implementation. Once these projects are completed over 70 multimodal facility miles will be added to the Broward active transportation network.

To keep the public and elected officials informed about construction projects, the Complete Streets Initiative rolled out an Educational Messaging campaign at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Educational Messaging Campaign provided regular updates on construction status for multiple projects along with important educational messaging regarding the benefits expected because of these projects. This was done utilizing multiple social media platforms via SpeakUp Broward. COVID-19 pandemic had minimal impacts to the program. All projects have been able to stay on track and are heading towards completion.

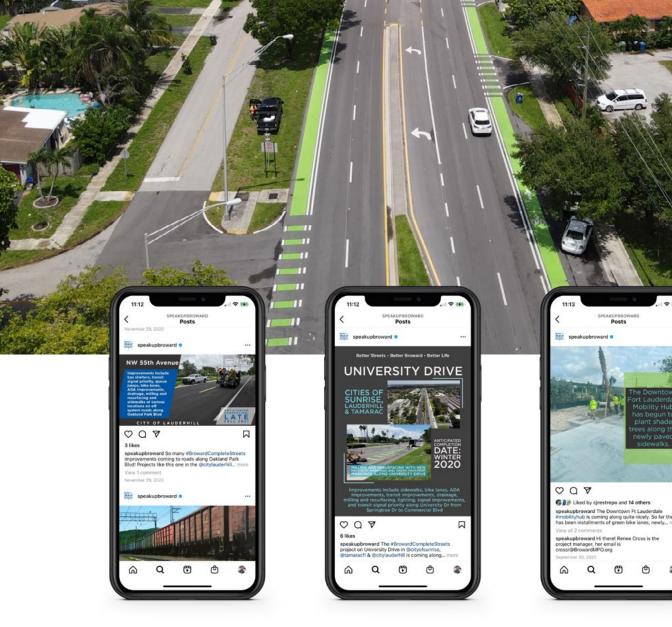
To address the need for public involvement while not being able to interact with the public face-to-face, the MPO Communications & Outreach team utilized ArcGIS StoryMaps to tell the story of different projects coming to the Broward community. From The TIGER Network Projects, to the Prospect Road Complete Streets project, to highlighting different outreach efforts throughout the year, the StoryMaps were the perfect way to tell the interactive story.

In addition, our Mobility Program has been awarded with various recognitions from FHWA:

Walking Audits Program - Vision Zero Success Story:

https://www.browardmpo.org/images/WhatWeDo/completestreetsinitiative/WalkingAudits/Federal\_ Highway\_Administration\_FHWA\_Vision\_Zero\_Success\_Story.pdf

Bycicle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan & Complete Streets Masterplan Recognized as Best Practice: https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped\_bike/step/resources/docs/step\_case\_studies\_broward\_county.pdf

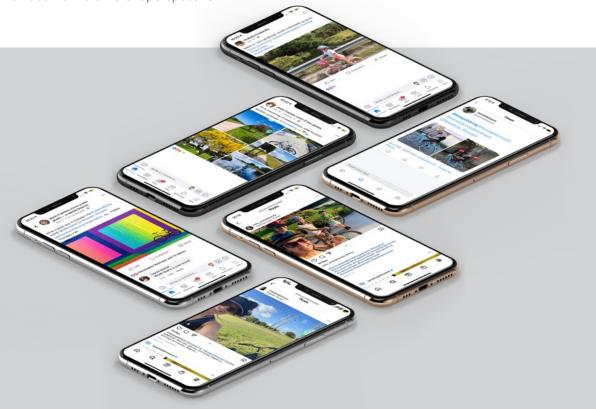


For Prospect Road Complete Street project StoryMap, visit: https://spark.adobe.com/page/Z6tJ2WwVan7mL/



# **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS**

As the pandemic impacted the lives of Broward residents in ways never imagined, many struggled to find social interaction outside their homes while maintaining safety guidelines. Physical outdoor activity promotes social interaction, a healthy lifestyle and allows for the following of social distancing requirements to stay safe. As a result, many people turned to walking and cycling. To continue engaging community members in active transportation, the Broward MPO hosted a series of virtual events during the pandemic. These virtual events drew participation from community members from the entire County and challenged participants to who live, work, and play in Broward to hop on their bikes, get active and get to know their respective communities from a different perspective.



# LET'S GO BROWARD! 2020 VIRTUAL SCAVENGER HUNT

To celebrate Florida Department of Transportation's Mobility Week, The Broward MPO hosted a Broward-wide social media scavenger hunt challenge! The challenge encouraged those who live, work, and play in Broward to get active through walking and biking while exploring Complete Streets facilities, parks, and landmarks in their community throughout the Broward MPO's five districts. The MPO had the support of partners such as Broward BCycle, Choose 954, Circuit, Flanigan's, Fort Lauderdale DDA, Jamba Juice, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital/Safe Kids, Museum of Discovery and Science, Rainbowl Palate Nutrition, and Recyclable Bicycle Exchange.

"Here's to Broward's Metropolitan Planning Organization for its Let's Go Broward scavenger hunt that encouraged exercise and fresh air in public parks socially distanced, of course".

What was there to cheer about in 2020? Sun Sentinel, DEC 23, 2020





# LET'S GO BIKING! VIRTUAL CHALLENGE 2021 FLORIDA BIKE MONTH

The Broward MPO's annual Let's Go Biking! event in support of Florida Bicycle Month 2021 was a success! This year's event was morphed into a month-long Virtual Challenge that encouraged those who live, work, and play in Broward to hop on their bikes, get active, and explore local Broward Complete Streets projects. Participants were encouraged to use the BMPO's 2021 Interactive Bike Map to plan out their route. The Interactive Bike Map highlights various Broward Complete Streets facilities and their bicycle suitability labeled as easy, moderate, difficult, and very difficult. Participants tracked their daily mileage and posted a photograph on social media. The top three winners of category one rode over 2300 miles combined. The MPO had the support of partners such as Broward BCycle, Big Wheel Cycles, Conte's Bike Shop, Mega Cycle store, South Florida Commuter Services, W Fort Lauderdale, Choose 954, Fort Lauderdale DDA, and Recyclable Bicycle Exchange.

"For this year's Let's Go Biking event, I have biked a total of 228.75 miles! I'm happy, because my original goal was 25 miles a week. Thanks for the motivation!"

- Karolina, City of Weston

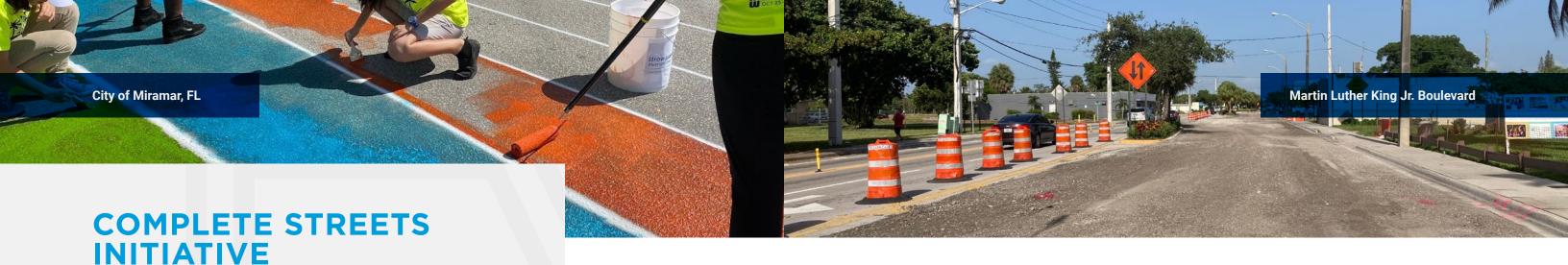


# INTERACTIVE BIKE MAP

In 2021 the Broward MPO updated the bicycle suitability map. The Bike Map was developed to inform and assist cyclists of all ages and abilities with selecting the most appropriate route for their travels. This color-coded map displays bicycle suitability of roadways based on the expected interaction with vehicular traffic a cyclist may experience when traveling along a particular corridor. This allows cyclists to select a route that is more suitable or appropriate for them based on their own experience, skill level and comfort. Major factors used to determine bicycle suitability include traffic volumes, speed limits, number of travel lanes and type of bicycle facility. In addition to the displaying the suitability of the roads, the map identifies types of bicycle facilities. This year, an electronic version was developed to assist users who prefer to use their personal electronic devices.



To view the Interactive Digital Bike Map and to get started on planning your next ride, visit: https://browardmpo.org/news-updates/501-the-broward-mpo-interactive-bike-map-is-now-available



# TACTICAL URBANISM PROGRAM

The Broward MPO launched an exciting new Program to quickly implement safety improvements along Broward's roadway Network. This new program "#BTactical" aims to work together with our local partner governments and roadway facility owners in implementing "quick-built" projects using low-cost temporary materials. Quick-built expedites project delivery, allows for direct monitoring and analysis of innovative treatments and for people to experience the proposed facilities. This process engages stakeholders and community members during the entire process. The Program officially kicked-off on June 23, 2020 with a webinar "Embracing the "Temporary" as an Emergency Response, Adapting Public Space in response to Physical Distancing requirements". Three case studies in the Cities of Tampa, Charlotte and Fort Lauderdale where showcased. Representatives from the three agencies shared highlights of their COVID-19 response strategies implemented through Tactical Urbanism.

In February 2021, the Broward MPO conducted a survey to gauge interest from local governments and identify potential pilot projects. A successful candidate was selected based on data regarding safety, connectivity, activity centers, proximity to schools, overlap with the Complete Streets Master Plan Bundle areas and the High Injury Network (HIN). In April 2021, the partnership with the City of Deerfield Beach was formalized; the first pilot project is planned to be on the ground in winter 2021.





To learn more about our Deerfield Beach Project, visit:

https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/da7f292aa4454f78a27c5c6ec10079d5

# FEDERAL TIGER GRANT UPDATE

The Broward MPO has officially moved on to the construction phase in the implementation of the TIGER projects. This important milestone "broke ground" on April 5, 2021, with the start of construction along Powerline Road. This is one of five Complete Streets projects (Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, NW 31st Avenue, Powerline Road, Lauderdale Lakes Greenway, SW 27th Avenue/ Riverland Road) included in the 2016 TIGER grant application successfully submitted by the Broward MPO in coordination with five local partner governments. This \$21.4 million investment includes \$11.4 million received from the Federal Highway Administration as part of the TIGER grant. The Broward MPO, along with FDOT, Broward County and the municipalities of Fort Lauderdale, Oakland Park, Lauderdale Lakes, and Pompano Beach provided the additional funds necessary to construct these projects. Once completed, these projects will fill-in important gaps in Broward's active transportation network and provide direct multimodal access to many destinations along the five corridors. Improvements range from separated multimodal facilities to on-street bicycle lanes. Elements include lighting, landscaping, and ADA improvements among others. Construction for all five projects is slated to be completed by September of 2022.















**TIGER** Grant

**36%** Local Match

**MPO FDOT** Funds **Funds** 

For more information on the TIGER Grant, visit:

https://storvmaps.arcgis.com/stories/727c8af2357a4717954b422c92d431f6

# **SAFE STREETS SUMMIT**

The Safe Streets Summit brings together national speakers, public officials, technical staff, and community partners to elevate our efforts on how to design and implement safe and equitable transportation facilities for all modes of transportation. This year's event was the first Safe Streets Summit hosted virtually to ensure the safety of all participants due to the ongoing pandemic. This virtual format expanded our audience internationally and secured the participation of a diverse, high-quality group speakers who were able to present from the comfort of their own homes. Over 400 participants joined us virtually, including participants from Mexico, Netherlands, and Canada. Keynote speaker, Brooks Rainwater from the National League of Cities, gave an inspirational talk about how local governments can identify

innovative solutions, tools, and resources to make the greatest impact in creating safe, sustainable and smart cities.

The Summit held its annual Safe Streets Awards ceremony which offers an opportunity to highlight individuals and jurisdictions that have led by example in creating better streets for all users. Broward awarded the Complete Streets Champion Award to Sheila Rose of the City of Coconut Creek and the Community Award to the City of Weston.

Keynote speakers Mike Lydon and Juanita Hardy stressed the importance of being equitable in streets, plans, design, and policy, and always integrating the community in design and implementation.





The MPO continues to implement CSLIP in close coordination with our State and local governments. The Program expedites the implementation of much needed local mobility projects. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities, crosswalk improvements, Mobility Hubs, greenways and traffic light synchronizations are just a few examples of mobility projects targeted for funding. Broward MPO's discretionary funding and Transportation Alternative funding have been rolled into CSLIP. State funding is also available for projects located on Stateowned facilities. Local governments, transit service providers, educational institutions and others can apply for funding for candidate projects.

The CSLIP application is accessible on an annual basis, can be filled out online and requires minimal effort by the applicant to complete. The prioritization of projects is based on objective evaluation criteria and equitable geographical distribution. MPO staff, in partnership with FDOT staff, conduct annual training sessions to demonstrate how to complete a Program application and submit it for funding consideration. Each of the past five cycles featured a video created by MPO staff demonstrating the ease of filling out that year's application. These videos are posted on our web site to be easily accessible to potential applicants. This year, a total of 16 applications from 11 different agencies have been submitted for CSLIP cycle 5. As a result of changes in project management, local agencies will be leading the design and construction phases of projects as FDOT's Local Agency Program (LAP) is now the sole delivery mechanism for off-system CSLIP projects. Based on observations and comments from CSLIP previous cycles, MPO staff will adjust the application and policies for cycle 6.







Within the last year, the Broward MPO has advanced various Mobility Hubs throughout Broward County, Florida. The Mobility Hubs program looks to bring multiple transportation options together in one place that also offers transit amenities and a safe environment.

The Downtown Fort Lauderdale Hub is the first completed Hub that the Broward MPO, in partnership with the City of Fort Lauderdale, has planned, funded, and constructed. It will serve as the MPO's blueprint for future Hubs in Broward County. The Mobility Hub improvements in Downtown Fort Lauderdale include wider sidewalks, LED pedestrian lighting, new dedicated bicycle facilities, new shade trees and landscaping, and new ADA crosswalks. The Hub project area covers four blocks that connect current and future transportation services.

Multiple Mobility Hub Master Plans have been completed over the last year for cities such as Coral Springs, Plantation, Pembroke Pines, and Sunrise. These Plans identify key areas for improvements in transit access and safe pedestrian connections.

Several of the completed Mobility Hub Master Plans are moving into design and construction. Pembroke Pines is working to design and complete a multi-use pedestrian pathway, along with the installation of new community shuttle stops, new BCT bus shelters, and intersection improvements along Pines Boulevard. Construction is estimated to begin in winter 2022.

The City of Hollywood is currently advancing its Mobility Hub project through design and construction. The Hollywood Hub will include new bus shelters, benches, and bicycle racks. A new pedestrian walkway with lighting upgrades will connect to the City of Hollywood's new linear park located at Hollywood Boulevard and State Road 7. Construction is anticipated to begin in January 2022

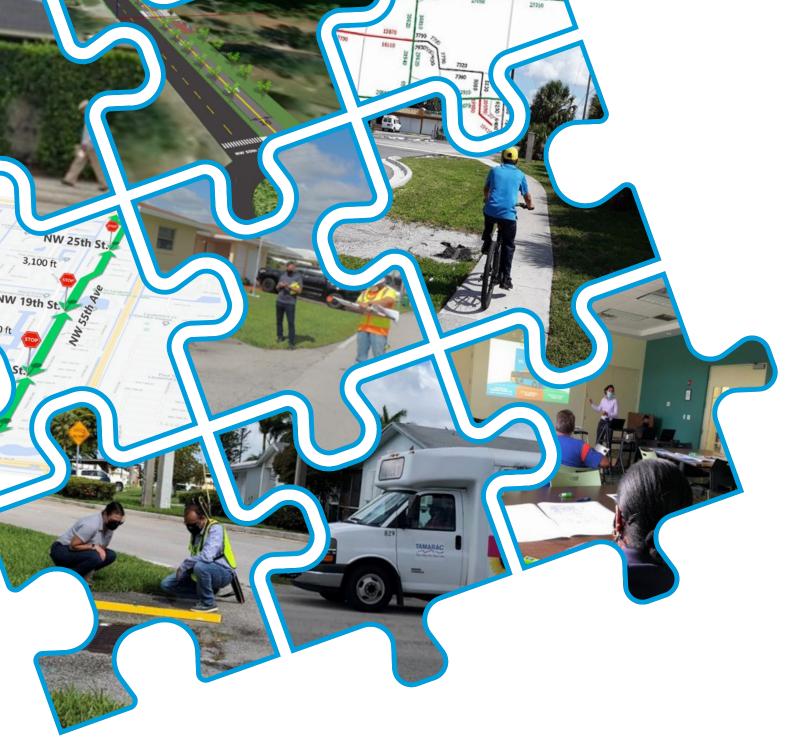
The MPO has begun developing an online application for future Mobility Hub locations. Interested local municipalities will have an opportunity to apply for assistance with the planning, design, and construction of future Mobility Hubs. The application will allow the MPO to evaluate projects based on criteria such as transit readiness, network connectivity, and sponsor readiness, among others. The MPO expects to launch the application process in the summer of 2021. MPO staff are looking forward to advancing more Mobility Hubs throughout south Florida.

















The Broward MPO established the Planning Technical Assistance Program (PTAP) to collaborate with its partner governments in their efforts to plan, prioritize and fund diverse transportation options. The inaugural PTAP projects summarized below were evaluated through a competitive process and approved by the Broward MPO Board in October 2020. These plans focus on enhancing connectivity, access, and safety to transit by improving bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

The City of Tamarac's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transit Access & Sidewalk Gap Analysis Plan aims to complement the successful transit ridership and network of Community Bus and Broward County Transit (BCT)

fixed routes within the City. As part of the Plan, the Broward MPO will evaluate bus stops for compliance with ADA, solicit community input, and also analyze sidewalk gaps and other pedestrian and bicycle issues and identify opportunities and improvements to enhance safety and access within a ¼-mile of transit stops. The project kicked-off on March 4, 2021, followed by a presentation to the City Commission and extensive data collection in the field at each bus stop location. The anticipated completion date is December 2021.

The City of Lauderhill's NW 55th Avenue Multimodal Plan is a comprehensive assessment of pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and traffic safety along NW 55th Avenue from NW 11th Street to Oakland Park Boulevard. The Plan commenced on March 1, 2021, followed by Broward MPO's presentation to the City Commission, data collection along the corridor and community outreach. The Plan will include a detailed assessment and a list of improvements for all users of NW 55 Avenue. The anticipated completion date is January 2022.

The City of Lauderdale Lakes' Mobility Plan for NW 31st Avenue is a collaboration with the cities of Fort Lauderdale, Lauderhill, Oakland Park, Tamarac, Pompano Beach, and Broward County, to enhance safety, connectivity and multimodal transportation for NW 31st Avenue from Broward Boulevard to McNab Road. The project began on May 24, 2021, with Broward MPO's presentation at the City's Transportation Town Hall and starting a detailed traffic impact analysis for a potential lane repurposing within the project limits. The Plan will include community and stakeholder participation, multimodal assessment and identify improvements and policies that safely support movement and connectivity that is essential for supporting NW 31st Avenue's future evolution and growth. The anticipated completion date is May 2022.

All of the PTAP Plans developed by the Broward MPO will include a path forward for funding and implementation of executable projects.

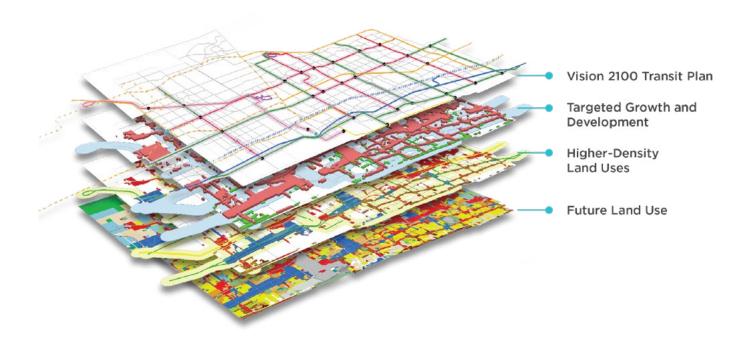


Vision 2100 is a future look at transportation, transit, technology, climate change, equity, and housing. The MetroLAB at Florida Atlantic University in partnership with the Broward MPO and the South Florida Business & Wealth Magazine conducted a series of three panels on Vision 2100 on the following dates: May 25, July 28, and September 29. The event included a virtual panel discussion with a moderator.

In addition, South Florida Business & Wealth Magazine promoted the event to their subscribers. The audience for these panel events is typically C-Suite Executives and business leaders from south Florida (Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, and Boca Raton / West Palm Beach). The magazine published the conversations in print and on-line. A recording of the panel discussions was available to all participants.

Florida Atlantic University communicated with their students to attend the panel discussions as an educational/learning tool that will also be available to faculty and students in classroom settings. Specific content will be utilized in course work for Intro to an Urban Design Education training geared to budding architects, planners, landscape architects, as well as community education through the School of Architecture's MetroLAB in Fort Lauderdale.





To view the Broward Vision 2100 Plan, visit:

https://browardmpo.org/vision-2100



# PUBLIC OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES

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# **ARCGIS STORYMAPS**

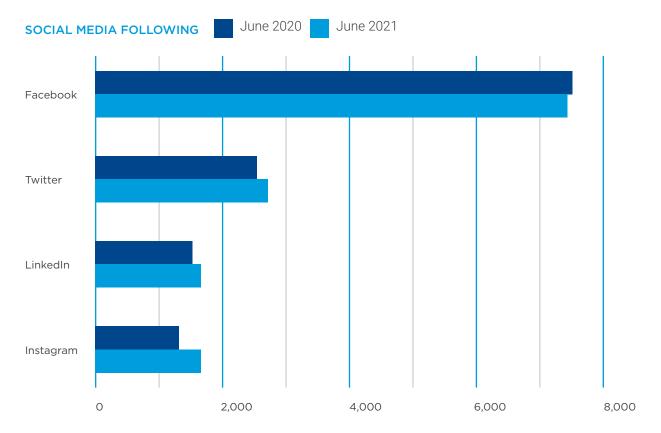
To address the need for public involvement while not being able to interact with the public face-to-face, the MPO Communications & Outreach team utilized ArcGIS StoryMaps to tell the story of different projects coming to the Broward community. From The TIGER Network Projects, to the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Mobility Hub, to highlighting different outreach efforts throughout the year, the StoryMaps were the perfect way to tell the interactive story.

# **SPEAK UP BROWARD ONLINE**

Speak Up Broward Online, or SUBO, came to fruition after brainstorming how to still elicit conversation with the Broward community while social distancing from home. Each hour-long SUBO conversation focuses on one topic of interest ranging from First/Last Mile Connections, to Climate Change & Resiliency, to Core Products and the Importance of leveraging public partnerships. Each panel is made up of industry professionals who have an open-ended conversation, supplemented with an online polling tool called MentiMeter that the public interacts with to help guide the discussion.

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### **OUR MISSION**

To collaboratively plan, prioritize, and fund the delivery of diverse transportation options.

### **OUR VISION**

Our work will have measurable positive impact by ensuring transportation projects are well selected, funded, and delivered.



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