



**MINUTES
BROWARD MPO
TMA CERTIFICATION
Public Meeting
May 4, 2015, 5:00pm
Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
100 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 850
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309**

PRESENT

PANEL

Stacie Blizzard, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Shundreka Givan, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Carey Shepherd, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Keith Melton, Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Teina Phillips, Broward Regional Health Planning Council
Robyn Chiarelli, Executive Director, Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association
Robert J. Siedlecki, Broward MPO Local Coordinating Board (LCB) Member
Diana Alarcon, Director, Transportation Mobility, City of Fort Lauderdale
Commissioner Richard Rosenzweig, City of Deerfield Beach; MPO Board Member

Note: These items may have been taken out of order.

PUBLIC MEETING

Call to Order

The TMA Certification Meeting Public Hearing was called to order at 5:00PM by Shundreka Givan and all attendees were introduced.

Ms. Givan explained the purpose of the hearing and the guidelines for the public to use when voicing their opinions and making comments. Those interested in speaking completed a Request To Speak card and were called to the podium to speak. She stated that this process lays the foundation for how we spend our federal dollars and how the projects are selected, planned and prioritized to meet regional needs. A lot of regional coordination provides the framework for the future transportation system. The parties involved are the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Department of Transportation (DOT), transit operators, citizens, local jurisdictions and special interest groups. These partners drive the

input on this process, utilizing a 3-C approach: Continuing, Cooperative and Comprehensive. Most of all, it involves all modes of travel, including bike, pedestrian etc. Planning products include the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), or budget; the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which is a 20-year vision plan that includes a financial plan; and the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), a 5-year short range plan made up of transportation construction projects.

Stacie Blizzard offered members of the public the opportunity to email the panel with their comments. The due date for comments is June 8, 2015. Send comments to:

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Public Comments

Teina Phillips, Broward Regional Health Planning Council

Ms. Phillips represents TOUCH: The Partnerships for Transforming Our Community's Health. <http://touchbroward.org/about/>. TOUCH is working with the Broward MPO through a CDC grant opportunity. She stated that the Broward MPO (BMPO) brings the public all modes of transportation and completes the need to bring together health, transportation and economic development for people that use assistance mobility devices. The MPO enhances the TOUCH program by working as a regional leader to coordinate the region to be a safer place to live as well as increasing the health and wellbeing of the 1.8 million residents of Broward County.

Robyn Chiarelli, Executive Director, Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association (TMA)

The TMA represents and runs the Sun Trolley and Water Taxi in downtown Fort Lauderdale. Ms. Chiarelli commented on some of her experiences working with the BMPO on numerous projects throughout the years. In particular, she mentioned the BMPO's comprehensive approach to their work ethic, their ability to leverage economies of scale, and their ability work with their partners to make sure money is spent efficiently. She talked about the success of the Speak Up Broward program, which has succeeded in garnering a tremendous amount of public feedback, which the BMPO then incorporated into their policy/program making decisions. By partnering with the BMPO and with Speak Up Broward, Ms. Chiarelli said that Sun Trolley received over 1,000 surveys, a substantial increase from the 300 they were able to collect in past efforts.

Robert J. Siedlecki

Mr. Siedlecki gave a short synopsis of his extensive transportation expertise and involvement. He is a member of the Broward MPO Local Coordinating Board (LCB). He voiced the public's desire for good transportation modes and the importance of spending money on fuel efficient, safe vehicles for the aging population. He gave accolades to the local, state and federal efforts in funding for transportation needs. Later he added the need for more than adequate bus shelters. He was delighted by the response he received from the BMPO and their efforts to install additional bus shelters throughout the county.

Diana Alarcon, Director, Transportation Mobility, City of Fort Lauderdale

Ms. Alarcon has been working with the BMPO for the last four years. The City of Fort Lauderdale is working on the Wave Streetcar project and completing a more walkable (multimodal) program throughout the city. The BMPO has been a great partner. The BMPO also helped the City with one of its programs called Connecting the Blocks. This program works by interconnecting the pedestrian walkways, bike lanes, roads and freight lines. The BMPO collaborates well with the City through the Complete Streets program to fit the scope of the City's initiatives and guidelines. Tourism is Fort Lauderdale's largest economic engine (14 million visitors) and the transit improvements help create more opportunities to make the city a user-friendly multimodal community. The Broward MPO has been a great educational tool and has been instrumental in our City's success over the last four years.

Commissioner Richard Rosenzweig, City of Deerfield Beach

Commissioner Rosenzweig has been a MPO Board member for the last two years. He represents a portion of Deerfield Beach in the Northeastern portion of Broward County. The BMPO's Safe Streets program which Deerfield Beach was the first to adopt has been a great asset in the creation of safe sidewalks, bike lanes, train crossings and driving lanes. He stated the need to add automated vehicle transportation to the BMPO's programs.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Stacie Blizzard adjourned the meeting at 6:00PM.

A recording of this meeting is available for review.

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