

Transportation Transformation

Connecting Communities Through Transportation Choices

UNIVERSITY DRIVE MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS PLANNING STUDY



The MPO has launched a transportation and livability study for University Drive, one of Broward's most critical north-south corridors. The study area centers on University Drive from Westview Drive in Coral Springs to approximately Miami Gardens in Miami-Dade County.

The final southern study limits will be determined based on additional analysis and coordination with Miami-Dade County agencies. This study was funded by the Federal Transit Administration and is being conducted in partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation, Broward County Transit, Miami-Dade Transit, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority and the Cities and Towns along the University Drive corridor.

The study will identify solutions to **increase travel options, manage traffic congestion** and will try to improve through its recommendations the **quality of life** along University Drive. A series of potential alternatives to address these issues will be developed and evaluated. The evaluation will include how to best connect different modes of transportation, and where any enhanced transit service may be located, in addition to pedestrian and bicyclist facilities.

The types of improvements this study will explore include:

- **Enhancing the travel experience for all people;**
- **Improving the convenience and comfort of the transit service;**
- **Improving safety and comfort for cyclists and pedestrians; and**
- **Encouraging walkable and transit-friendly development.**

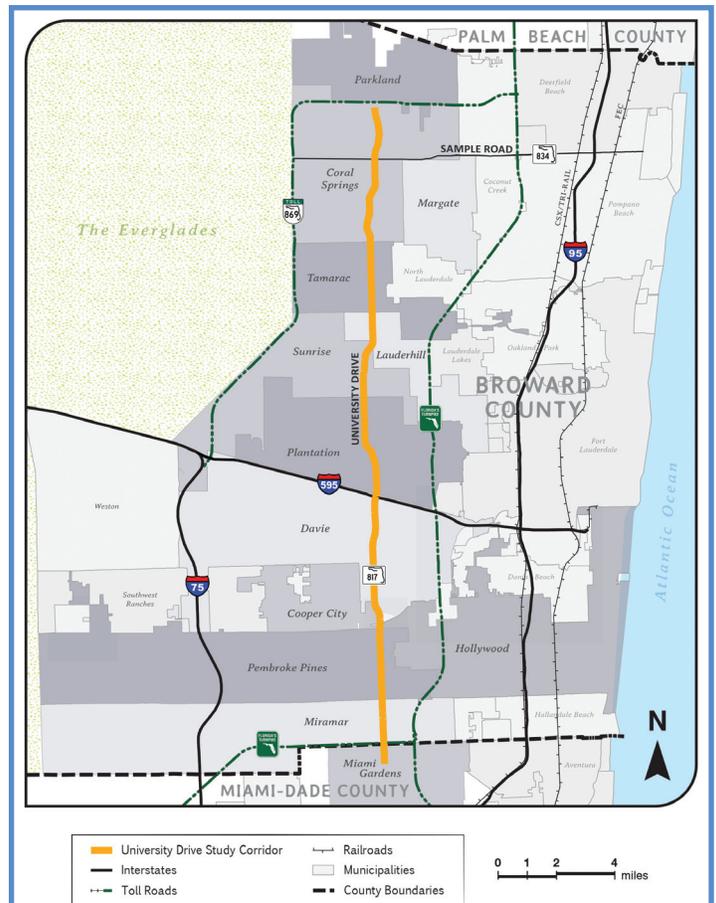
Share your ideas with us by visiting the website at UniversityDriveImprovements.org or attending one of our upcoming Public Workshops.

June 25 - Northwest Regional Library Auditorium
3151 North University Drive Coral Springs, FL 33065
(from 5PM to 7PM, with a presentation from 6PM to 6:30PM)

June 27 - Lauderhill City Hall, Rooms 134-135
5581 West Oakland Park Boulevard Lauderhill, FL 33313
(from 5PM to 7PM, with a presentation from 6PM to 6:30PM)

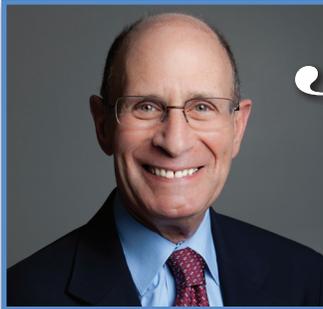
July 9 - El Palacio Sports Hotel, 9th Floor Ballroom
21485 NW 27 Avenue Miami Gardens, FL 33056
(from 5PM to 7PM, with a presentation from 6PM to 6:30PM)

If you have any questions contact Roxana Ene, Project Manager, at (954) 876-0042 or ener@browardmpo.org.



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Vice Mayor Richard Blattner
Chair, Broward MPO
City of Hollywood, District 4

Message From The Chair

While the MPO meets monthly, and we have Executive and Governance committees, it is still kind of amazing to see the list of projects being undertaken. You will see several of them in this newsletter.

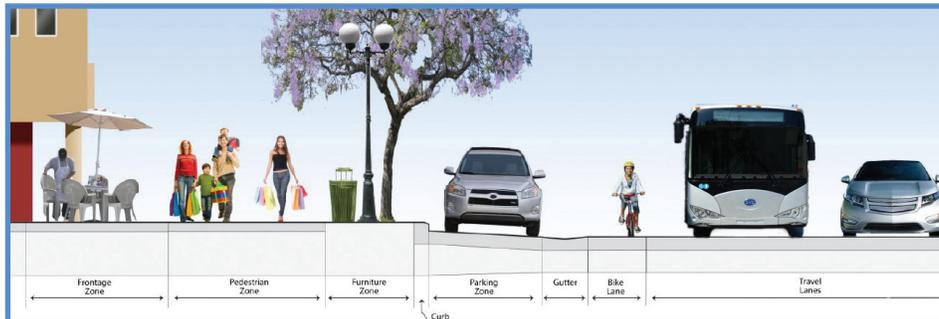
As an independent transportation funding and policy board, our members, representing every city in the county, as well as county government, are mindful of our responsibility to make decisions that positively affect the way people move around; that we keep in mind the need to create jobs and strengthen our communities far into the future. An important consideration in our deliberations is the impact on our neighboring counties. Collaboration and cooperation at this regional level is essential. Our members, our staff and consultants are in close

contact with Miami-Dade and Palm Beach, as well as Tri-Rail, the Florida Department of Transportation, Broward County Transit, Florida East Coast railroad; anyone moving people and goods.

Through "Commitment 2040" and other initiatives we are facilitating conversations with our communities and residents to help us make the best decisions possible. Please check our progress through our website.

As we continue to move forward, it will be important for the MPO to be positioned to compete effectively for limited federal dollars, we will need to reach out to policy makers in both Washington D.C. and Tallahassee. With this in mind, the MPO Board has established an optional local contribution of 5 cents per capita membership fee beginning in Fiscal Year 2014. This membership fee will provide the necessary funds for the Board to ensure we are positioned to compete with other regions throughout the United States.

COMPLETE STREETS IN BROWARD COUNTY



The MPO continues to play a leadership role in implementing Complete Streets in Broward. The vision is to create a safe and efficient transportation network that promotes the health and mobility of all residents and visitors by providing high quality multi-modal (pedestrian, bicycle, transit and automobile) access throughout Broward.

The MPO endorsed the Complete Streets Guidelines on July 12, 2012 to facilitate and assist cities in the implementation of Complete Streets.

It serves as a template that can be adopted, modified, customized, or expanded based on each community's needs and desires.

Currently, a Complete Streets model Policy and a model Plan are being developed. This policy and plan will guide cities in revising their existing regulations to help implement Complete Streets. They will also help identify and prioritize Complete Streets corridors, leading to the funding and construction of projects.

In addition, two demonstration projects have been identified. This is because a "Complete Street" in a suburban area may look different than a "Complete Street" in an urban or downtown area, but both are designed with the same principles. Taking this into account, the two projects selected for analysis are:

Hollywood Boulevard from S. 26th Avenue to Dixie Highway (Urban setting)

Sunset Strip from NW 72 Avenue to NW 19 Street (Suburban setting)

Both of these corridors accommodate all modes of transportation. It is the intent of the MPO to partner with the cities to implement Complete Streets projects. Please visit www.browardcompletestreets.org for additional information.

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PROGRAM UPDATE

The MPO recently updated their DBE Program. It's the MPO's policy to encourage all qualified businesses to actively participate in procurement of all MPO sponsored contracts. The MPO's current DBE participation goal is for 6.1 percent of federal funds allocated through the U.S. Department of Transportation Assisted (FTA)

contracts in the region to be expended with DBEs. The April 2013 updated program is available on the website at the link below and encourages everyone to provide any comments they may have about the program.

www.browardmpo.org/programs/title-vi-dbe

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH



Transportation Summit held in downtown Fort Lauderdale. Greg provided a presentation on the various programs and projects currently underway at the MPO. In addition, Chris Ryan and Priscila Clawges provided a booth in the exhibit hall to inform and educate the attendees about the MPO (both pictured below).



On March 12th and 25th Chris Ryan, Public Information Officer/ Title VI Coordinator spoke to college students at FAU's School of Urban and Regional Planning (pictured, above). The purpose of these events was to engage the students in the role and function of the MPO. He focused on the importance of engaging the public in their various programs and also informed them about **Commitment 2040**.

On May 15th Executive Director, Greg Stuart was a panel speaker at the Fort Lauderdale 2nd Annual

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a five-year program that prioritizes the funding of transportation improvement projects for the region. The projects listed are those that are expected to be built within the TIP five year time frames. All types of travel modes are included in the TIP, such as transit, roads, bicycle, pedestrian, freight, port and roadways. Public Hearings for the updated TIP are schedule for:

- Technical Coordinating Committee, June 26, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.
- Community Involvement Roundtable, June 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
- Broward MPO Board Meeting, July 11, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

All meetings will be held at the Broward MPO office, Trade Centre South Building, 100 Cypress Creek Road, Suite 850, Fort Lauderdale.

For more information on the TIP, and to visit the interactive TIP go to www.browardmpo.org/programs/transportation-improvement-program or call Roxana Ene at (954) 876-0042

COMMITMENT 2040 UPDATE



move people • create jobs • strengthen communities

The MPO hosted a series of workshops (pictured, right) throughout Broward as part of **Commitment 2040**, its Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). By utilizing a unique real-time polling method, the public was able to give their input and help shape the future of transportation in the county and the region.

A total of 18 Board members and 84 members of the community engaged with representatives of the MPO and answered a total of 34 questions covering a variety of topics. These questions allowed workshop attendees and elected officials to make difficult decisions regarding the future of transportation in Broward. The result of the real-time polling is available on the **Commitment 2040** website, where you can find updates on the transportation plan.

In addition to the interactive presentations, attendees were given the opportunity to answer the **Commitment**



2040 survey online or in writing. Over 1,100 respondents have given their input via the project's "travel experiences" survey. If you were not able to attend the workshops, there will be more opportunities to get involved. We will continue to host meetings and distribute surveys throughout the summer and fall as the plan develops.

Please tell us how the current transportation system is working for you and share your thoughts on how to improve it by visiting our website at www.Commitment2040.org. Please share this link with your friends and family. Your participation will help the MPO develop a diverse and robust transportation system.

GET INVOLVED. STAY CONNECTED.



Scan this QR Code to visit our
website www.browardMPO.org

UPCOMING MEETINGS

	JULY 2013	AUG 2013	SEPT 2013	OCT 2013
Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) <i>Meets every 2nd Thur. at 9:30 a.m.</i>	11	No Meeting	12	10
Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) <i>Meets every 4th Wed. at 2:30 p.m.</i>	No Meeting	28	25	23
Community Involvement Roundtable (CIR) <i>Meets every 4th Wed. at 6 p.m.</i>	No Meeting	28	25	23
Broward County Coordinating Board (BCCB) <i>Meets 3rd Monday at 2 p.m. when scheduled</i>	No Meeting	No Meeting	23*	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?

Broward County Transit offers training for seniors and people with disabilities on how to use fixed-route bus service

TRAVEL TRAINING



For more information on BCT Travel Training, go to broward.org/bct or contact the Travel Instructor at 954-357-7705. For hearing-speech impaired/TTY, call 954-357-8302.