

CALENDAR of Events

MPO	BPAC	BCCB	CIR	TCC
January				
No Meeting	Wednesday 10 at 6:30 p.m. Room 329 F	Monday 22 at 2:00 p.m. Room 422	No Meeting	Monday 22 at 2:00 p.m. Room 302
February				
Thursday 8 at 9:30 a.m. Room 422	Wednesday 14 at 6:30 p.m. Room 329 F	No Meeting	Tuesday 6 at 6:00 p.m. Room 430	Monday 26 at 2:00 p.m. Room 302
March				
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
April				
Thursday 19 at 9:30 a.m. Room 422	Wednesday 11 at 6:30 p.m. Room 329 F	Monday 16 at 2:00 p.m. Room 422	Tuesday 10 at 6:00 p.m. Room 430	Monday 23 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.

Acronyms

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

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BROWARD COUNTY MPO HOSTS 2006 AMPO ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Broward County MPO Chair and Mayor of Lauderdale, Richard J. Kaplan, received an award for Outstanding Achievement in Metropolitan Transportation Planning as an Elected Official at the AMPO conference.

The Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) hosted the 2006 Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) conference at the Fort Lauderdale Grande Hotel & Yacht Club from October 31-November 3, 2006. The conference programs and fieldtrips were coordinated to showcase innovation and provide its membership with opportunities to learn from experts and peers.

The AMPO conference also provided an opportunity to improve organizational effectiveness and meet the growing transportation challenges that take place in communities across the country.

The conference workshop agenda offered many facets of the metropolitan planning process, such as new planning requirements, tools, and implementation strategies.

These program elements showcased mobility, making the most of inter-governmental relationships, and the importance of regional planning initiatives, a hot topic in South Florida.

Over 250 participants attended the conference, coming from all parts of the United States from as far as Alaska. Attendance figures exceeded

the 2005 event attendance by more than 50 people. Participants were able to choose to follow educational tracks (sessions that built upon each other on a specific topic) or to simply attend the conference.

Tuesday, October 31st

AMPO attendees began the conference with a field trip that included a tour of Port Everglades and the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. The conference attendees then divided into two groups, one to West Palm Beach and the other for a tour of the Port of Miami. Both groups traveled by Tri-Rail to get tours of the respective cities.



AMPO attendees enjoyed an outdoor luncheon at the Fort Lauderdale Grande Hotel & Yacht Club.

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**UNIFIED
PLANNING WORK
PROGRAM
(UPWP)
2007-2008**

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) identifies in a single document the annual transportation planning activities that are to be undertaken in the Broward County Metropolitan Area conducted by the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (BCMPO) staff and its professional consultants over the course of one year.

Through the efforts of its UPWP, the BCMPO makes specific recommendations that seek to improve the transportation network throughout the Broward Metropolitan Area.

The process to develop the UPWP starts in January by soliciting input from the public, transportation implementing agencies, and the BCMPO board and its advisory committees.

The process ends in May by submitting the final UPWP to the State and Federal agencies for funding consideration.

Please e-mail your comments and suggestions to Tracy Mitchell at tmitchell@broward.org no later than March 2, 2007. You may also visit our website at www.broward.org/mpo/upwp.pdf.



**SPOTLIGHTING TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING WITH NATIONAL
CONFERENCE**

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

It was our distinct pleasure to host the annual AMPO conference here in Broward County from October 31 to November 3, 2006. AMPO is a nonprofit, membership organization that serves the needs and interests of metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) nationwide. Federal highway and transit statutes require, as a condition for spending federal highway or transit funds in urbanized areas, MPO agencies, to direct urban

transportation planning and the allocation of federal and state funds.

Sponsorship of this event was funded by the generous support from both local and national partners. The Broward MPO staff worked diligently with the national association to produce an event that was insightful and meaningful to all that attended.

With more than 1.7 million residents in Broward County, this was a great opportunity to showcase our beautiful area, as well as spotlight the growing need to address transportation challenges.

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**BROWARD COUNTY MPO HOSTS
2006 AMPO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Wednesday, November 1st

The conference kicked off with registration followed by policy and technical meetings that morning. Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart served as the keynote speaker at the AMPO Welcome Luncheon. Congressman Diaz-Balart is Florida's 25th District U.S. Congressman and he also serves on the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee of the US House of Representatives.

After the lunch break, three conference tracks were offered to attendees that focused on organizational strategies and the larger picture of transportation planning. The opening night reception was held at The River House in downtown Fort Lauderdale.

Thursday, November 2nd

On this date, the conference sessions focused on a three part series on SAFETEA-LU, which stands for Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). SAFETEA-LU authorizes the Federal surface transportation programs for highways, highway safety, and transit for the 5-year period 2005-2009.

The Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) Statewide Association also hosted their quarterly meeting on this date and it was open to all conference attendees, not just those from Florida. During the annual AMPO Awards Luncheon, local Broward County MPO Chair and Mayor of Lauderhill, Richard J. Kaplan, received an award for Outstanding Achievement in Metropolitan Transportation Planning as an Elected Official.

Friday, November 3rd

On the final day of the annual conference, sessions on Sustainable Transportation Planning were the hottest topic. This track included a three-part series on incorporating the natural and human environment into transportation planning, along with new federal requirements. All event participants were invited to a backyard barbeque on the pool patio and the event concluded earlier that day to allow out of town attendees to fulfill their travel obligations.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SR2S)

Do you remember walking to and from school with friends? Or perhaps a bicycle was your preferred choice. Presently in Broward County, most parents drive their children to school. According to the Marin County Congestion Management Agency (California), 20 to 25% of morning traffic is parents driving their children to school.

As part of Florida's first Safe Routes to School (SR2S) pilot project, the Broward County MPO is working to turn walking and bicycling to school safe, secure, and a common activity again. The SR2S surveyed nine elementary schools throughout Broward County: Tropical Elementary, Plantation; Silver Ridge Elementary, Davie; Tradewinds Elementary, Coconut Creek; Harbordale Elementary, Fort Lauderdale; Flamingo Elementary,



Davie Plantation Elementary, Deerfield Beach Elementary, Deerfield Beach; Cooper City Elementary, Cooper City; and Charles Drew Elementary, Pompano Beach.

These nine schools were selected from the Broward County School Board Hazardous Walking Condition Report, the survey asked students and teachers to identify their mode choice and what barriers they felt were keeping them from walking to their schools. Desired outcomes of the SR2S include: more children walking and bicycling to and from schools, increased bicycle, pedestrian, and traffic safety, and reduced fuel consumption among others.

For more information about SR2S, contact Mr. John Ramos at (954) 357-6657.

**10TH ANNUAL FLORIDA
NEIGHBORHOODS CONFERENCE**

On October 5-7, 2006, the Broward County MPO, along with over 50 exhibitors, some from as far as St. Petersburg and Sarasota, participated in the 10th Annual Florida Neighborhoods Conference, held at the Broward County Convention Center in Fort Lauderdale.

The annual conference seeks to empower residents to become more effective in leading their own communities. The conference included informative workshops such as: effective neighborhood associations, hurri-

cane communication, neighborhood project management, and inspiring volunteers. Conference attendees had the opportunity to tour historic neighborhoods, The Downtown Development Authority (DDA), and Port Everglades among other sites.

With the information presented at the conference, neighborhood leaders and residents can take that knowledge and start the process of building better communities, one neighborhood at a time.



**"TAKING IT TO
THE STREETS"**



Smokey the Bear came out to educate on the prevention of wildfires.

**Family Environmental
Day in Coral Springs**

The new Sawgrass Nature Center, located in the Sportsplex Park of Coral Springs, celebrated their grand opening on Saturday, January 27th during the city's third annual Family Environmental Day. Returning from a two year hiatus, the event featured a 5-K "Walk for the Wild," live animal presentations, exhibits, games, entertainment, a plant sale, a Green Market, and a Photo and Art Contest.

Environmental-conscious exhibitors included organizations like the Florida Division of Forestry and the Broward County Air Quality Division. The Broward County MPO had their on-site display and transportation planning professionals to speak to the public about the transportation planning process and survey event attendees.

The MPO event team surveyed 55 attendees during the event. Of those surveyed, almost 50% stated their major transportation concern was the lack of bicycle facilities within the community. Other issues of concern included traffic congestion and the county's need for more trees and landscaping.