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Connecting Communities Through Transportation Choices

ENVISIONING SOUTH FLORIDA'S FUTURE: "MOBILITY, GOODS AND PEOPLE" EVENT

May 4th was an exceptional day in Broward County as regional transportation leaders gathered to discuss a very important topic for our tri-county region – mobility. Representatives from the freight, rail, airport, port, roadway and transit industries, as well as leaders from the Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPOs), Regional Planning Councils and the Florida Department of Transportation all provided great insight on the importance of coordinating together to successfully move people, goods and services throughout our region and throughout the State and beyond. This was achieved through interesting panel discussions at this half-day Urban Land Institute (ULI) session at the Sheraton Fort Lauderdale Airport Hotel.

The Broward MPO was a Presenting Sponsor and Executive Director, Greg Stuart spoke on two panels: *South Florida Regional Needs – Transit*, and *A Regional Approach to Transit*. Greg provided a presentation that showed a 1972 Urban Design Study for the Broward County Area Planning Board. As Greg was pointing out our past, present and future in transportation, this 1972 plan was a rare glimpse at our past and how similar this early plan is to our current Broward MPO long-range transportation plan. It was interesting to hear Greg share with the audience that this 1972 plan was found in a dusty corner of a library and how much insight and relevance it now brings, so many years later. Greg also discussed the plans for The Wave streetcar, the future mobility hub in downtown Fort Lauderdale, the I-95 managed lanes, and the proposed passenger rail on the Florida East Coast Railway. All of these plans provide opportunities for development to occur and highlight the importance of regional coordination as we move into the future with all aspects of mobility.



Above: Michael Busha, Exec. Director of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council moderated a panel discussion with (left to right) Joe Giulietti, Exec. Dir. of S. Florida Regional Transportation Authority, James Wolfe, FDOT District 4 Secretary, Gus Pego, FDOT District 6 Secretary, Ysela Llort, Dir. Miami-Dade Transit, Greg Stuart, Exec. Dir. Broward MPO and Randy Whitfield, Exec. Dir. Palm Beach MPO.



Above: MPO Executive Director, Greg Stuart. FDOT Secretary Ananth Prasad, P.E. provided the Keynote Presentation.

**Event presentations are
available at:
www.seflorida.uli.org**

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



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

2012 has been a great year and we are only in the second quarter. On April 10th I joined other elected officials, contractors and local residents at the ribbon cutting for the Dixie Highway Flyover. The four-lane flyover, which joins Deerfield Beach with Boca Raton over the Florida East Coast Railroad, was constructed with 2009 funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment

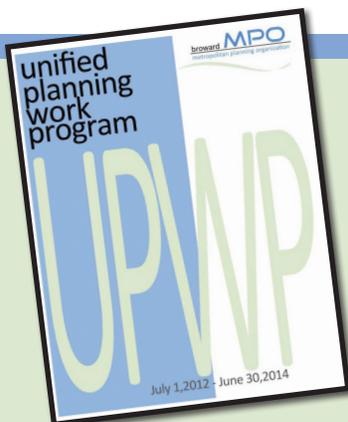
Act (ARRA). This project, funded by the MPO and managed by FDOT, was designed and constructed within three short years – that is remarkable

We have also seen the completion of another ARRA funded project – the installation of 73 bus shelters throughout the County. This was a \$2.47 million design/build project that began construction in May of last year and is now complete. In our effort to continue to “get things” done we will soon see the release of a “Request for Proposal” issued by the City of Fort Lauderdale to implement the downtown mobility hub on Broward Boulevard supporting “The Wave” streetcar system. What is neat about The Wave is that it is the first piece of a puzzle that could see other trolley or streetcar systems throughout the County. Look for that being released later this year. This new mobility hub directly ties into the recent announcement by Florida East Coast Industries for the proposed “All Aboard Florida” passenger commuter service that was presented to the Broward MPO Board at our May 10th meeting.

I encourage you to stay connected with the Broward MPO as we continue to work with our partners across the region, to plan and implement transportation projects.



Commissioner Blattner and Chair of the Broward MPO, along with (left to right) Coconut Creek Commissioner and MPO Board Member, Marilyn Gerber, Broward MPO Executive Director Greg Stuart, Boca Raton Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie, Representative Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed and Broward County Vice Mayor/ MPO Board Member Kristin Jacobs.



On May 10th the MPO Board adopted the 2012-2014 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)/Business Plan. The UPWP provides the two year annual budget of time and funding for the MPO's planning efforts. The program outlines the activities and associated work products needed to maintain the operations of the MPO. It can be found on the website at:

www.broward.org/programs/unified-planning-work-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's five year timeframe. 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 scheduled for **June 25, June 26, and July 12** at the Broward MPO offices. For more information on the TIP, and to visit the interactive TIP go to: www.browardMPO.org or call Roxana Ene at (954) 876-0042 or scan the QR code.



TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

FY 2012/13 – FY 2016/2017

OAKLAND PARK BOULEVARD TRANSIT CORRIDOR STUDY

Do you know which east-west Broward County Transit (BCT) route is the busiest, with nearly 9,000 riders boarding its buses each day? It is the most productive route in the system, meaning it carries more passengers per hour than any other. Want another hint? It crosses the central section of Broward County from the Everglades to the ocean. Yes – it is Route 72, along Oakland Park Boulevard. With so many riders and the potential for additional people to use the service, the Florida Department of Transportation, in partnership with BCT, Broward MPO and South Florida Regional Transportation Authority has initiated a transit corridor study with the following objective:

To identify transit improvements along the corridor which will achieve the high-quality, high-capacity premium transit service envisioned, as well as define the markets and area to be served by the solution. These improvements must enhance the transit passenger and/or pedestrian experience, improve transit service reliability and travel time and encourage transit oriented development.

Other partners in the study include the Cities of Fort Lauderdale, Wilton Manors, Oakland Park, Lauderdale Lakes, Lauderhill, and Sunrise. All of the partners participated in a kick-off meeting in May to initiate the data gathering and analyses work.

Public and agency kick-offs are planned for this fall and everyone is encouraged to attend and provide their comments on this important east-west corridor. Information will soon be available on the project website at: www.OaklandParkBoulevardTransitStudy.com



MPO EDUCATION AND OUTREACH



On **April 17th and 18th** the Central East-West Transit Study Team, which included staff from the MPO held public meetings to share the results of the analysis on two alternative routes to enhance our travel experience.



On **April 20th** Christopher Ryan participated in celebrating Earth Day, along with the Broward County Transit at the Governmental Center West.

On **May 8th and 22nd** the MPO participated in workshops for the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Six Pillars Process. The process is occurring to help communities throughout the State with a visioning process which looks to a 20-year horizon. These meetings occurred in Fort Lauderdale to discuss and obtain input on the third pillar, Infrastructure and Growth Leadership.



On **May 4th** James Cromar and Christopher Ryan greeted attendees at the ULI Mobility Event in Fort Lauderdale and informed them of all the programs of the Broward MPO.



On **May 18th** James Cromar was one of the speakers at the SR 7/U.S. 1 Collaborative Signature Event held at the City of Parkland City Hall. James presented the Northern Broward County Livability Study. This event highlighted the development and planning strategies for SR 7 between Sample Road in Broward County and Glades Road in Palm Beach County.

On **May 17th** MPO Transportation Planner, Priscilla Clawges, participated in the Corridor Advocacy Group and Corridor Management Entity A-1-A Corridor Clean Up. This community event was hosted by Lauderdale-By-The-Sea.





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UPCOMING MEETINGS

	JULY 2012	AUG 2012	SEPT 2012	OCT 2012
Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) <i>Meets every 2nd Thur. at 9:30 a.m.</i>	12	No Meeting	20*	11
Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) <i>Meets every 4th Mon. at 2:15 p.m.</i>	No Meeting	27	24	22
Community Involvement Roundtable (CIR) <i>Meets every 4th Tues. at 6 p.m.</i>	No Meeting	29	18*	23
Broward County Coordinating Board (BCCB) <i>Meets 3rd Monday at 2 p.m. when scheduled</i>	No Meeting	No Meeting	10*	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.

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