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Annual Report • 2016-2017



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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MPO Board Chair Richard Blattner As Chair of the Broward MPO Board, it is my honor to showcase the work of the Organization in this year's Annual Report. Through the Strategic Business Plan, the Board has set a directional course for the MPO, and the recent revision of the Plan will further position us to be a leading MPO, not just in Florida but across the nation.

This past year, the Board has taken several decisions that will improve our transportation system and strengthen the region for years to come. Board Members voted to move forward with the SW 10th Street Connector Project, which will provide a crucial link between I-95 and the Sawgrass Expressway, improving the movement of people and freight. We continue to fund Complete Streets projects with this year's adopted Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) having over 140 miles of programmed Complete Streets projects. That TIP contains a total of \$5.2 billion dollars in projects to be funded over the next five years. We also funded 10 projects through a new and innovative program known as the Complete Streets and Localized Initiatives Program (CSLIP). The first of these projects will be built as early as 2020.

We recognize the increased traffic in our region, and are working to address the problem. Due to limitations on available land to widen roads, our focus has been on improving traffic light signalization, enhancing public transportation, and focusing on hot spots where traffic backs up and never seems to clear. With the participation of our 31 member cities, we are starting to identify those hot spots, and are looking at context sensitive solutions to get traffic moving. Our neighbors in Miami are working on their SMART Plan, which identifies six new rapid transit corridors, and the Broward MPO is working to ensure that several of those premium transit corridors do not stop at the county line, but move into Broward as well.

These are just some of the highlights of what we have been working on, and what we will be working on in 2018. I want to thank my colleagues on the Board for their continued leadership, and to MPO staff and partner agencies for helping execute the Board's vision.



The Broward MPO has been recognized as a local and national leader, and is at the forefront of planning the future of our region. Much has happened since the Broward MPO's last Annual Report, and I am proud of all that we have accomplished over the past fiscal year. Last summer, the Organization was awarded a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant for \$11.4 million dollars' worth of Complete Streets improvements in Broward. We were the only organization to receive a TIGER Grant in Florida for 2016, and were one of only 40 organizations to receive funding out of 585 applicants.

The Organization also made tremendous strides this year in funding and implementing Complete Streets, moving forward with Mobility Hubs, finalizing the implementation of a Quiet Zone along the FEC tracks, and reaching consensus with SW 10th Street.

This is an exciting time in the Broward region. We continue to add jobs and population, with tremendous growth happening across the County. New transportation options are arriving, with Brightline set to begin passenger service between Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach in Fall 2017, Complete Streets projects are being implemented across Broward, and momentum is growing to build the long sought Tri-Rail Coastal Link on our eastern rail corridor.

This year is the Broward MPO's 40th Anniversary, and we have a lot to celebrate. The MPO has been involved in many of the successful transportation projects we see today, and is continuing to plan for Broward's future. Forty years are looking pretty good, and we are only getting started!

Executive Director Gregory Stuart





Strategic Business Plan (SBP)

This past year brought new and exciting changes to the Broward MPO's Strategic Business Plan. The updated Plan lays the groundwork for future success of the Organization. In January, the Board held an all-day retreat in order to further refine and update the Strategic Business Plan and to align the Board, MPO staff, and stakeholders in building the organization's capabilities to deliver measurable value to the community. Key themes discussed at the staff-retreat included the setting of goals and objectives, ensuring the long-term organizational strength of the MPO, and setting the values that define who we are as an organization.

At the May Board Meeting, the Board unanimously adopted the revised Strategic Business Plan, charting a new path forward for the MPO. This resulted in streamlined mission and vision statements, the introduction of organizational values, a commitment to using "plain-speak," and the creation of two and five year markers of success. As part of the Strategic Business Plan's commitment to using "plain-speak," an informational graphic on the Broward MPO's core products was developed as shown on the next page.





CORE PRODUCTS



All MPOs must produce and maintain core products to continue to receive federal and state funding.

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The LRTP represents the most important transportation needs in Broward. It is "cost feasible" based on anticipated future funding over the next 20+ years. Updated every five years.

MULTIMODAL PRIORITIES LIST

The **MPL** represents the order in which LRTP projects will receive funding. It is used to assign available funding, five years from now, to the highest prioritized projects. **Updated every year.**

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The **TIP** represents projects that will receive funding over the next five years. Projects in the TIP have moved from the LRTP through the Multimodal Priorities List. **Updated every year.**





UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

The **UPWP** specifies the work of the Broward MPO and its planning partners. It contains budget details for the efforts and administration of the agency. **Updated every two years.**

STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN*

The **SBP** represents the MPO Board's vision for the future of the Organization. It contains an active implementation process which is tied to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). **Updated every two years.** *Not required by Federal Law

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

The **PPP** describes how MPOs will share information with the community, gather input on MPO core products, plans and programs, and solicit meaningful involvement with local citizens in the planning process. **Updated every four years.**

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Complete Streets

The Broward MPO is a national leader on planning and implementing Complete Streets, and this past year was no exception. This fiscal year featured the winning of a prestigious Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), tremendous strides forward in the MPO's **Complete Streets Initiative and** Mobility Program, the kick-off of the Complete Streets Master Plan, and the first awarding of funding for projects as part of the Complete Streets and Localized Initiatives Program (CSLIP).

Complete Streets Initiative/Mobility Program

The MPO's award winning Complete Streets Initiative/Mobility Program is changing Broward's streets, making them accessible and safer for all users of the road, regardless of transportation method. The Initiative is the umbrella in which all MPO Complete Streets related activities take place. This past year, guided by input from partner agencies on the Complete Streets Advisory

Committee, (CSAC), the Complete Streets Initiative/Mobility Program made tremendous strides in planning and implementing Complete Streets in the region. More technical resources were made available to assist partner governments in their own efforts to plan and fund Complete Streets, including an Evaluation Toolkit.

Over 120 Miles of Mobility Projects Programmed!

Complete Streets Master Plan

Capitalizing on the success of the Complete Streets Initiative/Mobility Program, the Broward MPO has begun the development of a Complete Streets Master Plan. This year saw the kick-off of development of the Master Plan, which will guide the Broward MPO's future investments in Complete Streets improvements. The Master Plan will develop a prioritized list of projects based on technical analysis, as well as input from transportation partners and the community. The results of the Master Plan will ultimately lead to the funding and implementation of new Complete Streets projects across Broward.

Bicycle/Safety Pedestrian Action Plan

The MPO's work on Complete Streets does not just include efforts to implement more bike lanes and sidewalks, but to ensure that cyclists and pedestrians are safe when using those facilities. With the goal of ensuring everybody in the region can walk and bike safely, the MPO has been hard at work this year carrying out the first phases of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. This year, the MPO and its partners have conducted site visits to unsafe locations, and reviewed all reported bicycle and pedestrian crashes in the Broward region over the past five years. The team is working to identify solutions that will not only provide site-specific safety improvements, but also to promote institutional changes to create safer, more accessible streets for all users.

Safe Streets Summit

To further the commitment of improving safety for cyclists and pedestrians, the MPO hosted its 4th Annual Safe Streets Summit in the city of Sunrise on January 26 and 27, 2017. This Summit, held at

the Sunrise Civic Center was the largest and most successful Summit yet, with nearly 300 transportation professionals, advocates, elected officials, and community members registered to attend. This year's Summit marked the first year the Broward MPO partnered with the Miami-Dade and Palm Beach MPOs to make this a truly regional and collaborative event.

The Summit included experts in the field of Complete Streets who presented a variety of topics, including funding, implementation, evaluation, and equity. The keynote speakers at the 2017 Summit were Emiko Atherton, Director of the National Complete Streets Coalition and Charles Montgomery, from Happy City, who provided insightful and thought-provoking presentations on how transportation choices influence how people feel, behave and interact with the city in which they live.

Complete Streets and Localized Initiatives Program

The MPO is not just planning and promoting Complete Streets, but actively funding their implementation. The Complete Streets and Localized Initiatives Program (CSLIP) is a unique and innovative program that provides funding for small local transportation projects which improve the safety and mobility for all transportation users in Broward. CSLIP is among the first of its kind in the nation, and has been hailed for its innovation and simplification by the MPO's member governments.

This competitive grant program funds projects such as Complete Streets, traffic calming, intersection improvements, ADA upgrades, bus shelters, and technology advancements such as transit signal priority and traffic control devices. This past year marked the MPO's very first round of CSLIP. Awarded projects included bike lanes, sidewalk enhancements,

roadway improvements, ADA enhancements, and more.

10 Projects in 8 Cities, Totaling 13 Miles in 2017 Alone

TIGER Grant

In July 2016, the Broward MPO was awarded a prestigious Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. In 2016, the TIGER Program received 585 applications totaling \$9.3 billion dollars in funding requests, and awarded just 40 applications totaling \$484.5 million dollars. The Broward MPO application was the only

submission in the state of Florida to be awarded in this round of TIGER grants. The \$11.4 million dollar grant will help build five new Complete Streets projects in the cities of Fort Lauderdale, Lauderdale Lakes, Pompano Beach, and Oakland Park. These projects will connect major destinations while helping



complete the network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities in Broward.



Public Involvement

The MPO's award-winning public involvement program strives to engage the community in the work of the Organization, and solicit meaningful feedback that improves the planning process. This year through Speak Up Broward, an innovative and grassroots public outreach campaign, the MPO has engaged thousands of Broward residents, with a focus on educating students, the transportation and engineering professionals of tomorrow. From educating students on the importance of Complete Streets to community outreach in all corners of the region, this was another banner year for public involvement at the Broward MPO.

Connecting with Our Community



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The programs listed below are just a small sampling of the MPO's robust and dynamic public involvement program. The map to the left illustrates the MPO comprehensive outreach efforts over the past year.

For more information on all of the MPO's public involvement work, please visit: SpeakUpBroward.org

Think Like a Planner Workshop

This past year, the Broward MPO worked with the Broward County Public Schools' Career, Technical, Adult, Community Education (CTACE) Department to increase awareness of the MPO as well as introduce students to the field of transportation. The MPO hosted students from three high schools to participate in unique and innovative "Think like a Planner" workshops. The idea for the Think Like a Planner workshops came out of the MPO's Strategic Business Plan, where Board Members requested the agency engage and reach out to the younger generation. Students benefit by learning about career opportunities and basics of transportation planning, and the MPO educates students about the work the agency does and helps to increase awareness of the MPO's vision, mission and purpose.

U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Office of Small Business

As part of the implementation of the MPO's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program, the MPO partnered with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Office of Small Business and the Florida Department of Transportation to engage the small business community in the \$195 million Wave Streetcar Project. The MPO hosted a very successful kick-off event in March followed by four sessions of Bonding training for small businesses. The training sessions culminated in a field visit of the Wave Streetcar corridor to gain first-hand experience of the route and the potential business opportunities.

TRAC & RIDES Education Program

TRAC (Transportation and Civil Engineering) is a hands- on, educational outreach program of the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO). The MPO continues to work with the Broward County School Board's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Department to deliver educational outreach programs that connect students to the world of transportation and the work of MPOs. By working with Broward teachers, the MPO continues to inspire students to consider careers in transportation. The MPO hosted a third two day TRAC training for teachers in June of this year and is already planning for June 2018.



Innovative Projects

The transportation and infrastructure challenges facing South Florida are numerous, from rising sea level to increased traffic congestion. The Broward MPO recognizes these challenges, and is working every day to keep Broward moving and improve the quality of life and economic opportunities for residents. The Broward MPO is the region's leader on many of the critical issues facing South Florida, and this year brought tremendous progress in many areas.



Climate Change

The threat posed by climate change and sea level rise is acutely felt in South Florida. This past year, the Broward MPO did a countywide assessment of the rail and roadway network in order to develop a more in-depth understanding of the risks and possible engineering responses to climate change. This assessment will ensure that the system remains resilient and continues as a critical element of long-term community viability. The project will provide a higher level of specificity required to guide decisions at the local level, and will be focused on the approximately 1260 miles of roadways classified as collector or above within Broward County.

Freight

Moving freight is critical to Broward's economy, and this past year featured new developments in the MPO's freight planning efforts. The MPO established a Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC), and held its inaugural meeting in January 2017. The FTAC is comprised of public and private sector professionals that work directly in the freight and logistics industry and represent a broad spectrum of the that community, and is designed to provide a forum for different partners within the freight community. In addition to the creation of the FTAC, MPO Executive Director Gregory Stuart was recently appointed to the Florida Freight Advisory Committee (FLFAC). This statewide committee is charged with advising the Florida Department of Transportation in its efforts to plan a multimodal freight network which will position the State of Florida as the primary freight hub in the United States.

SW 10th Street

SW 10th Street is a critical corridor for moving both people and freight in northern Broward County. This year, the Broward MPO concluded the SW 10th Street Consensus Building, which was named a "best practice" by FDOT District 4. For over thirty years SW 10th Street connecting I-95 to the Sawgrass Expressway has been considered a missing link in the highway network. The Broward MPO set out to build consensus between residents who live along the corridor, travelers who use the corridor, and the business community. Through extensive outreach, and working with a group of local representatives, the Broward MPO helped reach consensus on moving the SW 10th Street project forward. The Project Development and Engineering (PD&E) Phase for this project will begin in July 2017.



Quiet Zones

Over the past three years, the Broward MPO has worked with partners at Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway/Brightline, FDOT, Broward County, and the eight municipalities along the eastern rail corridor to establish quiet zones. A quiet zone is a section of rail where the train engineer does not sound the horn at street crossings, but can still sound the horn in case of emergencies. This year, the MPO had a groundbreaking for construction on the quiet zone on the eastern rail corridor, held in Oakland Park. Construction is underway on quiet zones, and by the end of the year, all rail corridors in Broward will have quiet zones installed.

Mobility Hubs

The MPO made significant progress this year on its Mobility Hub Initiative. Planning and design of the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Mobility, to be located near the new Brightline Station, Broward Central Terminal, and a future Wave Streetcar station, moved forward in the past year. At the Cypress Creek Mobility Hub, the City of Fort Lauderdale is revising its Land Use Plan and zoning code to prepare for a pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use community near three Broward County Transit bus routes and the Cypress Creek Tri-Rail Station. Hub planning efforts are also underway in Hollywood, and soon to begin in additional locations. The MPO is also updating the criteria for Mobility Hubs to incorporate new transit and market data.

STARTED Plan

This year, the MPO debuted its Strategic Transportation and Regional Transit Economic Development (STARTED) Plan. The STARTED Plan integrates all of the MPO's Programs and Projects to establish a comprehensive and connected transportation system. Broward is experiencing continued growth, and the MPO is looking at finding solutions to the region's transportation challenges. A number of projects have been identified to enhance our current transportation system, including: Brightline, the Wave Streetcar, an expansion of Tri-Rail on the east coast corridor (Tri-Rail Coastal Link), express lanes on interstates, future corridors for premium transit service, and Mobility Hubs. All of these improvements complemented by Complete Streets enhancements, will allow Broward's residents to easily move from one place to another throughout the region.



Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

In the planning world, the budget and activities of an MPO are documented in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP provides a comprehensive picture to citizens and stakeholders to see how federal and state transportation planning dollars are to be spent by the Broward MPO, local governments and transit agencies providing transportation services in Broward. The UPWP is developed by Broward MPO staff in consultation with partner agencies, municipal staff and input from local citizens, stakeholders, and the MPO Board. The information collected is incorporated into the UPWP and budgeted accordingly. Our fiscal year (FY) begins July 1 and ends June 30. The final UPWP was approved by the Board on May 12, 2016. The chart below provides a snapshot of the MPO's estimated revenues and expenditures over the next 5 years.

| Five Year Forecast of Funding | | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | FY 16-17 | FY 17-18 | FY 18-19 | FY 19-20 | FY 20-21 |
| Total Funds Allocated ¹ | 35,583,210 | 34,928,630 | 32,630,173 | 32,684,071 | 32,684,071 |
| Total Funds Non- Allocated ² | 863,784 | - | - | - | - |
| Total Funds Carried Over | | 964,186 | 1,097,533 | 1,320,971 | 1,722,352 |
| Total Funds Available | 36,446,994 | 35,892,815 | 33,727,706 | 34,005,042 | 34,406,423 |
| Total Contracts | 31,427,752 | 30,719,036 | 28,208,200 | 27,958,200 | 27,958,200 |
| Total Salaries + Fringe | 2,418,343 | 2,805,304 | 2,889,464 | 2,976,148 | 3,065,432 |
| Total Indirect Costs | 1,636,713 | 1,270,942 | 1,309,071 | 1,348,343 | 1,388,793 |
| Total Funds Spent | 35,482,808 | 34,795,283 | 32,406,734 | 32,282,690 | 32,412,425 |
| Total Funds Carried Over | 964,186 | 1,097,533 | 1,320,971 | 1,722,352 | 1,993,998 |

The Office Relocation

Earlier this year, the Broward MPO relocated to larger offices in the 6th Floor of the same building. Over the past several years, the Broward MPO has grown in size and scope, requiring additional office space to carry out the many innovative programs highlighted in this Annual Report. Further, the Strategic Business Plan has positioned the MPO to expand not only staff, but skills and responsibilities as well. The new office allows for that growth as well as creating a more collaborative work space. In addition, the MPO is constructing a new Board Room for advisory committee and MPO Board Meetings, and will have the latest audio/visual technology, including the ability to livestream meetings online. It is expected that the new Board Room will be ready by September.

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