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The Broward MPO Joins the City of Fort Lauderdale to Break Ground for the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Mobility Hub



Fort Lauderdale, FL - The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) joined the City of Fort Lauderdale and our partners on Friday, September 13th to break ground on the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Mobility Hub.

The Broward MPO used \$3.5 million of its annual Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funding for this project, flexing these funds to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The Hub project area covers four blocks that connect current and future transportation services. Existing facilities include the Broward County Transit (BCT) Central Terminal for local bus service, with boarding areas for the Sun Trolley and Tri-Rail (commuter rail) shuttles. The Hub area includes the Fort Lauderdale Virgin train station.



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Consistent with the City's vision, the MPO's Mobility Hub investments will provide infrastructure that emphasizes pedestrian accessibility, supports mixed-use development and improves connections to a variety of transit options.

"The Downtown Fort Lauderdale Mobility Hub will be a multi-block intermodal terminal that will connect multiple transportation options. This is the first Mobility Hub for the MPO, with many more planned," said Gregory Stuart, Executive Director of the Broward MPO. "Working together with all of our partners which include the City, FHWA, FTA, Florida Department of Transportation, BCT, Virgin Trains and the Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority, we are bringing this vision to the local community and the region.

Benefits and Improvements

- Once completed, the Hub will increase safe and accessible connectivity for bicyclists, pedestrians and transit users.
- The streetscape improvements in this project will provide safe and comfortable
 pedestrian connections to the existing and future transit options in the area. The
 streetscape will also provide the physical framework for private investment in the
 redevelopment of properties in the area.
- Improvements include; wider sidewalks, LED pedestrian lighting, new dedicated bicycle facilities, new shade trees and landscaping, and new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant crosswalks.

The Broward MPO is also working with other municipalities to further plan additional Mobility Hub projects, including the Cities of Sunrise, Coral Springs, Plantation, Pembroke Pines, Hollywood and Fort Lauderdale (Cypress Creek Mobility Hub).

The **Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization** (MPO) is a transportation policy-making board responsible for transportation planning and funding allocations. The Organization works with the public, planning organizations, government agencies, elected officials, and community groups to develop transportation plans in Broward.

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