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UPCOMING MEETINGS

	JULY 2014	AUG 2014	SEPT 2014	OCT 2014
Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) <i>Meets every 2nd Thur. at 9:30 a.m.</i>	10	No Meeting	11	9
Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) <i>Meets every 4th Wed. at 2:30 p.m.</i>	No Meeting	27	24	22
Community Involvement Roundtable (CIR) <i>Meets every 4th Wed. at 6 p.m.</i>	No Meeting	27	24	22
Local Coordinating Board (LCB) <i>Meets every Mon. at 2 p.m.</i>	No Meeting	No Meeting	22	27

* 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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Those who text while driving are 23 times more likely to cause severe property damage, suffer serious injury, or die.

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CHOOSE AN OPTION, PLAN THE FUTURE

The Broward MPO, in conjunction with multiple agency partners, is conducting the University Drive Mobility Improvements Planning Study, one of a series of transportation planning studies in Broward County aiming to define the future of the transportation network. The Project Advisory Committee (PAC) consisting of representatives from the thirteen municipalities along the corridor, Broward County, and various transportation agencies was created to serve as the community's voice throughout the study by helping to identify solutions and provide overall guidance.

University Drive is one of the County's most critical north-south transportation routes and faces many challenges, including heavy traffic congestion, limited convenient transit options, and a lack of safe and continuous sidewalks and bicycle facilities. This study explores a number of transportation improvement options for all users of the road to manage traffic congestion, increase travel options, and improve quality of life through a safer, more convenient, and comfortable transportation system.

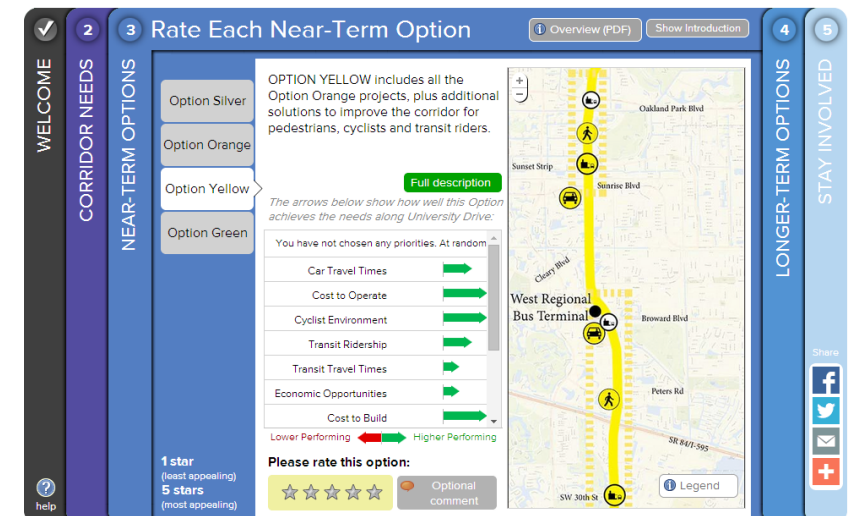
We are seeking your input on possible transportation options for University Drive. Please visit www.UniversityDriveImprovements.org and take our interactive survey to tell us your thoughts. The survey lets you choose your priorities for the area, explains each of the options in a graphic manner, and evaluates how each of the options performs for each of your priorities. Those who complete the survey by July 15th will be entered into a drawing to win a free tablet!



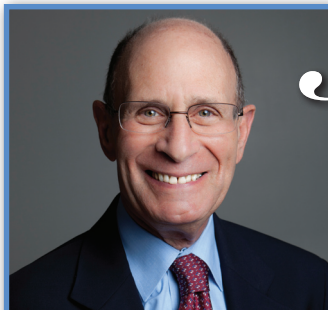
The Project Advisory Committee for the University Drive study met on May 7th at Broward County Transit Offices.



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

Message From The Chair

When contemplating the achievements of the Broward MPO since its creation in July 1977, Bob Dylan's song: "The Times They Are A Changing" seems quite apropos. Just as he wrote of reacting to unfolding situations, the MPO has adjusted over the years to changes occurring at the county, state and federal levels. In August 2010, the

MPO separated from its host agency, Broward County Board of County Commissioners, and became an independent agency in order to better react to evolving local needs, grant opportunities and federal and state requirements. Over time we have received increased funding from the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration as well as various grant resources; and, as noted in the last edition of this newsletter, the MPO has recently begun to collect a Membership Fee to engage lobbyists to be a persistent face in front of various committees that approve projects and allocate funds.

Between the initial creation of the MPO and 2010, the County's population increased by over 800,000. More people equates to more traffic on the roadways; thus, the MPO

has continued to focus upon improving transportation facilities of all types in an effort to reduce automobile trips and promote walkable communities. As noted in the article below, our draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) proposes a wide variety of projects, including those that enhance bike and pedestrian safety and increase the use of transit facilities. For example, a high priority is the development of a Universal Fare card. The MPO is establishing a pilot program in coordination with the various Miami-Dade Transit agencies, FDOT and Broward County Transit which would allow a rider to use one card to pay for the fare for the various transit facilities. Another very important project the MPO is partnering in is the Tri-Rail Coastal Link, an 85-mile commuter rail service on the FEC railroad from downtown Miami to Jupiter. This commuter service is estimated to have 20 to 25 stations linking 28 municipalities.

I encourage you to continue to participate in the transportation planning process through our **Speak Up Broward** initiative and to view and understand your long range transportation plan: **Commitment 2040**. For more information, please visit www.Commitment2040.org.

We are excited about the future... "the times are a changing" indeed.



TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



The MPO has just released a draft of the **2014/15 – 2018/19 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**. The TIP is a list of federal, state and locally funded transportation projects, including transit, roadways, bridges, aviation, seaport, rail and commuter rail, bicycle facilities, pedestrian provisions, and enhancement projects like landscaping and greenways.

Three meetings are scheduled where the public will have opportunities to provide comment on the proposed projects; these public meetings will be held in the Broward MPO Board Room, located in the Trade Centre South Building, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 850, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309:

- Technical Coordinating Committee on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.
- Community Involvement Roundtable on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.
- Broward MPO Board on Thursday, July 10, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. (Final Action Taken)

The public is encouraged to review and provide comment on the TIP; comments will be accepted until July 10, 2014. The proposed TIP can be viewed at the Broward MPO office, at the eight Regional Broward County Libraries (for a list of library addresses call 954-876-0033 or visit the website); and on the Broward MPO website at: www.browardMPO.org, under the "Programs" tab and **Transportation Improvement Program**.

Scan the QR code on your smart phone to go to the TIP website. →



DBE PROGRAM AND GOAL - REQUESTING PUBLIC COMMENTS!

The Broward MPO is requesting public comment on its 2014 Federal Transit Administration's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program and Goal in accordance with 49 CFR, Part 26. The proposed 2014 overall goal is **8.0 percent (8%)**. The program, goal, and methodology may be viewed at the Broward MPO office during normal business hours or at the Broward MPO's web site www.browardMPO.org on the "Doing Business" or "Equal Opportunity" pages. Comments may be directed to the attention of Christopher Ryan, DBE Liaison Officer at (954) 876-0036, by mail at the address below, by fax at 954-876-0062 or by email at ryanc@browardmpo.org

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH



LET'S GO BIKING!

In celebration of **March is Bicycle Month**, the Broward MPO joined several local organizations in hosting **Let's Go Biking**, a fun morning of activities that included a leisurely group bike ride with the City of Sunrise Mayor Ryan, along the New River Greenway. The event took place at Markham Park, 16001 W. State Road 84 in Sunrise from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, March 29. The event was a great success and included additional activities such as bike recycling, helmet fittings, giveaways, a healthy food demonstration, food trucks, and more.

To the left, Mayor Ryan and Commissioner Jacobs.



TIGER GRANT FUNDING

On April 10, officials from the Broward and Palm Beach MPOs traveled to Washington, DC, to meet with officials from the US Dept. of Transportation. The topic was an application for federal grant funding through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program to assist with railroad safety infrastructure costs to potentially qualify as Quiet Zones, reducing the number of required train horns along the FEC corridor after an anticipated increase in rail traffic.

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Remember to join the conversation about transportation in Broward by following **Speak Up Broward** below.

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