

Upcoming Events:

Public Workshops

The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is updating its Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). To ensure that the new plan reflects the desires of Broward County residents, visitors, and business communities, we invite you to attend at least one of the five workshops.

Tuesday, July 22, 2008, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Broward County Governmental Center
115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room 430, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Thursday, July 24, 2008, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
South Florida Regional Planning Council
3440 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 140, Hollywood, FL 33021

Monday, July 28, 2008, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Northwest Regional Library
3151 N. University Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33065

Tuesday, July 29, 2008, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
South Regional/BCC Library
7300 Pines Boulevard, Pembroke Pines, FL 33024

Wednesday, July 30, 2008, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Emma Lou Olson Civic Center
1801 N.E. 6 Street, Pompano Beach, FL 33060

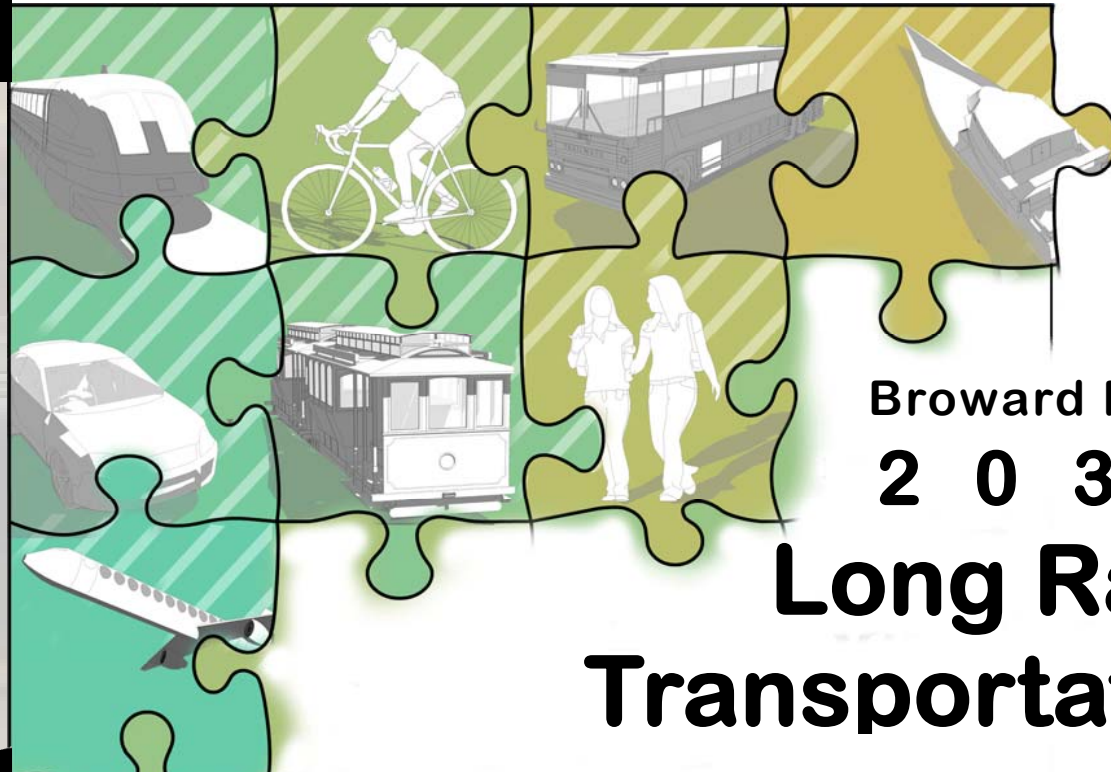
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**Long Range
Transportation Plan**

How Do We Grow?

Transportation is essential to growth and quality of life. Given that Broward County has experienced explosive growth in the past decade, the need to plan is greater than ever. To achieve an integrated transportation system that meets both the travel needs and the desired quality of life, the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) needs to rethink its solutions.

We have decisions to make. Should we add new highways and improve existing ones? Create more transit facilities? Focus on centers that encourage pedestrian and bicycle activities? Explore new innovations such as car share programs?

All of these decisions affect not only traffic congestion, but also how and where we live.

- Roadways require land for additional lanes and parking, but offer flexibility and convenience.
- Using transit is better for the environment and provides options to our dependence on the automobile, but it requires higher densities to be effective.
- Pedestrian and bike facilities increase recreational opportunities as well as commuting alternatives, but is often perceived inconvenient.

What mix is right for Broward County?

Putting the Pieces Together

Transportation is not just being able to get from point A to point B. It involves a comprehensive planning process that considers important components such as air quality, alternative modes of transportation, improvements to current roadways, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities. **Most importantly, the planning process involves the public.**

The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) serves as the unified voice of Broward County to state and federal legislators about transportation needs and concerns. As the County's voice, the MPO places special emphasis on providing equal access to transportation planning choices through public outreach initiatives. The LRTP process is one of many ways that the MPO engages the public. It is also how the MPO evaluates the need for and choices involved in transportation infrastructure planning.

The LRTP is a blueprint for the regional transportation system with a time horizon through 2035. From now until December of 2009, the Broward MPO will be working with communities throughout the county to develop the 2035 LRTP.

New to this LRTP is the coordination between the Broward MPO, Miami-Dade County MPO and Palm Beach County MPO to create a tri-county transportation plan that will provide travel choices for the regional transportation needs.

Four things you need to know about the Long Range Plan:

The LRTP sets priorities for projects in terms of what gets built and when.

Shrinking tax funds means that we need to be smarter about how we spend our dollars for infrastructure. Innovative solutions can be defined in the LRTP.

Decisions made during the LRTP process affect the types of projects that are built in your community and the amount of funding that is available.

Changes in transportation needs determine how funds are spent. Roadways, transit, and bicycle facilities are impacted by your participation in the LRTP process. You can start by filling out our survey.



Changing Perceptions

Transportation issues have recently attracted a lot of attention in Broward County and throughout the nation. Record gas prices have not only led to discussions about energy consumption, but have started to change travel behavior.

The US Department of Transportation estimates that Americans drove 20 billion fewer miles from January through April of 2008. Broward County Transit's (BCT) fiscal year 2007 ridership shows a 5% increase. Although BCT put into effect a 25% fare increase in October 2007, with the recent rise in gasoline prices, BCT still shows a ridership increase for January through May 2008, as compared with January through May 2007. Tri-Rail ridership has increased 22% (from May 2007 to May 2008).

The LRTP will explore balancing needs such as convenience, accessibility, choice, and efficiency for the transportation program. Are there new goals that require more attention than previous transportation planning efforts? Come to one of our workshops and tell us what you think. See back cover for dates and locations.



Tomorrow's Solutions Identified Today

While many people are moving closer to the urban center of the city, choosing to live closer to work and entertainment, innovative transportation solutions are popping up everywhere. MIT researchers have been developing concepts to serve mobility needs and address environmental concerns.

These solutions range from light-weight no emission cars to foldable scooters. Some communities are even promoting alternative modes of travel through bicycle sharing programs.



Participate in the LRTP process to ensure that the solutions for Broward County are right for you!

Hot Topic: Do you know your carbon footprint?



Several factors go into determining your carbon footprint, including:

- Where you live
- How you get places
- What you eat
- What you wear

Did you know that current public transportation usage reduces US gasoline consumption by about 4.2 billion gallons each year?

Reducing gasoline consumption reduces your carbon footprint.

Many websites, including www.carbonfootprint.com provide calculators that can help you determine your impact on the environment.

Project Timeline

LRTP Activities	2008						2009												
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Public Workshops																			
Identify Goals																			
Collect Data																			
Review Model																			
Identify Needs																			
Environmental Review of Options																			
Prepare Cost Estimates of Options																			
Identify Financial Resources																			
Draft Cost Feasible Plan																			
Draft Final Plan																			
Final Plan & Adoption																			

Please complete the enclosed survey.

Q: How will we use the survey results?

A: The survey results will be used to gauge public desire when investing in future transportation infrastructure. The results will influence the preferred transportation projects included in the new 2035 LRTP. It will identify the best transportation solutions that meet community values and preserve our environment. Findings will also help prioritize which projects in the new LRTP will occur first.

In the coming months, you can check our website for survey results and see what other people have to say at www.broward2035lrtp.com

Want to get involved?

Here's how...

Fill out a survey



Visit our website

www.Broward2035LRTP.com



Call our hotline
Coming soon

