

Overview

The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is responsible for setting the 25-year, long-term vision for Broward's transportation network. This long-term vision is known as the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Projects and programs in the long-term vision are prioritized for funding by the MPO. As funding becomes available, the top prioritized projects are assigned funding and included into the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Once included in the TIP, the process of designing, engineering and constructing the projects begins. All new projects constructed began as part the long-term vision or LRTP. The following paragraphs describe this process.

The LRTP or the Broward MPO's long-term transportation vision is a fiscally constrained investment plan. This investment plan allocates future reasonably expected Federal, state and local funds to maintain and improve the transportation system over the next 25 years based on input from partner agencies and identified deficiencies in the regional network. During the development of the LRTP, project selection criteria are identified. Examples of project selection criteria include safety, public support, and regional connectivity. These criteria are weighted against the candidate projects received through public outreach, partner input, and MPO Board priorities to build a regional investment plan as part of the LRTP. In other words, the selection criteria are used to select projects from a large list of needed projects to include within the financial confines of a fiscally constrained LRTP. Once approved by the MPO Board, the LRTP becomes the guiding document for the MPO's planning activities and programs. This document and vision is updated every five years in order to make adjustments for changes in demographics and travel patterns, and to accommodate any changes in future funding availability.

To move the LRTP vision to a reality, the Broward MPO develops an annual Multimodal Priorities List. The Multimodal Priorities list contains the projects and

programs identified in the LRTP and prioritized in line for funding. Once future funding becomes available, the Multimodal Priorities List is used as a guide to assign funding to the top priority projects and programs. Other than the typical roadway and transit improvement projects, programs include the Complete Streets and Other Localized Initiatives Program, MPO's corridor studies, the Complete Streets Master Plan, and the Mobility Hub Initiative, to name a few. These programs and initiatives supplement the regional priorities identified in the LRTP and provide a more detailed analysis to identify specific projects for funding. See below for more information on the development of the Multimodal Priorities List.

When funding is identified and assigned to high priority projects and programs identified on the Multimodal Priorities List, they move to the MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for design, engineering and construction. These project funding assignments are detailed in the TIP over a 5-year, fiscally constrained horizon. The TIP is updated on an annual basis to ensure that projects from the LRTP and the MPO's other programs and initiatives are identified with newly available funding. New projects are typically funded in the new 5th year of the TIP to coincide with the availability of new funding.

Current Multimodal Priorities List Development

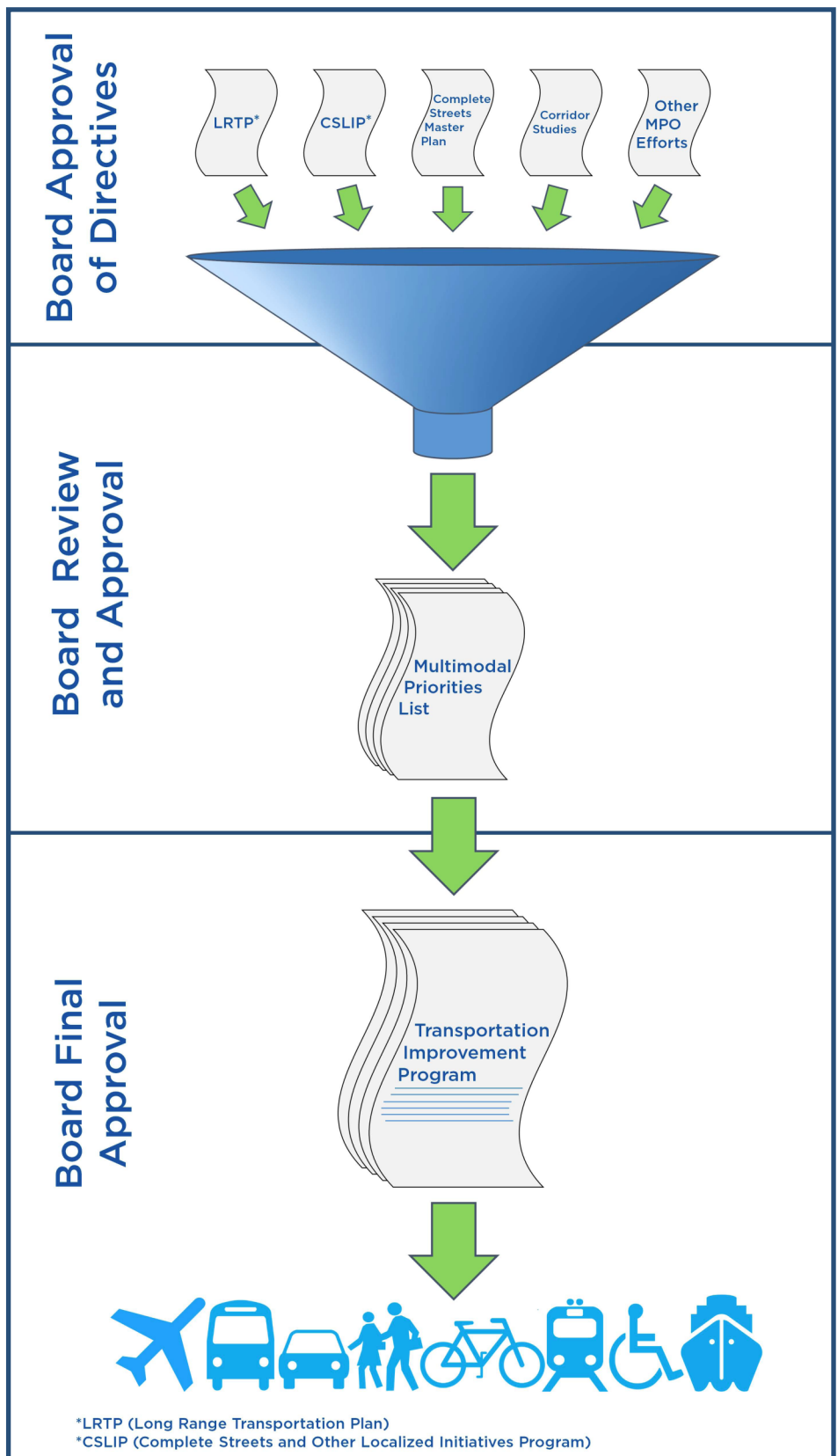
The 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan (*Transformation 2035*) set a new paradigm to provide a balanced transportation system, away from a primarily roadway improvement plan, with greater investments toward alternative modes such as mass transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and smart growth policies. This vision carried over to the Broward MPO's most recent LRTP, *Commitment 2040*, which continued to utilize the foundational elements of *Transformation 2035* (including project selection criteria) but incorporated a more realistic funding picture for the future. As such, *Commitment 2040* updated *Transformation 2035* by verifying with the appropriate partner agencies through purpose and need statements, while new projects were added in the same manner. Subsequently, the project priorities in *Commitment 2040* reflect a transit-focused approach which allocates funding for capital projects (including bicycle and pedestrian facilities) that support connections to crucial transit corridors and needed roadway capacity projects.

Project Sources (How are projects identified through the MPO?)

- ◆ Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) updates
- ◇ Complete Streets and Other Localized Initiatives (CSLIP)
- ◇ Broward MPO Corridor Studies
- ◇ Planning Studies
 - ◆ Complete Streets Master Plan
 - ◆ Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Action Plan
 - ◆ Mobility Hub Planning, Design, and Implementation

Opportunities for Local Involvement (How can my city get involved to fund our local needs?)

- ◆ Representation at the MPO's monthly Board meeting
- ◆ Staff representation at the MPO's monthly Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting
- ◆ Staff participation in MPO planning studies
- ◆ Apply for project funding through the Complete Streets and Other Localized Initiatives Program (CSLIP)
- ◆ Prioritize transportation needs through local comprehensive plans and work programs for inclusion in the MPO's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update



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