

# CALENDAR of Events

MPO	BPAC	BCCB	CIR	TCC
<b>September</b>				
Thursday 20 at 9:30 a.m. Room 422	Wednesday 12 at 6:30 p.m. Room 329 F	Monday 17 at 2:00 p.m. Room 422	Tuesday 4 at 6:00 p.m. Room 430	Monday 24 at 2:00 p.m. Room 302
<b>October</b>				
Thursday 11 at 9:30 a.m. Room 422	Wednesday 10 at 6:30 p.m. Room 329 F	No Meeting	Tuesday 2 at 6:00 p.m. Room 430	Monday 22 at 2:00 p.m. Room 302
<b>November</b>				
Thursday 8 at 9:30 a.m. Room 422	Wednesday 14 at 6:30 p.m. Room 329 F	Monday 19 at 2:00 p.m. Room 422	Tuesday 6 at 6:00 p.m. Room 430	Monday 26 at 2:00 p.m. Room 302
<b>December</b>				
Thursday 13 at 9:30 a.m. Room 422	Wednesday 12 at 6:30 p.m. Room 329 F	No Meeting	Tuesday 4 at 6:00 p.m. Room 430	No Meeting

All meetings are at the Governmental Center, 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale and are open to the public.

## Acronyms

AADT Annual Average Daily Traffic Counts	FDOT Florida Department of Transportation
APTA American Public Transit Association	FHWA Federal Highway Administration
BCCB Broward County Coordinating Board	FS Florida Statute
BCT Broward County Transit	FTA Federal Transit Administration
BPAC Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee	FY Fiscal Year
CAAA Clean Air Act Amendment	GIS Geographic Information System
CBD Central Business District	L RTP Long Range Transportation Plan
CMA Congestion Management	MPO Metropolitan Planning Organization
CIR Community Involvement Roundtable	SAFETEA-LU
DCA Department of Community Affairs	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users
DRI Development of Regional Impact Statement	SEFTC Southeast Florida Transportation Council
EIS Environmental Impact Statement	SFRTA South Florida Regional Transportation Authority
EPA Environmental Protection Agency	SIS Strategic Intermodal System
FAA Federal Aviation Authority	TCC Technical Coordinating Committee
FAC Florida Administrative Code	TIP Transportation Improvement Program
FCTD Florida Commission Transportation Disadvantaged	UPRD Urban Planning and Redevelopment Department

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## BROWARD MPO'S 2007 REGIONAL COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Each year, the Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organizations come together so members of each advisory board from their respective county have the opportunity to meet and review current and future transportation projects that have regional

the SFRTA. Committee members and the audience were then given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions on projects, plans, and other issues affecting their communities. Major topics on the agenda included:

- Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) Overview
- Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update
- Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) Overview
- Legislative Update
- Regional Federal Certification Update



Scott Seeburger, Project Manager for FDOT District IV, gave a presentation to the panel on the South Florida East Coast Corridor Transit Analysis and its affects on Southeast Florida.

impact. Now in its third year, the Metropolitan Planning Organizations' 2007 Regional Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting took place on Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, at the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority's (SFRTA) Administrative Offices in Pompano Beach. This year's board of panelists included ten representatives from all three organizations in the tri-county area, including Broward's Community Involvement Roundtable (CIR), Miami-Dade's Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC), and Palm Beach's CAC.

Judy Daversa, of the Palm Beach CAC chaired the meeting. Also present on the board of panelists, John Rude, Chair for Broward MPO's CIR. The audience included approximately 20 members of the public, as well as constituents from various transportation agencies.

The meeting kicked off with an opening statement from Joe Giuliatti, Executive Director of



Board member, John Rude, is also Chair for Broward MPO's Community Involvement Roundtable (CIR).

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## “TAKING IT TO THE STREETS”

### Cooper City's Founder's Day/Broward County's Hurricane Preparedness Expo

Every April, Cooper City residents come together for the city's annual Founder's Day Celebration. This year's festivities took place on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at Brian Piccolo Park.

While onsite, Broward MPO staff members engaged more than 50 event participants. The majority of the event attendees surveyed had written comments to share, ranging from questions about equestrian trails, traffic congestion, and mass transit.

On Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Broward MPO exhibited at Broward County's second annual Hurricane Preparedness Expo. The Broward MPO team distributed newsletters as well as Sun Trolley fliers, Broward East/West Express (BEWE) fliers and other information and promotional items. The team also surveyed 86 attendees during the event.

Of those surveyed, almost 40% stated their major transportation concern was traffic congestion. Other issues of concern included mass transit and the need for more bicycle facilities. This year's Expo was held at the Broward County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Plantation, the county's nerve center during hurricanes and other emergencies.



Daniel J. Stermer,  
MPO Chair,  
Commissioner,  
City of Weston

## BROWARD MPO GOES THROUGH FEDERAL CERTIFICATION PROCESS

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have historically conducted tri-annual certification reviews of MPOs across the US. These agencies are responsible for evaluating the Broward MPO's transportation planning processes and reviewing how effectively we serve the

community. These review processes have been amended in 2007 to be conducted once every 4 years, instead of 3.

During the month of May, the regularly scheduled Community Involvement Roundtable (CIR) meeting was conducted with officials from FHWA, FTA, and from the Florida Dept. of Transportation (FDOT) to hear from interested residents, who wanted to provide ideas, comments and feedback for improvements on the planning process carried out by the Broward MPO. This process was beneficial and one of the final steps to a successful certification for our organization.

## A SALUTE TO OUTGOING BROWARD MPO CHAIR, THE HONORABLE RICHARD J. KAPLAN

The Broward MPO members and staff would like to take the opportunity to recognize Mayor Richard J. Kaplan for his outstanding service to the organization and for the people that he represents. Mayor of Lauderhill, Florida since 1998 and a Broward MPO Board member since the mid 1990's, Mayor Kaplan became the Broward MPO Chair in March 2000.

He continues to serve on committees such as the National League of Cities Transportation, Infrastructure, and Services Policy Committee, the Chair of the Florida MPO Advisory Council (MPOAC) which represents the 26 MPOs in the state, and the Board of Directors of Association of MPOs (AMPO). In 2003 and 2004, Mayor Kaplan served as Chair for the local, state and national MPO bodies, that is, the AMPO, MPOAC and Broward MPO.

Mayor Kaplan is known as an innovative leader who thinks and plans regionally. It

was under his leadership that the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) was created. More recently, the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC), composed of the Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach MPO Chairs, was formed in order to address regional challenges of the tri-county area. In October 2006, Mayor Kaplan received AMPO's annual award for Outstanding Elected Official Leadership.



New MPO Chair, Daniel J. Stermer, presents Mayor Kaplan with the annual AMPO award for Outstanding Elected Official Leadership.



Mayor Kaplan and Josephus Eggleston, Jr., Mayor of Broward County, Commissioner, and the SFRTA representative for the Broward MPO, converse prior to a Broward MPO board meeting.

Prior to becoming Mayor, he served as City Commissioner for ten years authoring over 100 city ordinances relative to taxation, environmental protection, city design, and the restructuring of city government. Mayor Kaplan received his Master of Laws in

Taxation from the University of Miami in 1981, his Juris Doctorate from Cleveland State University in 1980, and his Bachelor of General Studies from the University of Michigan in 1977.

## 2007 BROWARD MPO SCHOOL OUTREACH TOUR RECAP

For the fourth year in a row, the Broward MPO has wrapped up another successful tour of the student outreach program. This year's outreach efforts kicked-off on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Nova Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School in the Town of Davie. Other scheduled stops included Coconut Creek Elementary, Winston Park Elementary, Quiet Waters Elementary, and Tradewinds Elementary. The 2007 tour then made its finish at Hollywood Park Elementary on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

The program consists of a 30-minute presentation, in which the students are given a fun and interactive lesson about transportation planning by Buddy, a giant, talking, red, remote-controlled car. The students are then left with surveys, ballot sheets and other information to review with their parents. For their participation, students receive a Broward MPO branded lunch bag. The teachers and principal are presented with a Certificate of Appreciation to be displayed in their main office.

With a total of 18 Broward elementary schools under its belt, the program proves that it's never

too early to learn about transportation planning. As the program progresses each year, it seems to be making a bigger impact on the students. In fact, this year, the students at Winston Park Elementary created "thank you" cards for Buddy and his team. The hand-made cards included quotes from the lessons they learned as well as drawings of Buddy and the Broward MPO staff.



The Broward MPO was also impressed by Tradewinds Elementary when learning that in addition to practicing transportation safety, the students are making a

proactive approach to save the environment. Once a month, the students and faculty members participate in "Bike and Walk to School Day." On this day, students who live nearby opt to ride their bikes and walk to school, rather than having their parents drive them.

The Broward MPO will continue to support their student outreach program by scheduling six more school presentations for the 2007-08 school year. Be sure to keep an eye out for Buddy and his team, as they may be coming to a school near you!

## VISION AND DEDICATION LEADS TO THE COMPLETION OF THE MARINA MILE 84 BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

On Thursday, April 19, 2007, the City of Fort Lauderdale, in partnership with Broward County, the City of Dania Beach, the Town of Davie, and the Marina Mile 84 Association, hosted a ribbon cutting at the Broward County Police Benevolent Association in Fort Lauderdale to celebrate the completion of the Marina Mile 84 Beautification Project.

Marina Mile, a highly traveled stretch of roadway from just west of I-95 to Port Blvd/SW 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue, now has an appealing marine theme. Transportation enhancements to the corridor included two unique, 3-dimensional buoy welcome signs which are symbolic of the surrounding marine district, displaying logos from Broward County, City of Dania Beach, Town of Davie and the City of Fort Lauderdale. Other roadway improve-

ments included the installation of 112 new Sabal Palm trees, the relocation of 39 Sabal Palm trees, as well as additional landscaping and street lighting.



Photo provided by the City of Fort Lauderdale

Front Row: Davie Mayor Tom Truex; Dania Beach Mayor Bob Anton; Joe Rubano, RPM Diesel Co.; Marina Mile Asst. Director Margaret Croxton; Fort Lauderdale Commissioner Cindi Hutchinson and Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jim Naugle. Back Row: Dania Beach City Manager Ivan Pato and Marina Mile Asst. President Bill Bigger

## “TAKING IT TO THE STREETS”



Event goers take a break from the free rides and Cinco de Mayo festivities to complete a transportation questionnaire.

### Miramar Day

On Saturday, May 5, 2007, the City of Miramar turned 52 years old. In celebration, the city held a Cinco de Mayo celebration at Miramar Regional Park. The event kicked off with a hurricane expo providing safety tips, hurricane related supplies, and giveaways.

The main festivities began at 5:00 p.m. and included a children's show, live entertainment, dancing, free rides for all ages, face painting, and a foam pit for children to play in and cool off.

The Broward MPO was present with the Mobile Information Station and display to hand out questionnaires and answer questions about transportation planning. A total of 54 event goers participated in the transportation questionnaire. More than half specified that they were concerned about the traffic congestion within the Miramar community. Other areas of concern included the need for bicycle facilities and a mass transit system.