

# CALENDAR of Events

MPO	BPAC	BCCB	CIR	TCC
<b>September</b>				
Thursday 11 at 9:30 a.m. Room 422	Wednesday 10 at 6:30 p.m. Room 329 F	Monday 15 at 2:00 p.m. Room 422	Tuesday 9 at 6:00 p.m. Rooms 302 & 302A	Monday 22 at 2:00 p.m. Room 302
<b>October</b>				
Thursday 16 at 9:30 a.m. Room 422	Wednesday 8 at 6:30 p.m. Room 329 F	No Meeting	Tuesday 7 at 6:00 p.m. Room 430	Monday 27 at 2:00 p.m. Room 302
<b>November</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 5 at 6:00 p.m. Room 430	Monday 24 at 2:00 p.m. Room 302
<b>December</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	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

For more information visit:

[www.broward.org/mpo](http://www.broward.org/mpo)

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# SHORTCUTS

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## BROWARD MPO PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL DUMP THE PUMP DAY

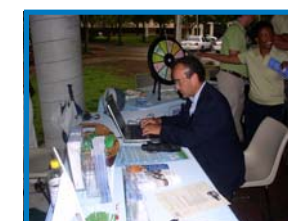


Pictured above (from left to right): Broward MPO members, Commissioner Steve Gonot, Deerfield Beach; Commissioner Allegra Murphy, Oakland Park; and Commissioner Ted Mena, Coral Springs.

On Thursday, June 19, 2008, the Broward MPO, and many other environmentally conscious organizations, took part in the third annual National "Dump the Pump" Day.

Broward MPO staffed an informational booth and spoke with regional commuters doing their part to reduce greenhouse gases, save money, and conserve gasoline by taking public transportation, carpooling or vanpooling.

Organizations, including the Broward MPO, Broward County Transit, Miami-Dade Transit, Palm Tran, South Florida Commuter Services and Tri-Rail, with support from the Florida Department of Transportation, teamed up with other public transportation systems nationwide to convince people to think outside of the box for just one day, and change how they commute to and from work.



Enrique Zelaya, Broward MPO Planning Section Manager, tries out Google Transit, an online public transportation trip planner.

Regional programs such as Broward County's Google Transit Trip Planner and the 511 traveler's service were also promoted. Google Transit is a feature of the Google Maps application that provides public transportation trip planning in addition to the standard driving directions. The application shows bus stop locations, walking distances to and from stops, as well as a host

of other tools to provide commuters with flexible options ([www.google.com/transit](http://www.google.com/transit)).



Broward County Transit's new diesel-electric buses will seat up to 38 passengers and feature modern, eco-friendly components.

Broward County Transit is showing their green thumb by implementing new eco-friendly hybrid buses, scheduled to hit the roads this fall. Manufactured by

North American Bus Industries (NABI), these 40-foot long buses will introduce an array of modern features, including an updated fare box, vinyl flooring, a new surveillance system, and "Stop Request Signs" that show date, time and stop requests for the hearing and visually impaired. The bus engines will operate on electrical power, helping to improve fuel efficiency, eliminate exhaust fumes, reduce noise, and allow for smoother operation.

For more information on making smart commuting choices, contact South Florida Commuter Services at 1-(800) 234-ride or on the web at [www.1800234ride.com](http://www.1800234ride.com).

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## NEWSLETTER OF THE BROWARD MPO

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## “TAKING IT TO THE STREETS”

### WorldFest 2008

The City of Coral Springs held its second annual WorldFest Celebration on Saturday, April 5th at the Coral Springs Center for the Arts.

The festival featured a spectacular array of entertainment, great food and heritage; promoting awareness of the communities Coral Springs represents.

The Broward MPO Mobile Information Station was parked at the entrance of the event for all attendees to see. 118 event goers stopped by to fill out a survey and pick-up some important information about the Broward MPO. Almost half of those surveyed stated they would like to know more about mass transit and traffic congestion in their area.

### South Florida Ideas Exchange 2008

On May 10th, VisionBroward held its 5th Annual South Florida Ideas Exchange at Broward Community College's Davie Campus (now Broward College). VisionBroward was created in 2004 to help further economic development, promote job growth, and improve the overall quality of life in Broward County.

The Broward MPO had a booth staffed with professionals to answer questions and distribute important information. Items distributed included fact sheets, Citizen's Guides, bicycle suitability maps, and *SHORTCUTS*, the Broward MPO's quarterly newsletter. Surveys, provided by BCT, were also handed out to patrons who wanted to share their thoughts and ideas.



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

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

In light of recent economic changes, such as higher gas pricing and the rising costs associated with getting goods and services from place to

place, the Broward MPO continues to encourage the community at large to consider alternatives that reduce single occupancy vehicular travel. The Broward MPO encourages the community to utilize appropriate transportation systems while considering important components, such as air quality, eco-friendly modes of transportation, ridesharing, and alternative fuels, just to name a few.

The Broward MPO continues to play a critical role in shaping the transportation issues in our local communities. Some of the highlights of these efforts are featured in this issue, with recent participation in events such as “Dump the Pump Day” and “Clean Air Month.” Each example herein gives ways the Broward MPO

has helped contribute to South Florida's step towards a “greener” environment, not just in our county, but regionally and statewide.

Organizations and community members across the region are doing their part to conserve the planet by reducing pollution. One example, ridership on Tri-Rail has increased by 20.8 percent in just the first half of 2008. In addition, more and more members of the community are opting to carpool.

In another example, organizations, such as the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), are offering their employees flexible work schedules as a cost savings measure. Effective September 29<sup>th</sup>, the City of Margate will convert to a four-day, 10-hour work schedule, estimating a savings of 20 percent in operating costs associated with lights, air conditioning and fuel.

Taking public transportation is one thing that millions of people do, and can do on a regular basis to help improve the environment. Although Clean Air Month is only celebrated once a year, South Florida's communities continue to focus on how we can individually and collectively make a difference.

## 2008 METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS' (MPO) CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) REGIONAL MEETING

Each year, the Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade MPOs come together so members of each advisory board have the opportunity to meet and review current and future transportation projects that have regional impact.

The 2008 Regional CAC Meeting took place on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority's (SFRTA) Administrative Offices in Pompano Beach. The meeting's board of panelists included 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 Giulletti, Executive Director of 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:

- South Florida East Coast Transit Corridor Study
- Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) Update
- Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update
- SFRTA Funding Update



Representatives from Broward's CIR, Miami-Dade's CTAC, and Palm Beach's CAC served as the board of panelists for the 2008 meeting.

## BROWARD 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN: PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER



L RTP 2035 workshop held at South Regional Library in Pembroke Pines on July 29, 2008.

The Broward MPO is in the process of updating the current Year 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The new 2035 LRTP will guide transportation investments in the Broward County area through the next 25 years with the purpose of achieving the best possible mobility connections in our transportation network.

The new 2035 plan will be multimodal in nature and will focus on improving transit,

bicycle, and pedestrian facilities. The LRTP is updated every five years to meet federal requirements and guide the expenditure of transportation funds. The 2035 LRTP is scheduled to be adopted in December 2009. The plan update includes an intensive public involvement program to ensure new projects in the plan are consistent with community values.

The public involvement program includes 20 public meetings and workshops conducted throughout Broward County. Five workshops were conducted the last two weeks of July 2008, five public meetings will be conducted in the fall of 2008, an additional five workshops and five public meetings will be conducted near spring 2009 prior to LRTP adoption.

To learn more about the LRTP update and participate in the process, please visit us online at [www.broward2035lrtp.com](http://www.broward2035lrtp.com).

## BROWARD MPO SCHOOL OUTREACH TOUR A GREAT SUCCESS!

The Broward MPO continued to support their student outreach program by scheduling six school presentations for the 2007-2008 school year. The Broward MPO School Outreach Tour kicked-off on April 8th at Stirling Elementary School in the City of Hollywood.

The 30-minute presentation offers a fun and interactive lesson in which students are taught about transportation planning by a giant remote control car named Buddy. This year's classes were mainly fourth graders.



The students were very vocal when sharing ideas on what improvements they would like to see in their neighborhoods and surrounding school areas.

The 2007-2008 Broward MPO School Outreach Tour visited the following elementary schools:

- Stirling Elementary
- Nob Hill Elementary
- Royal Palm Elementary
- Park Lakes Elementary
- Northside Elementary

## “TAKING IT TO THE STREETS”



Pictured above (from left to right): Marsha Levy, Broward Beautiful Advisory Board Member and Chair of Greening Gateways Sub-Committee; Commissioner Ken Keechl, Broward County Board of County Commissioners and Broward MPO member; Commissioner Larry Gierer, City of Oakland Park; Cleo Marsh, PE., FDOT District 4 Maintenance Engineer.

### Broward Beautiful Breaks Ground on Third Greening Gateways Project

State and Broward County officials, along with representatives from the City of Oakland Park, the City of Wilton Manors and partners, such as the Tree Preservation Trust Fund, came together on May 22, 2008 to break ground and celebrate the third Greening Gateways landscape project.

Greening Gateways is an initiative of Broward County's Broward Beautiful to bring partners together to make enhancements to the Interstate Gateways of Broward County. This ceremony marks the culmination of nearly three years of planning to enhance the beauty and improve the environment at the I-95/Oakland Park Boulevard Interchange.

With the total estimated project cost at \$1,125,000 for landscape improvements, each of Broward Beautiful's partners for this project came together to successfully raise funds through several county, state and federal grant programs. Broward MPO participated by contributing \$500,000 through the Transportation Enhancement Grant program.

The project is scheduled to add more than 22,000 trees and plants to enhance one of Broward's busiest interchanges.