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### **BROWARD MPO OFFICES HAVE MOVED**

The Broward MPO office has completed its relocation and transitioned from the Broward County Governmental Center in downtown Fort Lauderdale to Trade Centre South, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 850, Fort Lauderdale. The new location is centralized in the Oakland Park/Fort Lauderdale Uptown Business District, with direct mobility access to the Cypress Creek Tri-Rail Station, the Cypress Creek Park and Ride, Broward County Transit, and the I-95 interchange.

Important to note, this new location for the Broward MPO office is part of the Cypress Creek Gateway Hub that was adopted in the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan in November 2009. The new Broward MPO location also includes meeting space for the monthly Broward MPO Board Meeting, Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), Community Involvement Roundtable (CIR), and the Broward County Coordinating Board (BCCB) for Transportation Disadvantaged Services meetings.

Stay tuned for more information as the transition continues. As additional communication changes occur, this information will be posted to the Broward



The Trade Centre South building is located off of Cypress Creek Road and I-95, and shares the same complex as the Cypress Creek Tri-Rail Station

MPO website: http://www.browardmpo.org.

### THE UPWP RECEIVES APPROVAL

# Unified PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), or Business Plan is a detailed description of the annual technical work program that will be carried out for a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive planning process for Broward County, as well as the region.

Every two years, the current UPWP is developed and approved. This year, at the May 2010 Broward MPO meeting, the UPWP was approved. The Broward MPO, along with their municipal and transportation agency partners is tasked with implementing our local transportation planning activities for the next two years. This work cannot be done without cooperation and input from the local Broward public at large.

One of the most important changes with the adoption of the current UPWP is the change to a bi-annual document. The UPWP will include tasks for two years

and the Broward MPO will be tasked to adopt a new UPWP every other year from this point forward.

For more information or to download a copy of the new UPWP, please visit **http://www.browardmpo.org/mpo/plansprograms.htm** or contact the Broward MPO at **(954) 876-0033**.

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#### **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**



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

I am very pleased to inform you of the relocation of the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (Broward MPO) to Trade Centre South, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 850, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309. Our new offices are centrally located in the middle of the Tri-County South Florida region, between Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties.

The Broward MPO chose an optimal multi-modal site for the new offices, directly adjacent to the Cypress Creek Tri-Rail Station and across the street from the Cypress Creek Park & Ride lot. Additionally, there is convenient automobile access to I-95 and the runway for the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport is directly behind the Broward MPO Board dais.

As you may know, the relocation of the Broward MPO

offices is a direct result of the Board's decision to create a fully independent organization, a process that began a number of years ago. The move to complete independence occurred in anticipation of the upcoming Transportation Act Reauthorization and the greater importance we understand it will give to regional planning organizations.

The Broward MPO has been strengthening its connections with the transportation agencies within the region, including establishing ties with the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) to carry out the recent administrative changes now that the Broward MPO has separated from Broward County. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has been a strong partner for quickly funding projects from the Broward MPO's transformational 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). In addition, the Broward MPO recently completed a Regional LRTP with the MPOs from our two neighboring counties.

We look forward to sharing with you the exciting vision for the future of the Broward MPO.

### **MEET OUR BOARD MEMBERS**

**Chair** • Daniel J. Stermer

**Vice Chair** • Rae Carole Armstrong

<u>Members/Alternates</u> • Richard Blattner, George Brummer, Bryan Caletka, Anne
Castro, Birute A. Clottey, Joy Cooper, Harry Dressler, Freddy Fisikelli, Gary Frankel, Bill Ganz, Marilyn Gerber, Roy Gold, Tom Green, Douglas Hodgson, Sandy Johnson, Eric H. Jones, Jr., Richard J. Kaplan, Ashira A. Mohammed, Allegra Webb Murphy, Frank Ortis, Bruce G. Roberts, Charlotte Rodstrom, David Rosenof, Troy Samuels, David Shomers, John Sims, Joseph Varsallone, Rhea Weiss and Roger Wishner

<u>County Commissioners</u> • Albert C. Jones, Ken Keechl, and Lois Wexler

**School Board Members** • Benjamin J. Williams

**South Florida Regional Transit Authority** • Kristin D. Jacobs

**Executive Director** • Gregory Stuart

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Live entertainment at Fiesta Puerto Rico.

### **TAKING IT TO THE STREETS**

The spring and summer of 2010 proved to be busy as the Broward MPO traveled across Broward County to spread the word on transportation planning. In March the **Eighth Annual Water Matters Day** event at Tree Tops Park in the Town of Davie provided visitors with free shrubs and trees if they visited more than 10 informational booths.

The month of April included events to celebrate the earth such as the **People and Planet Fair** 5K at Snyder Park in Fort Lauderdale and the **Earth Day 40th Anniversary Extravaganza** at Plantation Heritage Park which included recycling arts and crafts, and a free recycled exterior paint giveaway.

In June **The City of West Park** held its **5th Anniversary Celebration** at Mc Tyre Park, while the **The City of Fort Lauderdale** commemorated its **Juneteenth** celebration at Osswald Park. **Fiesta Puerto Rico**, held at the Pompano Citi Centre Mall, kept event goers moving and grooving to live bands, free dance lance lessons, and tons of Puerto Rican food specialties to choose from.



Water Matters Day attracts visitors from all over South Florida.



The Silver Steppers, of the City of West Park, performed during the city's birthday celebration.

### REGIONAL MPOS UNITE FOR URBAN LAND INSTITUTE CONFERENCE

On Friday, April 30th, the Southeast Florida/Caribbean Chapter of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) held a half-day conference on the integration of the South Florida regional transportation system called: What Can an Integrated Transportation System Really Mean for South Florida? The ULI, established in 1936, is a nonprofit research and education organization that boasts nearly 30,000 members in 95 countries. The mission of the organization is to provide leadership in the responsible use of land and in creating and sustaining thriving communities worldwide.

With more than 200 attendees, the ULI organized this program for education and a thoughtful discussion on how we can collectively use transportation to



Attendees, including Oakland Park Mayor and Broward MPO Member Allegra Murphy (inset), review conference information.

think and act regionally. In addition to the ULI presentation, the Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach MPO, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and South Florida Regional **Transportation Authority** (SFRTA) presented a multimedia presentation called: Our Regional Systems: How Can I Get There From Here?

With opening remarks from FDOT District 4 Secretary Jim Wolfe, the event panel included Gregory Stuart, Broward MPO Executive Director; Carlos Roa and Wilson Fernandez, Transportation Systems Managers, Miami-Dade MPO; filling in for Randy Whitfield, Palm Beach MPO Executive Director, was Jessica Josselyn, a Senior Planner with Kittelson & Associates, Inc.; and Joe Giulietti, Executive Director SFRTA. Each panelist presented proposed transit projects, long range transportation needs, and managed lanes projects.



More than 200 people attended the Urban Land Use Conference on how we can collectively use transportation to think and act regionally.

The keynote presenter was Walter J. Humann, CEO of WJH Corporation in Dallas, Texas. Mr. Humann, a nationallyrecognized speaker on Transportation, was the private sector's driving force behind the successful Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) system, with DART winning international acclaim as Dallas made transit work as a key economic driver for the region.

### **BIKE GRANTS - STILL TIME TO APPLY**

- The Bicycle Parking Facilities Project provides bicycle parking facilities to commercial property owners, local governments, and businesses within Broward County.
- Eligible applicants include commercial property owners, local governments, and businesses located in Broward County.
- The project has distributed 150 racks in 54 different locations, providing parking for 350 bicycles.
- For more information, please call Mark Horowitz, Broward MPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator, at (954) 876-0048.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Effective July 1, 2010, the fine for running a red light on state roads running through cities is \$158. Governor Charlie Crist signed House Bill (HB) 325 which establishes that a county or municipality must issue a notice of violation to the registered owner of the vehicle within 30 days after it has been determined that a red light violation has occurred. Over 30 Florida cities now use red light cameras, including, Fort Lauderdale, Hallandale Beach, Pembroke Pines, and West Palm Beach. For more information, visit the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles at: http:// www.flhsmv.gov/HSMVnewlaws.html.



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### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

	SEPT 2010	OCT 2010	NOV 2010	DEC 2010
Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Meets every 2nd Thursday at 9:30 a.m.*	16*	14	18*	9
Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meets every 4th Monday at 2 p.m.*	27	25	22	No Meeting
Community Involvement Roundtable (CIR) Meets every 4th Tuesday at 6 p.m.*	28	26	23	No Meeting
Broward County Coordinating Board (BCCB)  Meets every 3rd Monday at 2 p.m.*	30*	No Meeting	22	No Meeting

<sup>\*</sup> Dates change due to holiday/conflict.

All meetings are held in the Broward MPO Board Room, Suite 850, in the Trade Centre South building. For more information on upcoming meetings, please contact **Chris Ryan**, **Broward MPO Public Information Officer**, at **(954) 876-0033**.

This publication can be made available in large print, tape cassette, or braille by request.

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