

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN





MOVING PEOPLE & GOODS, CREATING JOBS, AND STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

Our Mission:

To collaboratively plan, prioritize, and fund the delivery of diverse transportation options.

Our Vision:

Our work will have measurable positive impact by ensuring transportation projects are well selected, funded, and delivered.

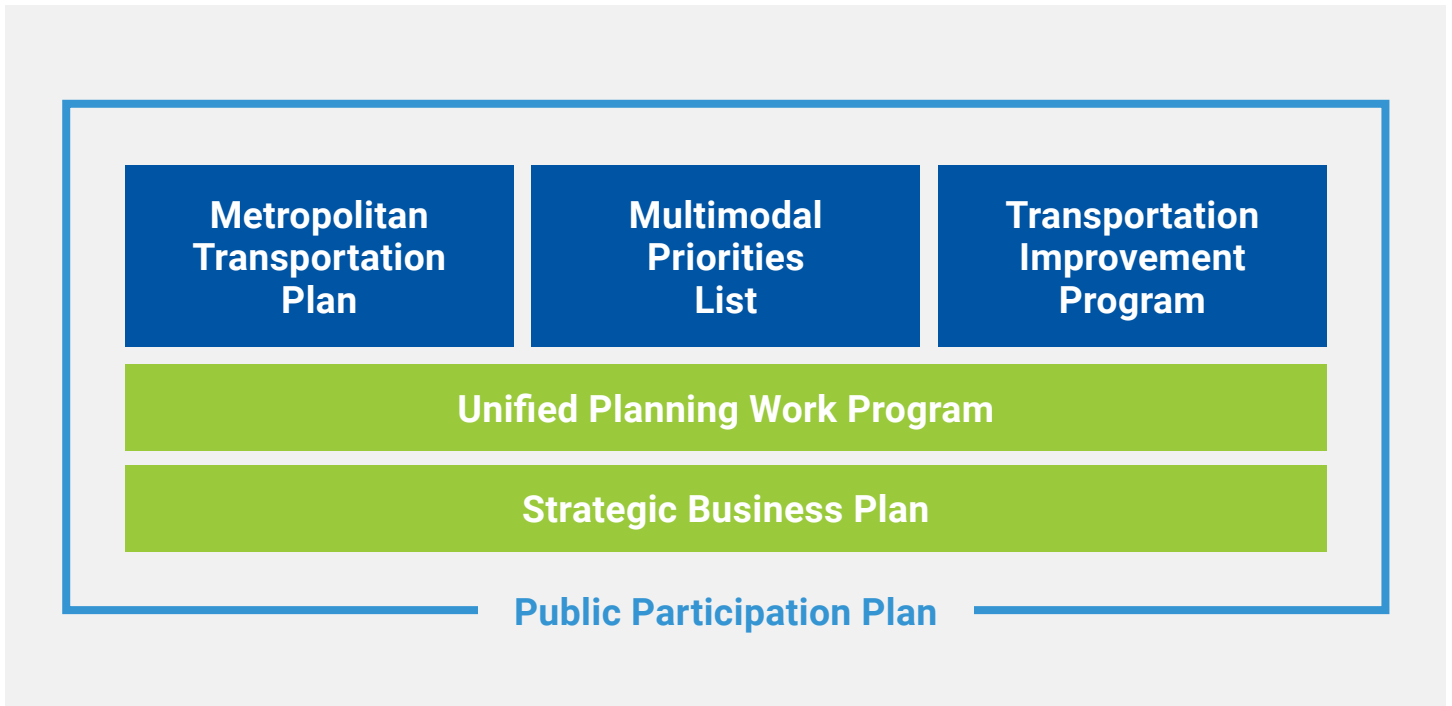




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Name/Title	Acronym
Americans With Disabilities Act	ADA
Broward County Transit	BCT
Citizens' Advisory Committee	CAC
Complete Streets Advisory Committee	CSAC
Complete Streets and Other Localized Initiatives Program	CSLIP
Congestion Management Plan	CMP
Continuity of Operations Plan	COOP
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise	DBE
Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act	FAST ACT
Florida Department of Transportation	FDOT
Federal Highway Administration	FHWA
Federal Transit Administration	FTA
Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged	FCTD
Freight Transportation Advisory Committee	FTAC
Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act	ISTEA
Limited English Proficiency	LEP
Local Coordinating Board	LCB
Metropolitan Planning Organization	MPO
Metropolitan Transportation Plan	MTP
Moving Ahead For Progress in the 21st Century	MAP-21
Public Participation Plan	PPP
Regional Transportation Plan	RTP
South Florida Regional Transportation Authority/Tri-Rail	SFRTA
Southeast Florida Transportation Council	SEFTC
Statewide Transportation Improvement Program	STIP
Technical Advisory Committee	TAC
Transportation Disadvantaged	TD
Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan	TDSP
Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century	TEA-21
Transportation Improvement Program	TIP
Transportation Management Area	TMA
Transportation Demand Management	TDM
Unified Planning Work Program	UPWP



The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (Broward MPO) created this Public Participation Plan (PPP or “The Plan”) to provide guidelines for achieving optimum public participation with assessment tools to evaluate the effectiveness of the program. Exemplary public participation begins early in the planning process and continues throughout each of the planning stages, helping to avoid, minimize and mitigate project impacts while providing the best solutions. The previous update and adoption of this plan was February 2019.

The goals of the Broward MPO’s Public Participation Plan are to:

- Inform the public of transportation meetings, issues and other relevant events. The public needs to be aware of their role in the transportation planning and decision-making process.
- Involve the public by providing opportunities throughout the transportation planning and decision-making process.
- Include all communities in the planning area to inform and involve, with special emphasis on those communities with people who have been underrepresented and/or underserved.
- Improve the public participation process by identifying and incorporating new tools and strategies.

This Plan is reviewed as part of the four-year certification process conducted by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) during the MPO certification process.

What is the Broward MPO?

The Broward MPO is a dynamic, federally mandated public agency that serves as a catalyst for change in transportation. With the coordination of 31 local governments and municipalities, more than 1.8 million residents, and over 13 million visitors each year, the Broward MPO enables seamless transportation and redevelopment in Broward County that provides an opportunity for people and communities to grow and thrive.

The Broward MPO is comprised of 25 voting members including representatives from 19 municipalities, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), the School Board of Broward County, and four Broward County Commissioners. The MPO Board is also comprised of 13 municipal alternates, who have voting rights when others are absent. Composed of elected officials, the MPO is one of 300 similar agencies nationwide created under Federal law to direct urban transportation planning and provide local jurisdictions with an opportunity to influence the allocation of Federal and State funds. All meetings are open to the public and your participation is encouraged. Please note that dates and times may change due to holidays or other conflicts.

PARTICIPATE IN OUR BOARD MEETINGS!

The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Board meets on the second Thursday of each month (except August and January) at 9:30 a.m. in the MPO Board Room located in the Trade Centre South Building at 100 West Cypress Creek Road, 6th Floor, Suite 650, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309-2181. For more information about the MPO’s meetings, please visit our website: browardmpo.org/index.php/calendar.



In partnership with the residents of the many diverse communities, the Broward MPO influences the expenditure of State and Federal funds to provide a regional transportation system. A system that ensures the safe and efficient movement of people and goods, optimizes transit opportunities, and enhances the community's environmental and economic well-being.

As the urbanized area of Broward continues to experience rapid growth, the Broward MPO plays a critical role in the community, enabling interested persons to speak with a unified voice to their State and Federal legislators about transportation needs and ensuring tax dollars are applied according to the greatest needs of the community.

Why is the Public Participation Plan Important?

The awareness and involvement of interested persons are integral to successful transportation planning. The PPP of the Broward MPO sets forth specific measures to heighten public education and engagement. Optimum public participation begins early in the planning process and continues throughout each of the planning stages. Public participation helps avoid, minimize and mitigate project impacts by allowing the Broward MPO to identify issues while providing the best solutions. It is essential that government agencies understand community values and needs, as well as equally important for the community to understand the tradeoffs and constraints associated with project planning.

This mutual understanding can only be achieved through early, frequent and continued communication with the public. When the public is engaged in the planning process, their insight helps assure projects suit community needs. This Plan identifies methods the Broward MPO currently uses to optimize public participation in developing transportation projects, simultaneously complementing the movement of people and goods and addressing livability issues.

The true test of a successful Public Participation Plan is the level of public awareness and feedback received. Too often public participation does not occur until after the community –at large becomes aware of an unpopular decision, at which point extensive outreach efforts become necessary to change decisions after the fact. A planning process that involves the public early on fosters continued participation through to the final decision stage.

The Broward MPO designed this Plan to identify proactive public participation processes for developing Broward's transportation planning activities. These processes provide for complete information, timely public notice, full access to key decisions, and early, continuous public participation. In turn, it provides for an MPO that is informed and educated by the public to make the most effective transportation planning decisions.

This Plan describes existing public participation opportunities, including goals, policies and techniques that are being used to achieve them. The suggested public participation activities from which the MPO can meet its public participation goals also include a methodology for measuring effectiveness, as well as the elements required for the Participation Plan [23 CFR 450.210 (a) (1) (i) and 450.316 (a)].

The MPO is required to develop a Public Participation Plan and a minimum public comment period of 45 calendar days is provided before the Plan is adopted by the MPO. Copies of the approved Plan are provided to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for informational purposes and shall be posted on the website.



What are the MPO's Core Products and Programs?




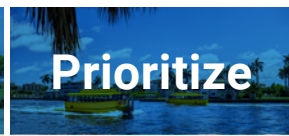

The Broward MPO continuously develops and updates several core products and programs. In exercising its authority to guide the expenditure of Federal and State transportation funds, it is critical for its public participation process to provide complete information, timely public notice and to support continuing involvement of the public in developing plans and programs. Those who need core products and programs in alternative formats may request them by contacting the Broward MPO Title VI Coordinator at (954) 876-0052 or (954) 876-0033.

Below is a list of the core products and programs developed by the Broward MPO:

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is a Federally required plan that addresses future transportation needs for a minimum of 20 years. The MTP is updated every five years to confirm the validity of the Plan, ensure consistency with current and forecasted transportation and land-use conditions and to reflect the changing public and political sentiment. The MTP is financially constrained and includes transportation projects for upgrading the transportation infrastructure within the next 25 years.

The Broward MPO uses the MTP to:

 Estimate	 Guide	 Ensure	 Prioritize	 Promote
Future needs and identify improvements in the pedestrian, bicycle, transit, highway and freight movement networks;	The expenditure of transportation funds;	New transportation improvements meet community values;	Transportation projects; and	Safe and efficient transportation services. Local and State planning officials use the MTP to select projects for inclusion in their work programs.

The success of the MTP is dependent upon a successful public outreach effort that yields community feedback. The MPO works with citizens, the private sector, and its planning partners to ensure that the transportation options funded in the MTP best represent the direction chosen in the context of policy direction from the MPO Board. The process is guided by public sentiment about long-term transportation investments to achieve the best possible mobility connections. The result is increased public awareness of and support for the resulting MTP.

For more information about the Metropolitan Transportation Plan visit: browardmpo.org/core-products



The Multimodal Priorities List (MMPL)

The Broward MPO's Multimodal Priorities List is a core product of the MPO that serves as a bridge between "cost-feasible" but unfunded projects identified in the MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program, which identifies projects with firm funding commitments. The Multimodal Priorities List is used to set funding priorities for Federal and State funds within our region. Only projects contained in the Broward MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan are eligible for inclusion on the Multimodal Priorities List. The Broward MPO Board adopts the Multimodal Priorities List annually, typically in the month of June, which the Florida Department of Transportation then uses to guide development of their Draft Tentative Work Program (DTWP). From the DTWP, the Broward MPO creates the TIP.

For more information about the Multimodal Priorities List visit:
browardmpo.org/core-products/multimodal-priorities-list

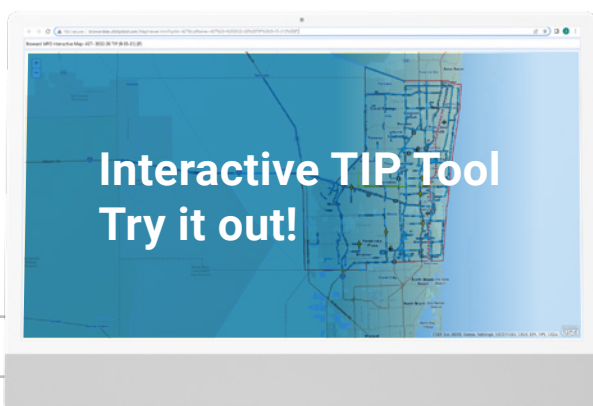
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a five-year program that includes projects the region expects to build over the next five years. The projects include reconstruction, maintenance, and operation of major highways, arterials, and intersections; maintenance and expansion of the public transit, aviation, and port systems; construction for bicycle paths; and improvements for pedestrians within the Broward region. The Transportation Improvement Program is a tool to advance projects from the Metropolitan Transportation Plan to a short-range five-year program through the Multimodal Priorities List and is updated annually. Projects are grouped by type (e.g., highway, aviation, port, transit) and indicate the year, funding source, and funding levels for each project phase. From a policy perspective, the TIP is particularly important because it establishes the priorities for scheduling improvements on the Florida Strategic Intermodal System (SIS), the State Highway System, local roadways, and for Broward MPO priorities such as transit, pedestrian and bicycle-friendly improvements, to name a few.

The deadline for Transportation Improvement Program submittal to State and Federal offices is July 15 each year, with MPO adoption occurring before that date following public meetings held at the June Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings. For comments or questions regarding the TIP, please call (954) 876-0066 or (954) 876-0033.

The public is encouraged to use our online Interactive TIP. This service helps the public find information about transportation projects planned for the next five years in their local area as well as the whole of Broward. This interactive tool provides project information in a flexible and friendly format. To access the Interactive Transportation Improvement Program, please visit: browarddev.dtstiptool.com

SEE WHAT IS PLANNED FOR YOUR COMMUNITY!



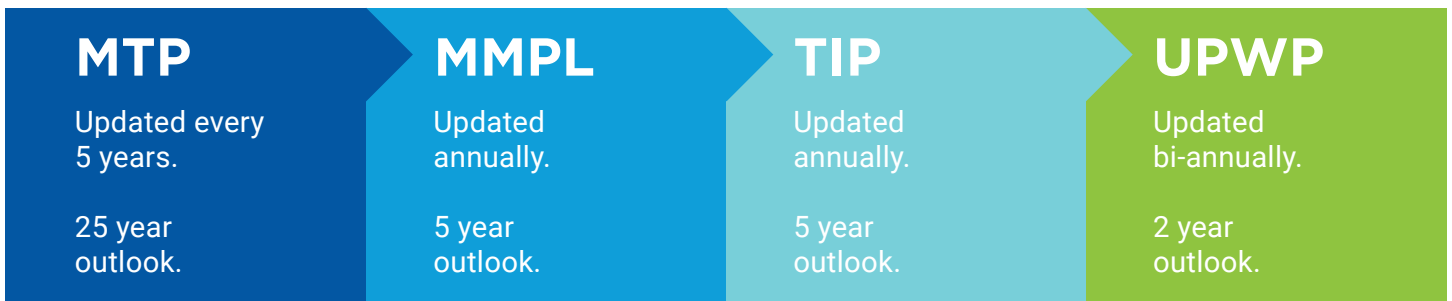
For more information about the Transportation Improvement Program visit:
browardmpo.org/core-products/transportation-improvement-program-tip



Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) or Budget

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the Broward MPO’s budget. It identifies the planning activities to be carried out by the MPO for a two-year cycle. The UPWP includes a description of the planning work and resulting products, who will perform the work, time frames for completion, costs and the source of funding. The UPWP transportation planning activities include, but are not limited to: safety, security, resilience, equity, emerging mobility, complete streets, freight, regional, and transit planning.

The MPO develops the UPWP every other year in accordance with the current Florida Department of Transportation MPO Program Management Handbook. Further, the UPWP is submitted to Federal and State review agencies according to the dates and processes and described in the Handbook. A public comment period is provided to obtain input into the development of the UPWP. The draft UPWP is submitted to the MPO’s Technical Advisory Committee and Citizens’ Advisory Committee for their review and recommendation. With the Committees’ recommendations and public input, the MPO Board reviews and approves the draft UPWP for submittal to Federal and State agencies for review and comments.



The final UPWP, addressing Federal and State review agency comments and any further public comment, is submitted to the Technical and Citizens’ Advisory Committees for final recommendation to the MPO Board. The MPO Board approves the final UPWP, which is then sent to review agencies for final acceptance. With final acceptance by Federal and State review agencies, the UPWP becomes effective for the coming two fiscal years that commence on July 1 of the first year to coincide with the starting of the MPOs’ new fiscal year.

The UPWP can be downloaded at: browardmpo.org/core-products/unified-planning-work-program-upwp-budget

Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP)

The mission of the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) is to ensure the availability of efficient, cost-effective and quality transportation services for transportation disadvantaged persons. “Transportation disadvantaged” means those persons who because of physical or mental disability, income status or age are unable to transport themselves or to purchase transportation and are, therefore, dependent upon others to obtain access to health care, employment, education, shopping, social activities or other life-sustaining activities, or children who are handicapped, high-risk, or at-risk as defined in Florida Statutes 427.011 and 411.202.

The Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) outlines services and service parameters governing coordination of transportation services provided to the transportation disadvantaged. The TDSP addresses requirements of the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, or BIL) and furthers important goals including safety, system modernization, climate, equity.



The TDSP is a collaborative effort between the Broward MPO and Broward County Transit, the Community Transportation Coordinator for Broward County. The TDSP is developed in accordance with State legislative requirements and criteria established by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD).

It is updated annually and is a tactical plan containing four components:

1. A development plan;
2. A service plan;
3. Quality assurance; and
4. Cost/Revenue allocation and rate structure justification.

For more information on the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan, please visit: browardmpo.org/major-initiatives/transportation-disadvantaged-services

Complete Streets and Other Localized Initiatives Program (CSLIP)

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) authorized funding for programs and projects defined as “transportation alternatives,” including on and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation, and many more. However, funding for TAP was limited, between \$4 million and \$6 million per year, and the application process was complex.

The Complete Streets and Other Localized Initiatives Program (CSLIP), a successor to the TAP, automates the application process, and evaluates projects based on objective criteria and consistency with the MPO’s Commitment 2045 MTP. The Program also grants projects access to Federal dollars in addition to the TAP dollars, creating a larger pot for funding.

The intent of the Broward MPO’s Complete Streets and Other Localized Initiatives Program (CSLIP) is to provide funding for small local transportation projects which improve the safety and mobility for all transportation users in Broward. This competitive grant program can fund projects such as complete streets projects, traffic calming and intersection improvements, ADA upgrades, Mobility Hubs, bus shelters, bike racks and technology advancements such as transit signal priority and traffic control devices.

The Complete Streets and Other Localized Initiatives Program incorporated the Transportation Alternatives Program which provided funding for programs and projects similar to those included under the MPO’s CSLIP. Prior to both CSLIP and TAP, the Transportation Enhancement (TE) activities offered funding opportunities to help expand transportation choices and enhance the transportation experience through eligible activities related to surface transportation, including pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and safety programs, scenic and historic highway programs, landscaping and scenic beautification, historic preservation, and environmental mitigation.

The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) replaced the Transportation Enhancement (TE) activities with the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).



Congestion Management Process (CMP)/Livability Planning Projects

A Congestion Management Process (CMP) is a systematic and regionally accepted approach for managing congestion that provides data on transportation system performance and assesses alternative strategies for congestion management that meet State and local needs. A CMP is required in metropolitan areas with population exceeding 200,000, known as Transportation Management Areas (TMAs). In 2022, the Broward TMA has approximately two million people, ten times the federal threshold for a CMP. Federal requirements also maintain that in all TMAs, the CMP must be developed and implemented as an integrated part of the metropolitan transportation planning process. At the Broward MPO, the CMP will be fully integrated into the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan update which is currently underway.

Typically, CMP strategies are associated with traffic maintenance and overall operations. The Broward MPO takes a more holistic approach to congestion management. The MPO CMP uses an objectives-driven, performance-based approach to planning for congestion management that considers both engineering and environmental solutions. The Congestion Management Process has been developed in conjunction with a robust regional approach to transportation demand management in Broward that offers alternatives to road widening with strategies that improve mobility through other modes of transportation (e.g., transit, bicycle, and pedestrian use) and reduce single occupancy vehicle (SOV) travel. Congestion management objectives and performance measures that were defined early in the process guide the CMP and provide a mechanism for ensuring that investment decisions are made with a clear focus on desired outcomes. This approach involves screening strategies using objective criteria and relying on system performance data, analysis, and evaluation. The CMP is a living document that must be updated annually with the intention that new data as well as documented successes and challenges will continue to inform and improve the process.

For more information on the Congestion Management Process visit:

browardmpo.org/major-initiatives/congestion-management-process-livability-planning

or call (954) 876-0078 or (954) 876-0033.

Title VI and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plans and Environmental Justice

The Broward MPO assures that no person shall on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, family, or religious status, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 and the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination or retaliation under any program or activity.

Every public process confronts the challenge of getting traditionally underrepresented populations involved in the planning process. These potentially underrepresented populations may also be youth of the community, persons with disabilities, senior persons and others who may be too busy to attend public meetings.



Summary of Core Products Review and Adoption Process

Core Product	Update	Public Meetings	Public Review Period	Adoption/ Approval
Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)	Every 5 years. 25 year outlook.	Citizens Advisory Committee/ Technical Advisory Committee/ MPO Board	30 days	Citizens Advisory Committee/ Technical Advisory Committee/ MPO Board
Multi Modal Priorities List (MMPL)	Annually, typically June. 5 year outlook.			Citizens Advisory Committee/ Technical Advisory Committee/ MPO Board
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	Annually. 5 year outlook.	Citizens Advisory Committee/ Technical Advisory Committee/ MPO Board	30 days	Citizens Advisory Committee/ Technical Advisory Committee/ MPO Board
Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)	Every 2 years. 2 year outlook.	Citizens Advisory Committee/ Technical Advisory Committee/ MPO Board	30 days	Citizens Advisory Committee/ Technical Advisory Committee/ MPO Board
Public Participation Plan (PPP)	Every 4 years as part of the 4 year certification process conducted by FHWA and FTA.		45 days	Citizens Advisory Committee/ Technical Advisory Committee/ MPO Board

*Comments received by the public are distributed to the relevant MPO staff and departments for consideration for inclusion in the final core products. Specific questions are responded to by MPO staff.

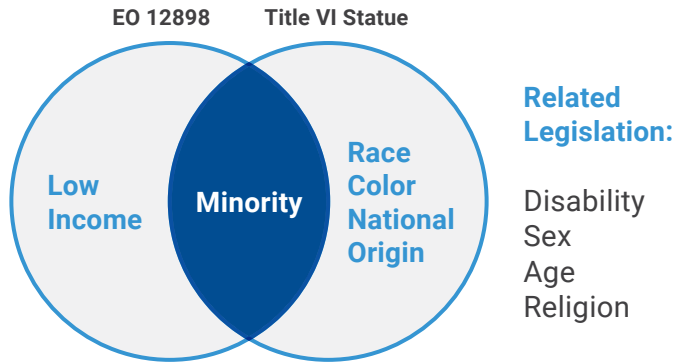
Major comments and or changes would be taken to the appropriate advisory committees and MPO Board for consideration and or approval.



Environmental Justice

In 1994, a presidential Executive Order (E.O. 12898) directed Federal agencies to make environmental justice part of their missions by identifying and addressing the effects of all programs, policies and activities on “minority populations and low-income populations.” The MPO’s environmental justice initiatives accomplish this by involving the potentially affected public in developing transportation projects that fit harmoniously within their communities.

Figure: Relationship between Title VI and Environmental Justice



Source: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

There are three fundamental environmental justice principles:

1. To avoid, minimize or mitigate disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects, including social and economic effects, on minority populations and low-income populations.
2. To ensure the full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision-making process.
3. To prevent the denial of, reduction in, or significant delay in the receipt of benefits by minority and low income populations.

Environmental justice principles and procedures improve all levels of transportation decision-making. It enhances the public involvement process, strengthens community-based partnerships and provides minority and low-income populations with opportunities to learn about and improve the quality and usefulness of transportation in their lives.

Environmental justice helps to avoid disproportionately high and adverse impacts on minority and low-income populations and mitigates avoidable negative impacts by identifying concerns early in the planning phase. The Broward MPO has also developed a tool (known as the Transportation Planning Equity Assessment) which uses Census data to map out Title VI and EJ populations to ensure that their needs are being considered, that investments of Federal and State funding are reaching them, and that any disparate impacts are being identified and addressed. For more information on the Assessment, please visit: browardmpo.org/data/title-vi-transportation-planning-equity-assessment

The MPO’s Title VI and Limited English Proficiency Plans can be viewed on the website at: browardmpo.org/major-initiatives/title-vi-dbe

In January 2021 Executive Order 13985 called on agencies to advance equity through identifying and addressing barriers to equal opportunity that underserved communities may face due to government policies and programs.

What happens when amendments are made to adopted plans?

The Board shall initiate procedures for considering a change to an adopted Unified Planning Work Program, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Regional Transportation Plan, or Transportation Improvement Program at its discretion when a request is received in writing from (a) a local governing body of a member government; (b) a transportation operating agency providing service in Broward County; (c) the Board or the Technical Advisory Committee may recommend a change on its own initiative; and (d) the Executive Director can recommend a change for consideration.

Requests for MTP amendments must be submitted by November 10 each year. Requests for Regional Transportation Plan amendments may be submitted through the Board for ultimate approval by the Southeast Florida Transportation Council and be on a regional corridor. Requests for Transportation Improvement Program amendments must be submitted to the Broward MPO in accordance with the annual schedule of due dates to be reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee and Citizens' Advisory Committee prior to Board action.

For full details on amendment processes you may review the Broward MPO Rules at browardmpo.org/about-the-mpo/rules

There are many other initiatives and projects underway at the MPO. For more information visit: browardmpo.org/major-initiatives or call (954) 876-0033.





GET INVOLVED AND ATTEND ONE OF OUR MEETINGS!

MPO Board, Committees and Staff

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Meet The Board

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Meet the Board at browardmpo.org/our-board

Meet Our Advisory Committees

The committees of the Broward MPO are separated into two categories: MPO Board committees and advisory committees. The various MPO Board committees are comprised of MPO Board members (usually selected by the Chair) and exist to serve a particular purpose. Advisory committees are made up of individuals from outside the organization who advise the MPO Board on matters related to their areas of expertise.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The Technical Advisory Committee is comprised of technically qualified representatives of agencies responsible for developing and improving the transportation system in Broward County. The TAC has voting members representing Broward County municipalities and agencies such as BCT, Traffic Engineering, Port Everglades Department, Aviation Department and others. Other members include the South Florida Regional Planning Council, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, the Broward County School Board, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Each municipality having a regular voting member on the MPO appoints a member to the TAC. The Florida Department of Transportation also has a non-voting place on the Committee.

The TAC meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month (except December and July) at 2:30 p.m. in the MPO Board Room, located in the Trade Centre South Building at 100 West Cypress Creek Road, 6th Floor, Suite 650, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309-2181. All meetings are open to the public and your participation is encouraged. The agenda is available online at browardmpo.org/agendas-minutes

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Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC)

The Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) is a 45-member group that functions as a sounding board for public opinion on transportation issues, promoting ways to improve the quality of the county's transportation system. The CAC provides an effective citizen review of transportation plans and makes recommendations to the MPO.

The membership of the CAC currently consists of 45 voting members. Nineteen of the members are appointed by the Board. Twenty-three members are appointed by service, civic organizations or other groups authorized to appoint by the MPO Board. Three members are nominated and approved exclusively by the CAC. The MPO staff monitors the diversity and composition of the Committee, ensuring that a broad cross-section of the community is represented (e.g., elderly persons, minorities, persons with disabilities, and the economically disadvantaged). For more information or to inquire about CAC vacancies, interested parties may contact the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization Board Coordination Manager at (954) 876-0047 or (954) 876-0033, or visit: browardmpo.org/index.php/our-committees

The Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except December and July) at 6:00 p.m. in the MPO Board Room, located in the Trade Centre South Building at 100 West Cypress Creek Road, 6th Floor, Suite 650, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309-2181. All meetings are open to the public and your participation is encouraged. The agenda is available online at browardmpo.org/index.php/agendas-minutes

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Local Coordinating Board (LCB) for Transportation Disadvantaged Services

The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) coordinates transportation services for the transportation disadvantaged (persons who because of physical or mental disability, income status, or age are unable to transport themselves or purchase transportation to access health care, employment, education, shopping, social activities or other life-sustaining activities) with the assistance of LCBs. The guidelines for the TD Program and the responsibilities of the Program participants are provided in Chapter 427 of the Florida Statutes and Rule 41-2 of the Florida Administrative Code (FAC). The Broward MPO, as required by Rule 41-2, provides staff support and resources to the LCB. The LCB identifies Broward County's service needs and provides information, advice and direction to the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC). Broward County Transit is currently the designated CTC for Broward County.

The Local Coordination Board meet quarterly and are appointed by the Broward MPO as mandated by Rule 41- 2 of the FAC. The members represent agencies and organizations for the transportation disadvantaged. Through outreach efforts of the LCB and the County's CTC, local participation in the planning and delivery of coordinated transportation services is encouraged and acted upon.



For more information on the LCB, contact the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization at (954) 876-0055 or (954) 876-0033, or please visit:

browardmpo.org/our-committees/transportation-disadvantaged-local-coordinating-board-lcb

For more information on the meeting dates, please visit the MPO calendar at

browardmpo.org/index.php/calendar

The Local Coordination Board meets quarterly in the Broward MPO Board Room, located in the Trade Centre South Building at 100 West Cypress Creek Road, 6th Floor, Suite 650, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309-2181 at 2:00 p.m.

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Complete Streets Advisory Committee (CSAC)

The Broward Complete Streets Initiative focuses on moving people, not cars, and roadway designs that focuses on all users, not only cyclists and pedestrians. The MPO's Complete Streets Advisory Committee (CSAC) serves at the advisory committee for the Broward Complete Streets Initiative and this sounding board helps to ensure bicycle/pedestrian needs of the region are firmly included in the planning process. Membership includes technical staff from local municipalities, Broward County Government, Florida Department of Transportation as well as nontraditional transportation agencies like Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Smart Growth Partnerships, the Broward YMCA, and Florida Department of Health, among others.

Complete Streets is a concept, not a physical location or a thing. This concept focuses on moving more people with different modes, reducing congestion, and benefitting all users of all ages and abilities, including walkers, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders. Complete streets play an important role in livable communities, where all people – regardless of age, ability, or mode of transportation – feel safe and welcome on the roadways. A safe walking and bicycling environment is an essential part of improving public transportation and creating friendly, walkable communities.

For more information on the Complete Streets initiative, please visit:

browardmpo.org/our-committees/complete-streets-advisory-committee

The Complete Streets Advisory Committee meets quarterly on the second Monday at 2:00 p.m. and currently only meets virtually. For more information on the committee, please visit:

browardmpo.org/our-committees/complete-streets-advisory-committee

For information on how to participate in the Complete Streets Advisory Committee virtual meeting, please contact the MPO Boards Coordinator at (954) 876-0047 or (954) 876-0033.

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Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC)

The Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC) is a committee comprised of members that are directly involved in the movement, storage and distribution of freight. The members and advisors of the FTAC represent a broad spectrum of the freight community and include warehouse owners, industrial realtors, shipping companies, trucking companies and organizations, railroads, freight forwarders, importer/exporters, truck parking, and distribution companies. The MPO established the FTAC to provide a forum for an open dialogue where the freight community can gain insight into the MPO's decisions and upcoming projects and provide much needed industry input to decision-makers regarding freight transportation priorities and expenditures.

For more information about the FTAC, please call (954) 876-0045 or (954) 876-0033.

The Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC) meets quarterly on the third Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the MPO Board Room, located in the Trade Centre South Building at 100 West Cypress Creek Road, 6th Floor, Suite 650, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309-2181. All meetings are open to the public and your participation is encouraged. You can check the MPO meeting calendar at browardmpo.org/calendar

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Regional Coordination

Coordination with surrounding MPOs and regional efforts is vital to educating the public on the importance of transportation planning. The Broward MPO coordinates with the Miami-Dade TPO and Palm Beach TPA as well as the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC).

The Southeast Florida Transportation Council was created under Florida Statutes Chapter 339.175 to serve as a formal forum for policy coordination and communication to carry out regional initiatives agreed upon by the MPOs from Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties. An interlocal agreement between the three parties was completed in 2005, paving the way for the first SEFTC meeting in January 2006.

The Public Information Officers from the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), Broward MPO, Palm Beach Transportation Planning Authority (TPA), and FDOT Districts 4 and 6 meet on an as-needed basis and work together to share ideas and create strategies to reach out to the South Florida public. This group's goal is to develop a unified approach to outreach and develop effective strategies that can be implemented in each MPO's respective district.

For more information about the Southeast Florida Transportation Council, including its meeting calendar and agendas, please visit SEFTC.org



Our Staff

Our staff can help answer questions you might have about transportation planning process in Broward County. Please call our main office number at (954) 876-0033 or visit the staff contact page on our website at browardmpo.org/our-staff

Advertising Public Meetings

Many residents in Broward rely on their local newspapers for notification of community events. Placing advertisements or adding an event description to the newspapers' community column encourages these residents to attend MPO events. Combining this advertising with a tailored article highlighting a specific area that may be addressed in the planning process also helps communicate the project's specific importance to those individuals.

The Broward MPO makes special efforts to reach out to minorities and low-income groups within the County by focusing on local community newspapers and radio stations servicing these audiences, as well as local neighborhood libraries, homeowners' associations, chambers of commerce, shopping areas and schools. Generally, the Broward MPO announces public meetings related to core products and programs at least 30 days in advance, usually through paid advertisements in the Sun-Sentinel, South Florida Times, and South Florida Times, and WSCV-TV Telemundo Digital Platform newspapers. Relevant information is also made available at the MPO office during business hours and with notices posted on the Broward MPO website.

The MPO holds meetings at locations easily accessible to broad cross-sections of Broward residents. The MPO provides assistance, upon request, and adequate notice to the hearing and visually impaired, those with limited English proficiency, the transportation disadvantaged and others requiring special assistance. When possible, public meetings and workshops are held at facilities offering free public parking and accessible to transit. All meetings and workshops of the MPO and its advisory committees are held in Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant venues.

The MPO conducts public meetings before the adoption of the **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**, the **Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)** and the **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**. This provides an opportunity for the public to comment prior to any final action.

Please note full details and more information on virtual meeting procedures are documented in the Broward MPO's Virtual Procedures which can be found at browardmpo.org/index.php/about-the-mpo/rules or by contacting the Boards Coordinator at (954) 876-0047 or (954) 876-0033.

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Notices for Standing MPO and Advisory Committee Meetings

Following the standards described above, the MPO provides notice for these meetings through:

- Publication on the MPO website at browardmpo.org/agendas-minutes
- The meeting calendar browardmpo.org/calendar
- Electronic mail to Board members, advisory committee members and other interested parties who can subscribe to receive agenda item notifications.
- Posting outside the MPO office.

All meetings are in compliance with Sunshine Laws.



What happens during emergencies or interruption of operations?

In the event the Federal government or the Governor declares a “State of Emergency” the Chair, Vice Chair, Deputy Vice Chair, or Executive Director may authorize the purchase of, or contract for, goods or services required in contemplation of, preparation for, or during an emergency without utilizing the competitive bidding or competitive proposal procedures set forth in the Broward MPO’s Procurement Code which can be found on the “Working With Us” page of the website browardmpo.org/procurements

In the event of an emergency, pandemic or event that prevents in-person meetings, whether to enforce social distancing measures or otherwise, the Broward MPO will utilize virtual platforms to ensure continuity of operations (when feasible). The virtual platforms used will continue to allow the public access to meetings and provide the opportunity for public comment. These procedures would apply to any Board, advisory committee or other public meetings held by the Broward MPO.

For details and more information on virtual meeting procedures, please see the Broward MPO’s Virtual Procedures at browardmpo.org/index.php/about-the-mpo/rules

In urgent cases of compelling emergency that require the immediate purchase of commodities or services, the Executive Director may waive competitive bidding or competitive proposals and authorize the Procurement Officer to secure by open market procedure any commodities or services, notwithstanding the estimated cost of the commodities or services. Emergency purchases shall not require advance MPO Executive Committee or Board approval in urgent situations presenting a clear and present substantial threat to life or property where immediate action is required and a quorum of the MPO Executive Committee or MPO Board for an emergency special meeting cannot be obtained before the deadline for action. In such emergency situations, the Executive Director may approve the purchase or contract, subject to later ratification by the MPO Executive Committee or MPO Board. To the extent practicable, the Executive Director shall notify one or more of the MPO Executive Committee Members of such emergency purchases.

Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)

In addition, the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) is prepared by the Broward MPO to develop, implement and maintain a viable COOP capability. This COOP complies with applicable internal agency policy, local and state regulations, and supports recommendations provided in the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Federal Preparedness Circular 65. This COOP has been distributed internally within the Broward MPO and with external agencies that may be affected by its implementation.

For more information regarding the Continuity of Operations plan visit: browardmpo.org/about-the-mpo

What are the MPO's Public Participation Policies, Goals, and Methodology?

The Broward MPO's policy on public participation is to create opportunities for all segments of the public to learn and provide feedback about issues and proposals under consideration, particularly those affected by the outcomes and/or those with special needs. This policy lays the foundation to ensure the public is a key participant in the planning and decision-making process.

To ensure that its public participation strategies are in line with the current demographic characteristics and community vision, the Broward MPO reviews and appropriately updates its public participation strategies as needed.

The Florida Department of Transportation has created a Public Involvement Handbook that the Broward MPO utilizes to aid in identifying ideas, verification and suitable techniques and approaches. The full document along with other resources can be viewed at the following link:

fdot.gov/planning/policy/publicinvolvement/index





The following four goals and associated techniques summarize the MPO's methodology.

One of the primary goals of the Broward MPO in encouraging public participation is to ensure that transportation plans reflect community values and benefit all segments of the community equitably. The following goals, policies, and techniques reflect the Broward MPO's existing strategies as well as new strategies that are underway.

Goal 1: Informing the Public

Policy:

Inform the public, to the maximum extent possible with available resources, of opportunities to participate in the transportation decision-making process.

Techniques:

Provide meeting agendas to MPO members, committee members, and interested parties at least one week in advance and by posting on the website.

Create and distribute flyers for special events such as workshops.
Include the website address on all MPO documents, including brochures and flyers, so that the public can easily access meeting information.

Include provisions in meeting announcements for interested persons to respond in writing, by phone, or by e-mail.

Establish a relationship with local media for coverage of events and airing of other mediums such as videos and podcasts.

Set up educational displays at public events, including those in traditionally underserved communities.

Speak at local civic group meetings, schools, business events, and conferences about transportation planning.

Give interviews on local TV/radio news programs and talk shows to educate the public regarding transportation planning issues and the role of residents.

Goal 2: Involving the Public

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Policy:

Involve the public early and often in the transportation planning process.

Techniques:

Maintain active, standing committees such as the CAC, LCB, CSAC, FTAC and TAC so residents have an opportunity to participate in the continuous planning process.

Ensuring the broadest participation, meetings are hybrid or partially virtual going forward. The hybrid method enables Board members and committee members to participate virtually as long as a physical quorum is in the MPO Board Room. The public has the option to attend in person or via Zoom.

Review CAC composition to ensure that equitable representation is maintained to the maximum extent within our control.

Include a feature on the MPO's website allowing the public to e-mail staff with questions or comments.

Create surveys to be administered at MPO meetings, workshops, events, etc. Encourage public participation by greeting residents who attend MPO meetings and providing them an agenda.

Include a variety of public participation techniques in the development of plans or services. For example, workshops and visioning.

Respond to all inquiries, providing interim responses while a question is being researched. Inform MPO members of recommendations from the TAC, CAC and LCB and inform MPO members of trends indicated from other contacts with the public. Allocate time for public input on each committee's agenda.

Goal 3: Including the Public

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Policy:

Cast the net wide to reach out to a broad geographical area, diverse populations and organizations that represent the MPO planning area to increase the opportunity to participate in developing transportation plans and services.

Techniques:

Participate in community outreach events, maintaining a focus to include traditionally underserved communities.

Distribute copies of the public notice (including links) for the Transportation Improvement Program, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Unified Planning Work Program, Public Participation Plan as well as the Title VI and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise programs to the eight regional public libraries. For a list of the eight libraries, please visit:

browardmpo.org/core-products/public-participation-plan-ppp

or call (954) 876-0076 or (954) 876-0033

Provide documents to local planning departments and other participating agencies through the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

Take advantage of training opportunities and learn from the experiences of other MPOs/TPOs and Departments of Transportation.

Learn about the communities that make up the Broward Urbanized Area by attending festivals, special events, lectures, etc. that highlight the diversity of the area. Add contact names to mailing lists.

Utilize the MPO's Equity Assessment to produce maps to understand the demographics in Broward County and help focus public participation efforts. The MPO analyzes ZIP code data to identify communities requiring more extensive public participation outreach efforts, including press releases to media that focus on populations that are traditionally underrepresented including the Seminole Tribal Government.

Coordinate with local government agencies, non-profit agencies, business groups and others who have already developed community contacts.

Include in public notices posted by the MPO that upon request and adequate notice, assistance will be provided to the hearing and visually impaired, those with limited English proficiency, the transportation disadvantaged, and others requiring special assistance.

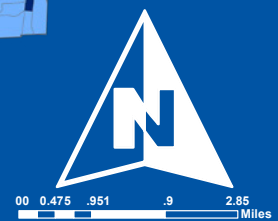
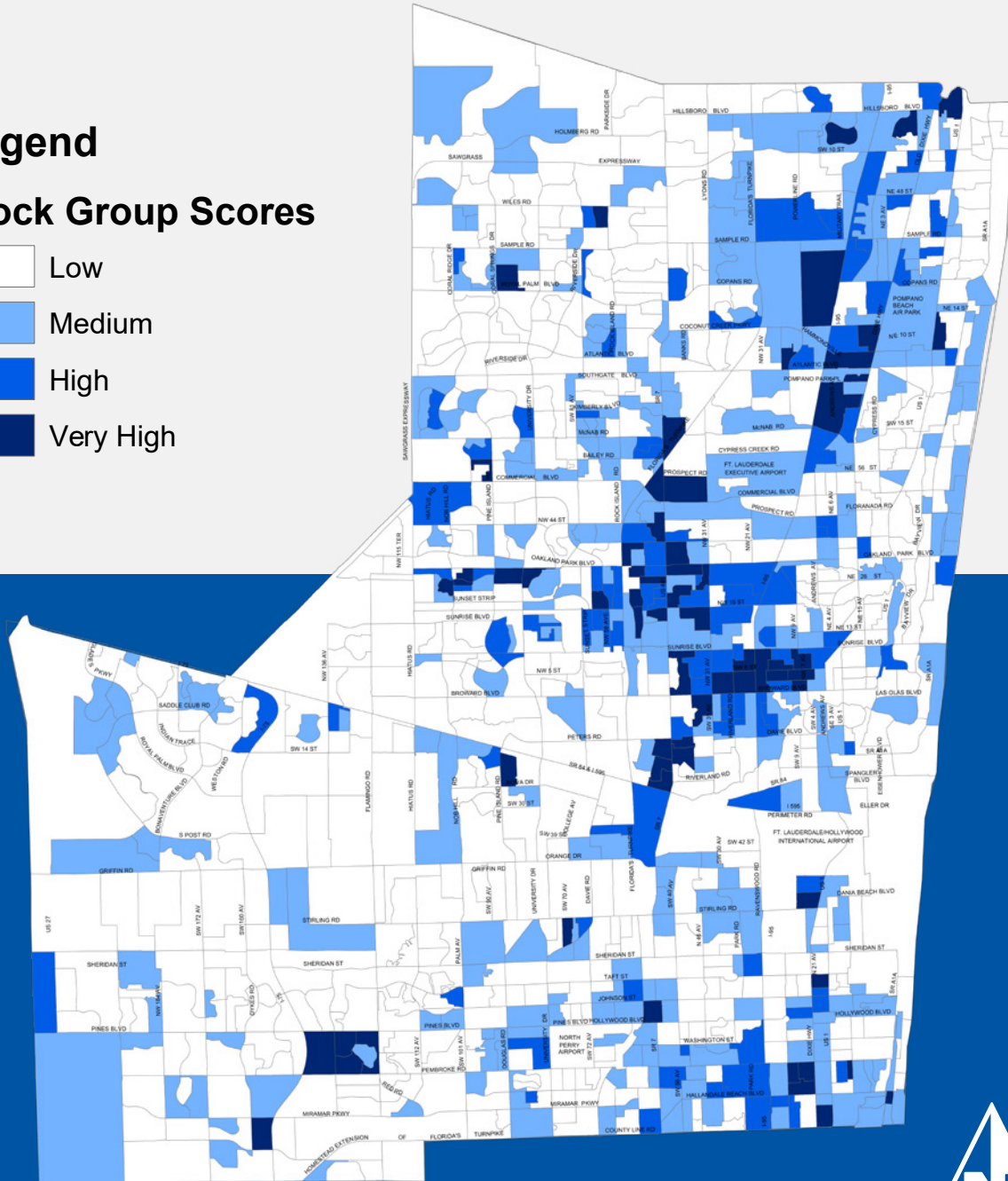


FY 2023 - 2027 TIP Transportation Planning Equity Areas

Legend

Block Group Scores

- Low
- Medium
- High
- Very High



Goal 4: Improving Public Participation Process

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Policy:

Continually identify and implement ways to improve the public participation processes.

Techniques:

Look for opportunities to add and create strategies that will reach greater numbers and more diverse populations.

Conduct assessments of the effectiveness of public participation techniques and discuss with staff.

Seek to improve community outreach activities.

Continue expansion of regional inter-MPO coordination of public participation activities, particularly when projects may directly involve residents from adjacent counties. Utilize analytics tools to track the performance of online public outreach strategies.





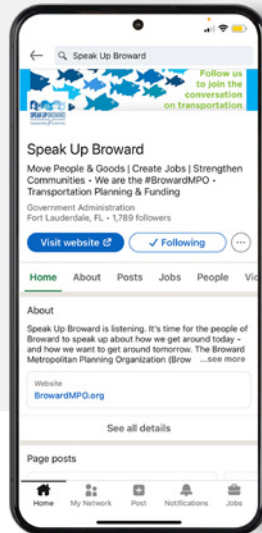
How Does the MPO Use Social Media?

The Broward MPO recognizes the importance of reaching out to communities on social media platforms. Use of these tools on our projects is evaluated on a case-by-case basis. They are used to communicate information to the public as well as providing a means for the public to communicate back to Broward MPO with comments or questions. Additionally, the Broward MPO coordinates with local agencies/municipalities to leverage their social media resources for all relevant projects. It is our policy to delete comments containing abusive language or those deemed off topic, including solicitations.

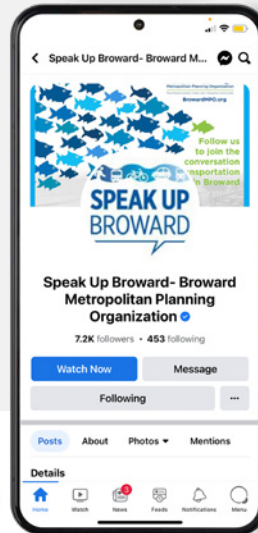
The Broward MPO Social Media terms of use can be found on the Public Participation Page of the website at browardmpo.org/core-products/public-participation-plan-ppp



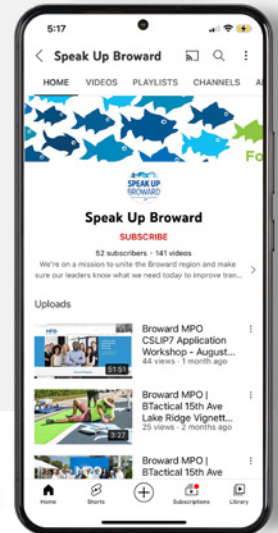
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Assessment of the Effectiveness of Public Participation Techniques

Why is this Assessment Needed?

The Broward MPO assesses the effectiveness of its public participation techniques to ensure that funds and time invested in public participation activities are achieving their goals. To aid in the assessment on a continuing basis, information will be collected from sign-in sheets, and/or surveys or informal conversations with stakeholders. This technique will be used for public events including workshops, displays and outreach activities.

It is standard practice for all projects and initiatives initiated by the MPO to require an evaluation of the public outreach activities. This will be conducted on a case-by-case basis, as evaluation needs to consider the context in which the project is being undertaken as well as the communities involved. All public participation plans developed for projects and initiatives undertaken by the MPO require an evaluation section (see the 2045 MTP example below). Evaluations are conducted to allow the project team to make mid-course corrections in its approach public outreach. If the assessment reveals that the public participation goals are not being achieved, then the techniques will be modified or changed.

The reason this type of approach is used is because we have learned from previous attempts this encourages midcourse corrections to outreach strategies to make the process better.

Agencies don't always know how to take effective measures, and this means we have to be flexible, innovative and willing to assess our own evaluation strategies.

The MPO would appreciate any suggestions you, the reader, may have on ways we can improve the evaluation and monitoring of our public outreach efforts.

Continuing Assessment

During staff meetings and debriefs, strategies are discussed for improving progress toward public participation goals.

Evaluation is a valuable component of any successful plan or project. The Broward MPO's public participation activities can be evaluated through numerous possible measures listed below. The sources of data for these measures are meeting attendance logs, surveys, records of public comments and data on the total number of unique visitors on the MPO's website and project specific pages.

The key is to establish measures on a case-by-case basis. The MPO tracks the following:

- Total number of attendees at an MPO event or meeting
- Total number of comments received pertaining to the MPO's major planning documents and programs
- Geographic distribution of comments
- Geographic distribution of meeting attendees and meeting locations
- Comments from low-income and high-minority areas
- Unique visitors to the Broward MPO website and/or nested project/program pages



Public Evaluation Reports and Techniques

There are many evaluation measures that are required for any project or initiative undertaken by the MPO. They include ZIP code analysis, environmental justice analysis using the Equity Assessment (**mentioned on page 12 of this Public Participation Plan**), tracking attendance at meetings, tracking email blast open rates, monitoring the contact database and monitoring RSVPs for meetings to help identify how people heard about events. Social Media is a key element of the outreach conducted by the Broward MPO and is evaluated using various methods and techniques which include: web monitoring and analytics and quarterly reports of online activity to the MPO Board.

Project Evaluation

The Broward MPO uses a project-based approach to evaluate any public outreach. A score card approach has been used to evaluate efforts under the Speak Up Broward initiative and has provided valuable data while larger outreach efforts and projects (like corridor studies) provide a good opportunity and examples of how the evaluation and examination of public involvement methods can be examined.

A larger outreach effort example is for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Throughout the entire MTP outreach effort, over 52,000 participants were engaged through a variety of activities. The purpose of this report is to document those activities and provide an assessment of their effectiveness.

For the purposes of the effectiveness evaluation, outreach activities are divided into two categories: informative and interactive. Informative outreach activities include the project website, development of project informational materials, and email blasts. Interactive outreach activities include social media, public workshops and meetings, and participation at community events.

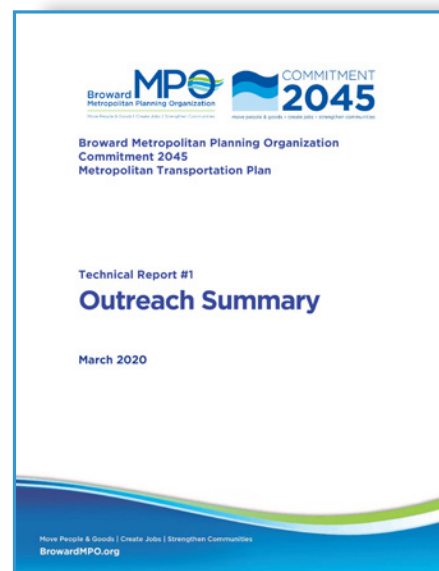
Tables 1 and 2 on the following pages summarize the efforts undertaken to date in each of the activity categories. Figure 1 depicts the locations of outreach meetings and workshops that have occurred relative to the defined equity areas. Figures 2 and 3 provide information about the online survey's reach and response rate from a geographic perspective. The final section of this document provides an assessment of the activities and recommends strategies for enhancing outreach activities for upcoming Broward MPO and future MTP outreach efforts.

To view the full outreach evaluation report, please visit:

browardmpo.org/images/WhatWeDo/2045_MTP/Final_Technical_Reports/Outreach_Summary_FINAL.pdf

To view the full report, please visit:

browardmpo.org/images/WhatWeDo/LRTP/2045/20171220-BMPO_2045_MTP_PPP_-_FINAL_ADA.pdf

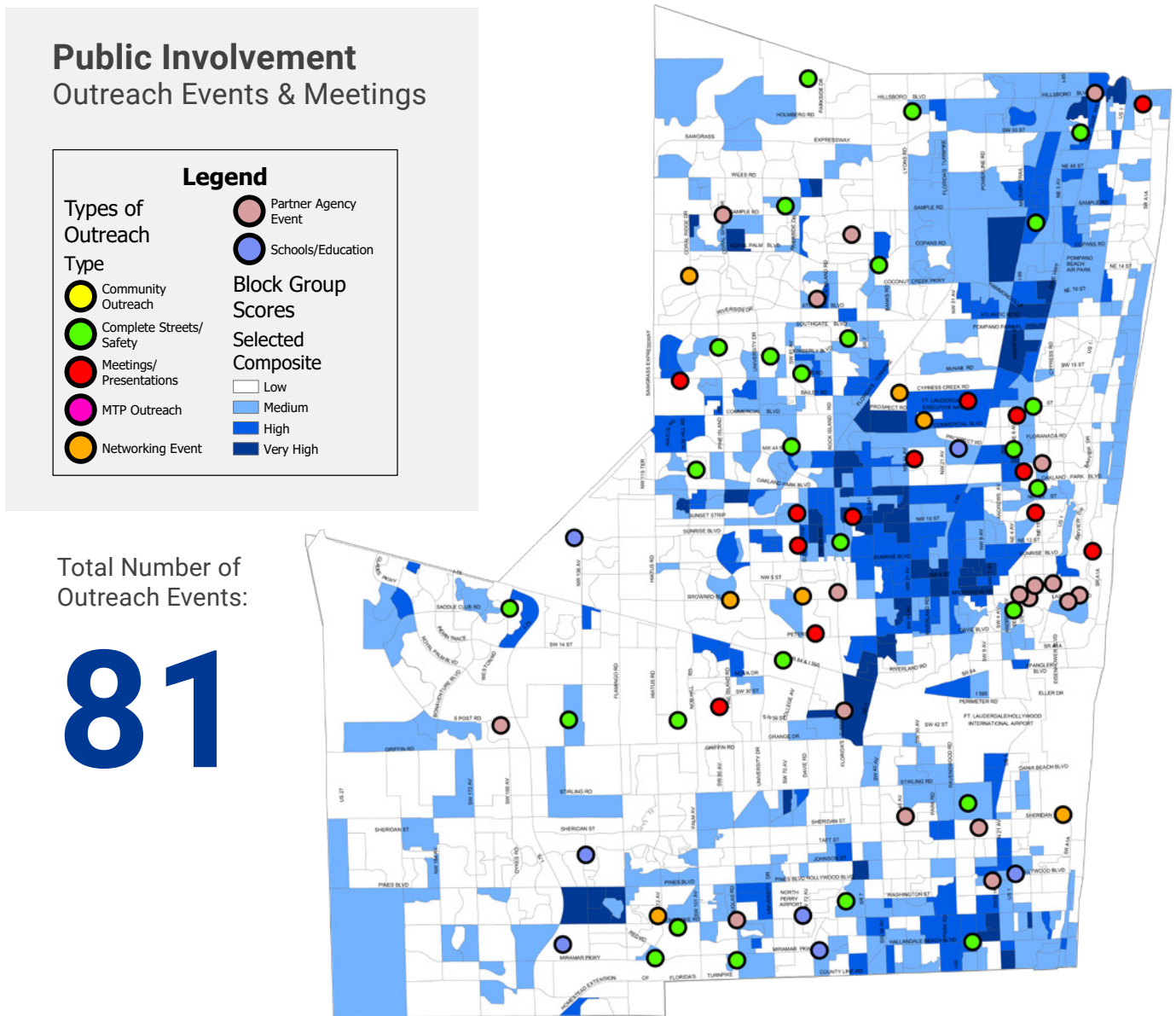


Public Outreach Map

Below is a map that has been created using data from public outreach efforts and initiatives conducted by the Broward MPO. This map represents areas in the region that have received public outreach.

This map is updated every year and includes cumulative data to accurately represent outreach efforts as a continuous effort. An evaluation of outreach efforts is conducted every two years and examines data from a rolling three-year average.

The evaluation strategy is two-fold; identify areas that have been reached out to and connections made as well as those who have not. The gap-analysis approach allows for a strategic approach to outreach as well as mid-course corrections as needed.





APPENDIX

Laws and Legislation Relevant to Public Participation

Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act The FAST Act, the most recent federal transportation legislation, and the associated implementing regulations emphasize the importance of public involvement and contain specific language outlining requirements for public participation processes and procedures. In general, FAST Act legislation and regulations-maintained requirements of previous transportation legislation (ISTEA, TEA-21, SAFETEA-LU and MAP-21) and did not establish major new requirements.

On December 4, 2015, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, or "FAST Act," was signed into law by the President of the United States. Overall, the FAST Act largely maintains current program structures and funding shares between highways and transit. It is a down-payment for building a 21st century transportation system. The law also makes changes and reforms to many Federal transportation programs, including streamlining the approval processes for new transportation projects, providing new safety tools, and establishing new programs to advance critical freight projects.

Notably, the FAST Act did add a requirement to provide a reasonable opportunity to for public ports and specific types of private providers of transportation to be involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process.

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) was signed into law on July 6, 2012 and contains specific language outlining Federal requirements regarding public participation processes and procedures. In general, MAP-21 legislation built upon previous transportation legislation (ISTEA, TEA-21 and SAFETEA-LU) to provide states and metropolitan planning organizations specific direction in conducting and promoting broad-based public participation activities.

MAP-21 Legislation (Public Law 112-141) requires metropolitan planning organizations to provide citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transportation, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, representatives of the disabled and other interested parties with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the transportation plan.

The public participation process requirements in 23 CFR450, Section 450.316(b) (1) are listed below. These requirements encourage a proactive public participation process and support early and continuing involvement of the public in the planning process. A reference to the section of this plan describing how the Broward MPO meets these requirements is included following each criterion listed below.

The MPO is required to develop a Public Participation Plan and a minimum public comment period of 45 calendar days is provided before the Plan is adopted by the MPO. Copies of the approved Plan are provided to the FHWA and the FTA for informational purposes and shall be posted on the website.

To ensure all interested persons residing in Broward County can comment, the MPO provides a public comment period of 45 days. The draft Public Participation Plan (PPP) is also posted on the Broward MPO website and ads are posted in local newspapers informing the public the draft is available for review. Those interested persons requesting a printed copy of the draft PPP may call (954) 876-0076 or (954) 876-0033.

- Provide timely information about transportation issues and processes to persons, affected public agencies, representatives of transportation agency employees, private providers of transportation, other interested parties and segments of the community affected by transportation plans, programs and projects.
- The Broward MPO's public participation process for transportation planning provides complete information, timely public notice and full access to key decisions. It supports early and continued involvement of the public.
- Provide reasonable public access to technical and policy information used in the development of plans and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and open public meetings where matters related to the Federal-aid highway and transit programs are being considered.

The effectiveness of any program and policy plan depends upon its success in meeting the public's expectations. Further, plans and programs are reassessed periodically to determine if the public's evolving needs and expectations are adequately provided for through the plan.

To ensure this occurs, the public must be kept informed of activities, and must be given meaningful opportunities to participate in the transportation planning process.

***See MPO Core Products and Programs (see pages 7-13)**

- Require adequate public notice of public participation activities and time for public review and comment at key decision points, including, but not limited to, approval of plans and TIP's (in nonattainment areas, classified as serious and above, the comment period shall be at least thirty days for the plan) and major amendment(s)
***See MPO Core Products and Programs (see pages 7-13)**
- Demonstrate explicit consideration and response to public input received during the planning and program development processes.
***See MPO Core Products and Programs (see pages 7-13)**
- Seek and consider the needs of those traditionally underserved by existing transportation systems, including but not limited to low-income and minority households; Utilize the MPO's Equity Assessment to produce maps to understand the demographics in Broward County and help focus public participation efforts. The MPO analyzes ZIP code data to identify communities requiring more extensive public participation outreach efforts, including press releases to media that focus on populations that are traditionally underrepresented including, the Seminole Tribal Government.
- When significant written and oral comments are received on the draft transportation plans or TIP (including the financial plan) as a result of the public participation process, a summary, analysis, and report on the disposition of comments shall be made part of the final plan and TIP.
***See MPO Core Products and Programs (see pages 7-13)**

- If the final transportation plan or TIP differs significantly from the one which was made available for public comment by the MPO and raises new material issues which interested parties could not reasonably have foreseen from the public participation efforts, an additional opportunity for public comment on the revised plan or TIP shall be made available.
***See MPO Core Products and Programs (see pages 7-13)**
- Public participation processes shall be periodically reviewed by the MPO in terms of their effectiveness in ensuring that the process provides full and open access to all; For a copy of the Broward MPO Rules visit the following link browardmpo.org/about-the-mpo/rules or call (954) 876-0052 or 0033.
- These procedures will be reviewed by the FHWA and the FTA during certification reviews for Transportation Management Areas, and as otherwise necessary for all MPOs, to ensure that full and open access is provided to decision-making processes.
- This Plan is reviewed as part of the four-year certification process conducted by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) during the MPO certification process.
- Metropolitan public participation processes shall be coordinated with statewide public participation processes (e.g. FDOT Public Involvement Handbook, found at this link <https://www.fdot.gov/planning/policy/publicinvolvement/index> wherever possible to enhance public consideration of the issues, plans, and programs and reduce redundancies and costs.
- The MPO makes every attempt to coordinate its public participation process with state and local governments' public participation processes to enhance public consideration of the issues, plans, and programs.
***See MPO Core Products and Programs (see pages 7-13)**

*** Please Note: Other components of the legislation which support 23CFR450,**

Section 450.316(b) (1) are:

- 450.212(a) -Public participation
- 450.214 - Statewide Transportation Plan
- 450.216 -- Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
- 450.318(b) -- Metropolitan Transportation Planning

**Process: Major Metropolitan
Transportation Investments**

- • 450.322(c) -- Metropolitan Planning Process: Transportation Plan
- • 450.324(c) -- Transportation Improvement Program: General



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