Did You Know...

Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization Regional Transit Funding Summit.

115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room 329H

from the public, attended the 2008 SEFTC Regional Transit Funding Summit, which was designed to address many of the tri-county area’s transportation issues.

Mr. Randy Whitfield, Director of the Palm Beach MPO, Mr. Roger Del Rio, Executive Director of the Broward MPO, and Mr. Jose Luis Mesa, Ph.D., Miami-Dade MPO Secretariat Director.

Special focus was given to funding challenges that we are facing as a region. Items of discussion included Rental Car Surcharge Funding, Florida East Coast Corridor Transit Needs, and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Financing and Funding Process.

Those in attendance included representatives from the Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Martin Metropolitan Planning Organizations, FDOT, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), the South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils, as well as other transportation agencies.

The SEFTC was created to serve as a formal forum for policy coordination and communication to carry out regional initiatives agreed upon by the MPOs from Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties. For more information on the SEFTC, please visit http://www.miamidade.gov/mpo/seftc/home.htm.

On March 14, 2008, more than 60 transportation professionals, as well as members of the public attended the first Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) Regional Transit Funding Summit, which was designed to address many of the tri-county area’s transportation issues.

The summit was held at the Broward County Governmental Center in Fort Lauderdale at 2:00 p.m. Mayor Richard J. Kaplan, SEFTC Chair and Broward MPO Board Member, issued the opening remarks.

For information on how to become a member of the Technical Coordinating Committee or Community Involvement Roundtable, call 954-357-6608.

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**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**

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

The Broward MPO has actively committed to maintaining strong regional relationships with area transportation organizations, including our neighboring counties, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), as well as other transportation and planning agencies. With a heavily growing population in the tri-county area, there is an even greater importance placed on the regional plans and programs that shape our communities.

Last October, the Broward MPO, in coordination with the Broward County Commission, hosted a joint workshop to discuss the Broward MPO process and transportation issues. The Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) held an important summit that focused on transit funding challenges that we face as a region. The summit is further detailed in this newsletter. It is with regionalism in mind that the transportation planning process will continue to address the needs of South Florida and the communities in which we live, work, and play.

**BROWARD MPO INVESTS IN PILOT STUDY FOR TRANSIT-ORIENTED, MIXED USE PARCELS**

In September of 2006, the Broward County Planning Services Division applied for and received $75,000 for a Community Pilot Study to create plans for transit-oriented, mixed-use development along State Road 7 (I-595 to Peters Road/Davie Boulevard) and Broward Boulevard (I-95 to State Road 7).

The MPO Community Studies Pilot Program is providing funding assistance to local governments and agencies conducting or seeking to conduct, transportation studies that would impact the regional system. This investment comes from MPO Federal Planning Funds.

This program, Transit/Housing Oriented Redevelopment, or THOR, is examining two study areas within Broward County. The first is the one mile stretch of corridor from I-595 to Peters Road/Davie Boulevard. The second corridor is the two-mile stretch of Broward Boulevard from I-95 to State Road 7. Each of these study areas include corridors in unincorporated Broward County and cross multiple municipal lines. The cities and towns involved in these two studies include Fort Lauderdale, Lauderdale, Plantation, and Davie.

Through THOR, the county is taking steps to accommodate projected growth in a manner that maintains and improves the quality of life for its residents. For more information about this exciting pilot program or how you can become involved, please visit [http://www.broward.org/planningservices/thor.htm](http://www.broward.org/planningservices/thor.htm).

**ONE STEP CLOSER TO SCENIC HIGHWAY DESIGNATION FOR STATE ROAD A1A**

On Tuesday, April 17th, Broward MPO Staff members, along with members of the Florida Dept. of Transportation (FDOT) conducted an important meeting regarding State Road A1A and the prominent designation of being inducted in the State’s Scenic Highways Program. Broward County, FDOT, local businesses, civic groups as well as private citizens and municipalities have come together to establish the Broward A1A Scenic Highway Corridor Management Entity (BASHME).

The meeting was held at the Town of Lauderdale-By-the-Sea’s Town Hall, and had more than 40 members of the public in attendance from over 15 municipalities in the county.

Mr. John Rade, Chairperson of the Broward MPO’s Community Involvement Roundtable and Ms. Christine Heshmati, Program Section Manager for the MPO, facilitated the meeting that included topics such as corridor management, vision goals, and a briefing on the Florida Scenic Highways Program. FDOT representatives were also on hand to assist the facilitators during the question and answer portion of the agenda. A brief survey was also administered during the meeting.

**Did You Know?...**

May is Clean Air Month.

**Gardenfest**

On Saturday, March 29th, the Garden Club of Coral Springs held its first ever Gardenfest at Riverside Park. Gardenfest 2008 was established to provide the avid and occasional gardener an opportunity to experience a wide variety of beautiful orchids, native plants, unusual ferns, roses, palms, succulents, herbs, and an abundance of other flora. Other vendors featured lovely pottery, fountains, and unusual art sold to enhance the home garden. There were also many experts in attendance, including master gardeners, wildlife habitat stewards, and nursery growers.

The Broward MPO Team was on hand to answer event goers’ questions about transportation issues within the community, as well as regional mobility. More than 40 attendees were surveyed during the event. Of those surveyed, almost 50% stated their major transportation concern included safety and pedestrian paths.