

# CALENDAR of Events

MPO	BPAC	BCCB	CIR	TCC
<b>May</b>				
Thursday 8 at 9:30 a.m. Room 422	Wednesday 14 at 6:30 p.m. Room 329 F	Monday 19 at 2:00 p.m. Room 422	Tuesday 6 at 6:00 p.m. Room 430	Monday 28 at 2:00 p.m. Room 302
<b>June</b>				
Thursday 12 at 9:30 a.m. Room 422	Wednesday 11 at 6:30 p.m. Room 329 F	Monday 16 at 2:00 p.m. Room 422	Tuesday 3 at 6:00 p.m. Room 430	Monday 23 at 2:00 p.m. Room 302
<b>July</b>				
Thursday 10 at 9:30 a.m. Room 422	Wednesday 9 at 6:30 p.m. Room 329 F	No Meeting	Tuesday 1 at 6:00 p.m. Room 430	No Meeting
<b>August</b>				
No Meeting	Wednesday 13 at 6:30 p.m. Room 329 F	No Meeting	No Meeting	Monday 25 at 2:00 p.m. Room 302

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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## SEFTC HOLDS REGIONAL TRANSIT FUNDING SUMMIT



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.

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.

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.



Mr. Joe Giulietti, Executive Director for the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, speaks from the dais.

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>.



Many transportation agencies, as well as members from the public, attended the 2008 SEFTC Regional Transit Funding Summit.

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## “TAKING IT TO THE STREETS”

### Pembroke Pines’ 2008 Pines Day

On Saturday, January 19th, the City of Pembroke Pines hosted Pines Day 2008 in honor of their 48th annual birthday celebration. Pines Day 2008 was held in the festival grounds of the Pines Recreation Center located at 7400 Pines Boulevard. This event included strolling performances, roaming characters, live music, and fun-filled activities for families.

The Broward MPO was present with their information display to speak to the public about the transportation planning process and survey event attendees. A total of 104 event attendees were surveyed throughout the day.

Of those surveyed, almost 39% indicated their major transportation concern was bicycle facilities, while 37% stated traffic congestion. Other issues of concern included safety and pedestrian paths.



Broward MPO staff, John Ramos, was hard at work answering questions regarding transportation planning and surveying event attendees.



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

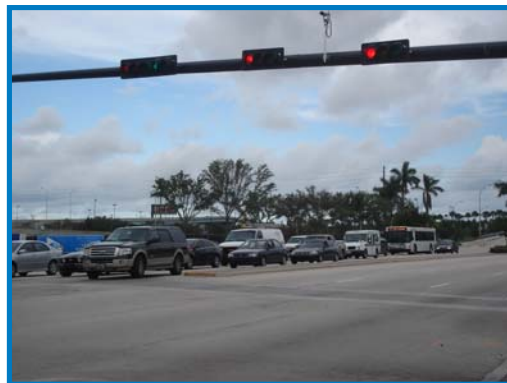
Daniel J. Stermer,  
MPO Chair,  
Commissioner,  
City of Weston

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



Heavily traveled corridors, like the portion of Broward Blvd shown here, are providing great opportunities for Transit/Housing Oriented Redevelopment in Broward County.

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, Lauderhill, 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>.

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

On Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 Rude, 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.



Attendance at the Scenic Highway A1A Workshop included audience members from more than 15 municipalities within Broward County.



Ms. Christine Heshmati and Mr. John Rude facilitated this important workshop.



Ms. Beatriz Caicedo-Maddison, from FDOT District IV, answered specific questions from the audience and panel members.



Mayor Roseann Minnet, of the Town of Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, brought up great points on how all municipalities need to be active in working towards the scenic highway designation.



## “TAKING IT TO THE STREETS”



Members of the public took time during Garden Fest 2008 to speak with Broward MPO staff about transportation issues that were important to them.

### Gardenfest

On Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 was traffic congestion. Other issues of concern included the county’s need for better mass transit systems. Surveyees also stated that the buses do not run frequently enough.