

# CALENDAR of Events

MPO	BAC	BCCB	CIR	TCC
<b>July</b>				
Thursday 13 at 9:30 a.m. Room 422	Wednesday 12 at 6:30 p.m. Room 329 F	No Meeting	Tuesday 11* at 6:00 p.m. Room 430	No Meeting
<b>August</b>				
No Meeting	Wednesday 9 at 6:30 p.m. Room 329 F	No Meeting	No Meeting	Monday 28 at 2:00 p.m. Room 302
<b>September</b>				
Thursday 14 at 9:30 a.m. Room 422	Wednesday 13 at 6:30 p.m. Room 329 F	Monday 18 at 2:00 p.m. Room 422	Tuesday 5 at 6:00 p.m. Room 430	Monday 25 at 2:00 p.m. Room 302
<b>October</b>				
Thursday 12 at 9:30 a.m. Room 422	Wednesday 11 at 6:30 p.m. Room 329 F	No Meeting	Tuesday 3 at 6:00 p.m. Room 430	Monday 23 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.

\* Subject to change.

## Acronyms

AADT	Annual Average Daily Traffic Counts	DCA	Department of Community Affairs
APR	Annual Performance Report	DRI	Development of Regional Impact Statement
APTA	American Public Transit Association	EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
BAC	Bicycle Advisory Committee	EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
BCCB	Broward County Coordinating Board	FAA	Federal Aviation Authority
BCT	Broward County Transit	FAC	Florida Administrative Code
BLC	Broward League of Cities	FCTD	Florida Commission Transportation Disadvantaged
BUS	Broward Urban Shuttle	FDOT	Florida Department of Transportation
CAAA	Clean Air Act Amendment	FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
CBD	Central Business District	FS	Florida Statute
CMA	Congestion Management Roundtable	FTA	Federal Transit Administration
CIR	Community Involvement Roundtable	FY	Fiscal Year
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality	GIS	Geographic Information System
CMS	Congestion Management System	MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
CTC	Community Transportation Coordinator	TCC	Technical Coordinating Committee
		UPRD	Urban Planning and Redevelopment Department

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## SECOND ANNUAL REGIONAL CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING



Mr. Walter Jolliff and Ms. Cynthia Baker, from the Broward County MPO's Community Involvement Roundtable, ask the Project Team from the South Florida East Coast Corridor Transit Analysis to explain the benefits of using the existing rail line as a commuter line.

On June 14<sup>th</sup>, members of the Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organizations held the second annual Regional Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting at the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) offices in Pompano Beach.

Members from each of the three advisory committees were present to discuss regional issues and take public comment on reports from the SunGuide SmarTraveler 511 Regional Service Center, the Consumer Information Network System, and the South Florida East Coast Corridor Transit Analysis (SFECCCTA). Additional topics, such as the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan update and the State Road 7 Fast Bus Project were also included on the agenda.

The meeting took place from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm and several members of the public addressed the committee as well as presentation speakers. Members from the Gannett Fleming Project Team answered numerous questions on the SFECCCTA. This regional study is funded by the MPO's and being spearheaded by the Florida Department of Transportation District IV to

develop and analyze alternatives that potentially integrate passenger and freight transport along the SFECCCTA, which is centered along the existing FEC Railway.

These regional meetings are important to address long range goals in all three counties, and the community advisory committees are actively engaged in the transportation planning process. For more information on the bi-annual regional meeting or on how to become a member of the Broward County Community Involvement Roundtable (CIR), please visit [www.broward.org/mpo](http://www.broward.org/mpo) or call 954-357-6608.



Members of the public listen as agenda items are addressed during the Regional Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting held June 14<sup>th</sup>.

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## “TAKING IT TO THE STREETS”



MPO staff members provided details of the transportation planning process to the public.

### Broward Mall Education, Health & Business Expo

On Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, MPO staff participated in the Broward Mall Education, Health, & Business Expo in the city of Plantation. The event took place inside the mall at the Macy's Department Store entrance.

More than 70 mall visitors participated in the transportation survey offered by MPO staff. Everyone who participated in the survey received a t-shirt. The event was a great opportunity for the general public to learn about the transportation planning process and how they can get involved.

The event was well attended and many comments and concerns were addressed. The majority of the concerns recorded were in regard to East-West traffic congestion.



## SOUTHEAST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (SEFTC)

Richard J. Kaplan,  
MPO Chair,  
Mayor,  
City of Lauderhill

The Broward County MPO, in an effort to place new emphasis on regional transportation and growth management that was passed by State Legislature during the 2005 session, is now a member of the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC). The Growth Management Bill was created in order to aid in growth management. Funds are appropriated to the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP), the Strategic Intermodal System, the New Starts Transit Program, the Small County Outreach Program, the State Infrastructure Bank, and the County Incentive Grant Program. The goal of these programs is to provide funds to improve significant transportation facilities. To secure TRIP funds, as it relates to the tri-county region, an interlocal agreement has been reached between Miami-

Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach MPO's to form the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC).

Each of the three chairs of the respective MPO organizations will chair and champion the newly formed Council, along with transit partners: Broward County Transit, Palm Tran, the South Florida Regional Transit Authority and Miami-Dade Transit. The primary purpose of this Council will be to identify and prioritize projects from a regional level. The first meeting of the Council took place on January 11, 2006. At the second meeting, held on April 12, 2006, the Council approved a list of projects and requested state TRIP matching funds.

The Broward County MPO is committed to continuing the development and enhancement of existing regional opportunities in the tri-county area with the formation of SEFTC and by supporting the one-cent surtax for transit that Broward County voters will decide on in November that will better serve regional transit needs in the tri-county area.

## MPO STAFF COMPLETES 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR OF CHILDREN'S OUTREACH PROGRAM



The students at Morrow Elementary surprised MPO staff by wearing their MPO t-shirts during their return visit to the school.

In 2004, the Broward County MPO produced a successful pilot program to reach elementary students, and their parents/guardians that focused on transportation planning and how important community involvement is to the process. Since the initial presentation at Dillard Elementary School, the staff has presented the program at 12 elementary schools throughout Broward County.

For the 2005-2006 school year, an additional component was added to complement the 50-minute educational program by making a return visit to each of the six schools that par-

ticipated in the program. The return visits provided an opportunity for MPO staff to review the homework assignments with the students and to initiate a creative process of letting the students from each school vote on names for the two "characters" in the presentation, Chic and Egg. Some of the great names the students chose for the Chic character were: **Chickzilla**, **Bow Wow**, **Bucky**, and **Chicken Little**. For the Egg character, names like **Dora the Egg Explorer**, **Eggzilla**, **Raven**, and **Ms. Oval** were selected. Schools visited during the 2005-2006 calendar year were: Stephen Foster Elementary, Fort Lauderdale; Thurgood Marshall Elementary, Fort Lauderdale; Sanders Park Elementary, Pompano Beach; Plantation Elementary, Plantation; Tedder Elementary, Pompano Beach; Morrow Elementary, North Lauderdale.

Each of the presentations made during the 2005-2006 calendar year were given to 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms with the exception of Tedder Elementary, which was a combination of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. For more information on the children's outreach program, please visit [www.broward.org/mpo](http://www.broward.org/mpo).

## BROWARD COUNTY MPO HOSTS STATE ROAD A1A SCENIC HIGHWAY ELIGIBILITY CELEBRATION



Each of the speakers from the Scenic Highway Celebration provided details on how the scenic highway designation should move forward.

On April 24, 2006, staff from the Broward County MPO organized a special reception at the Broward County Convention Center to celebrate the completion and approval of the Eligibility Phase requirements for Scenic Highway designation for State Road A1A. The scenic 32-mile A1A corridor runs from the Broward County/ Palm Beach County line to the Broward/Miami-Dade County line and serves as a functional multi-modal transportation corridor for the county.

The reception was well received, as community members and leaders were present at the event. The Dillard High School String Quartet per-

## BIKING MADE BETTER IN BROWARD COUNTY

In the 1990's, the Broward County MPO began using federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) to fund transportation projects that improve air quality in the region. Since that time, all regions in Florida have achieved ambient air quality. Broward County is now spending down the remainder of these CMAQ funds that were so helpful in improving the region's air quality. In one of the final programs to be implemented through CMAQ, the Broward MPO has authorized the use of federal air quality funds to provide bicycle parking facilities for bicycle security and shelters for commercial property owners, local governments and businesses within Broward County to implement for their employees, customers, and visitors.

MPO staff members have prepared an application for commercial property owners and businesses within Broward County to complete. The next step will be to market the program and distribute the applications. Staff will then review completed applications to determine which locations and what types of bike racks

formed during the networking portion of the event, while members of the community were entertained by a 15-minute video presentation on the historic significance of the corridor.

Mr. John Rude, Chair of the Broward County SR A1A Advocacy Group and Chair of the Broward County MPO's Community Involvement Roundtable, was the emcee of the reception. He stressed the importance of promoting this important corridor project and asked the audience to assist the committee with this endeavor. Broward County Commissioner and MPO member, Kristin Jacobs, was the first of five guest speakers who reminded attendees that projects of this nature help Broward County grow the right way, enhancing our assets and providing better quality of life.

Other speakers included Mr. Herb Hiller, author of "Highway A1A, Florida at the Edge", Ms. Deanna Lloyd, who represented the Florida Keys Scenic Highway Advocacy Committee, Mr. James Wolfe, FDOT District IV Secretary, who provided his organization's commitment to seeing this project through the remaining two phases, and Helen Landers of the Broward County Historical Commission, who gave the reception closing remarks.

selected on the application will be most suitable for this project. A cost per space basis will be considered.

The purpose of this project is to maintain clean air quality by reducing the number of vehicles on overcrowded roadways. Bicycles are zero-emission vehicles, leaving our air, roadways and waterways cleaner and less polluted. By installing bicycle parking facilities, commuters that would otherwise be driving single occupancy vehicles on roadways, will now have the opportunity to ride bicycles to their destinations. There are numerous employees and customers who would like to cycle to work or visit a business but don't because there are no safe places to park their bikes. By adding a secured bike rack, a building or business owner can provide an added service that will promote improved business and community relationships.

For more information, contact Ms. Debbie Homan at (954) 357-6620 or Mr. Mark Horowitz at (954) 357-6641.

## “TAKING IT TO THE STREETS”



Children had a great time participating in the fun activities at the Lauderhill Spring Fling.

### Spring Events Offer Fun for Children

During the months of April and May, MPO staff was busy coordinating two public events, the Lauderhill Spring Fling, held on April 8<sup>th</sup> and the Meet Your Neighbors at Kidz Day in Miramar on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Each of these two events had one main theme in common... children! Both events featured lots of entertainment for children, along with an educational component for the parents in the two respective communities.

In Lauderhill, many of the parents that were surveyed considered public transportation to be an important consideration, while in Miramar, several visitors to the MPO booth were concerned with pedestrian-related issues and safety. Both communities listed traffic congestion as the number one related transportation issue.