MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR: THE FUTURE OF STATE ROAD 7

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If you drive, take transit, bike, or walk along the corridor, planners from the SR-7 study team want to hear from you! For more information about the SR-7 Multimodal Improvements Corridor Study, and to participate in a user survey, please visit www.ImproveSR7.org.
MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Earlier this month, the Broward MPO released our first ever Annual Report, which summarized our accomplishments in the 2014-15 fiscal year. The 2015 Annual Report identifies our successes in addressing the various goals outlined by the MPO Board in the Strategic Business Plan. In this most recent year, we adopted Commitment 2040, our Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), expanded our Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by $400 million dollars, and programmed $100 million dollars for bicycle and pedestrian improvements through our Complete Streets Initiative. These accomplishments reflect our goal to increase funding for transportation improvements throughout the Broward region.

Economic development is another important strategic direction for the Board. In an effort to promote this goal, the MPO and its partner agencies developed the Southeast Florida Regional Freight Plan. We have also developed several initiatives to accomplish our goal of expanding strategic partnerships. For instance, Speak Up Broward, the MPO’s grassroots public outreach campaign, has been engaging communities in the transportation planning process; to date this program has reached over 45,000 people through various engagement activities.

The MPO Board is pleased with the accomplishments outlined in the report, and we are very excited about our plans for the future. If you would like to learn more about the 2015 Annual Report or the Strategic Business Plan, please visit us at www.browardmpo.org/about-us.

EQUALITY IN TRANSPORTATION

On August 3-6, members of the Broward MPO attended and presented at this year’s Southern Transportation Civil Rights Training Symposium held at the Fort Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach. This symposium, hosted by the Southern Transportation Civil Rights Executive Council (STCREC), included participation from civil rights transportation professionals from across the country. The Broward MPO’s Paul Calvaresi and Anthea Thomas presented on Quiet Zones and social media, respectively.

Through biannual symposiums and its membership, the STCREC aims to promote Civil Rights Program initiatives, advocating for the equitable distribution of programs on both the state and federal levels. The STCREC’s goal is to educate its members on civil rights and transportation and to advocate for equality in transportation-related programming. For more information about this year’s symposium and for copies of the 2015 presentations, please visit www.stcrectraining.com. Stay tuned for more information about the next training in 2017!

MAKING COMPLETE STREETS IMPLEMENTATION EASIER

More Complete Streets are coming to Broward! The Complete Streets and Other Localized Initiatives Program (CSLIP) was recently approved by Broward MPO’s Board. CSLIP will be a helpful tool for municipalities to use in order to apply for Complete Streets-related funding. Although the official application has not yet been released, we wanted to let municipalities know that it is coming soon! Once the application process is initiated, municipalities will be able to submit their requests for funding in order to make our roads safer for all travelers - with special attention to cyclists and pedestrians. For more information on CSLIP, please contact Michael Ronskavitz at RonskavitzM@browardmpo.com.

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EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Join Our Ambassador Program

In order to continue the conversation about the transportation system in Broward County, the MPO has unveiled its “Ambassadors” social media program. Using Facebook and LinkedIn, we have been able to connect with fellow commuters, gathering stories on how they navigate the South Florida transportation system and what recommendations they have to make the system more effective. To learn more about our Ambassador program, or to become an Ambassador yourself, please contact Anthea Thomas, Public Involvement Specialist at ThomasA@browardmpo.org.

Safe Streets Summit Save the Date

The third annual “Safe Streets Summit” will provide training and technical guidance to South Florida transportation professionals to help implement Complete Streets and bicycle and pedestrian safety initiatives. The Summit will feature nationally recognized speakers who will share their insights on a wide variety of Complete Streets-related topics. Don’t miss out on this great training opportunity!

MPO Attends Groundbreaking Events

The MPO recently attended groundbreaking events in Oakland Park to celebrate the building of Complete Streets projects at NE 38th Street (Park Lane East) and NE 34th Court. These projects were completed with MPO funds, and added new bike lanes, pedestrian enhancements, and drainage, water, and sewer improvements. For more information on Complete Streets, please visit: www.browardmpo.org/projects-studies/complete-streets

Remember to join the conversation about transportation in Broward by following Speak Up Broward below.

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