



# UNIVERSITY DRIVE MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS PLANNING STUDY

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## Role of Transportation and Land Use

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### ROLE

Broward County Planning Council plays a significant role in the planning and development of successful transit area(s) within Broward County. Two significant policy documents that all local cities within Broward County are required to be consistent with are: The County's Land Use Plan and the County's Trafficways Plan. Both of these policies documents will promote or inhibit successful transit development.

### LAND USE

The Broward County Planning Council, per The Broward County Charter, effective January 1, 1975, establish the Broward County Planning Council with the responsibility of preparing a Countywide land use plan under the jurisdiction of the Broward County Board of County Commissions. The Charter requires that all local land use plans within the County conform to the Broward County Land Use Plan. Each local government is required to prepare a land use plan element for its jurisdictions; however, this local land use element must be consistent with the Broward County Land Use Plan under the Charter. The Broward Planning council reviews the local land use plan, and if it is found to be in substantial conformity to the Broward County Land Use Plan, the Planning Council will certify the local land use plan.

### Broward County's Transit Supportive Land Use Categories

Two land use categories were developed in 2004, to help achieve a more transit supportive land pattern in the County- 1- Transit Oriented Corridor, (TOC) and 2- Transit Oriented Development (TOD).

Classifications enable municipalities to integrate mixed, higher density, land uses with multi-modal transportation designs, which may help to achieve "Context Sensitive Corridors."

### Land Use and University Drive

University Drive does not have either TOC or TOD designated areas. However, both land use categories are available for the area. Additional Land Use Categories that are also transit supportive are: Local Activity Center and Regional Activity Centers. Three areas within the corridor have this land use designation: University Drive and Sample Road, University Drive and Commercial Boulevard, and University Drive, East of SR 595 and Griffin Road. In addition, many of the County's Land Use categories permit a mix of residential and commercial land uses and are found throughout the corridor.

### Trafficways Plan

The Broward County Trafficways Plan is also governed under the passage of the Charter of Board County in 1975 and the Planning Council also oversees this Plan. The Trafficways Plan is a right-of-way preservation plan for Broward count. The Council rules on all proposed amendments and waivers to the Trafficways Plan. Amendments may be initiated by the Planning Council, local government, Broward County Board of County Commissioners or the Florida Department of Transportation.

## **Broward County Complete Streets Guidelines**

July 12, 2012, Broward MPO endorsed the Broward County Complete Streets Guidelines. These guidelines will provide the necessary tools for municipalities and the County to develop more comprehensive policies for complete streets which sets out to empower local governments to design, construct and operate streets to meet the demands of all transportation modes. On March 12, 2013 Broward County's Board of Commissioners voted and provided direction as it related to the recently endorsed Broward County Complete Streets Guidelines. The Commission supported the endorsement and requested the following actions within the County's jurisdiction.

- Create a Complete Streets Team
- Amend Policies that directly affect success of complete streets-Trafficways Plan, Comprehensive Plan, Land Use Plan, Administrative Code and any other documents needed to fully implement the Complete Street Community Design Guidelines;
- Coordinate with municipalities, FDOT, and other departments on implementation; and
- Suspend fees for context sensitive corridor designations for two years.

The County has created three subcommittees to fulfill the direction of the Commission's direction:

1. Minimum Standards/Land Development Code Subcommittee, this subcommittee will be tasked to Review and recommend revisions to Broward County Trafficways Plan Criteria (propose revisions by August 15, 2013)- MPO is not represented in the subcommittee.
2. Planning and Policy Subcommittee, Priscila Clages and Ricardo Guterrez are representing the MPO
3. Outreach/Land Use-Transportation Subcommittee- James Cromar and Ricardo Guterrez, MPO

## **Trafficway Plan and University Drive**

Broward County's Trafficways Plan requires development along University Drive to have a minimum setback from the road to be 50' from the roadway. Some cities have adopted this requirement and other cities have increased the setback- Lauderhill requires all buildings to setback 170' from the centerline of University Drive, Coral Springs has a 65' minimum setback, with the areas within the Community Redevelopment Area to be exempt, which includes parcels along University Drive. In addition, some cities have applied for a modification in the setbacks on the County's Trafficway Plan. Most support is given to cities that are creating walkable areas and using the TOC and TOD land use designation. Because of the County's new direction on Complete Streets, it is possible the Trafficway Plan will evaluate key multi-modal corridors throughout Broward County.

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