**CALENDAR of Events**

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- **March 17**: T Thursday 17 at 9:30 a.m.
  - Room 422
  - Wednesday 9 at 6:30 p.m.
  - Room 329 F
  - Monday 21 at 2:00 p.m.
  - Room 422
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- **April 14**: T 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 422

- **May 12**: T 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 422

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- **June 9**: T Thursday 9 at 9:30 a.m.
  - Room 422
  - Wednesday 8 at 6:30 p.m.
  - Room 329 F
  - Monday 20 at 2:00 p.m.
  - Room 422
  - Tuesday 7 at 6:00 p.m.
  - Room 430
  - Monday 27 at 2:00 p.m.
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All meetings are at the Governmental Center, 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale and are open to the public.

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**Acronyms**

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**Shortcuts**

- **FOR THE 4-1-1 ON TRAFFIC, DIAL 5-1-1**
  - The Intelligent Transportation System that works for you
  - Over one million commuters in the tri-county area (Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties) are able to take advantage of technology that can put them "in the driver's seat" on a daily basis to avoid traffic congestion. Implemented in 2002 as part of the region's Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), the 511 Traveler Information Service is a result of a public-private partnership between 15 agencies and organizations. Some of the organizations include the Broward County MPO, Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and the Florida Turnpike.
  - The 511 Traveler Information Service provides convenient, reliable, real-time traffic information to travelers and commuters 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The service has also improved recently. Verizon Wireless, the largest wireless company in the nation, has activated its 4G network in the region, allowing citizens to be "in the driver's seat" on a daily basis to avoid traffic congestion. Implemented in 2002 as part of the region's Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), the 511 Traveler Information Service is a result of a public-private partnership between 15 agencies and organizations. Some of the organizations include the Broward County MPO, Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and the Florida Turnpike.
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*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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The 2004 Broward County Pioneer Days
from the Dania Beach Historical Society.

The 2004 Broward County Pioneer Days commemorated Broward County’s 31st anniversary and honored the men and women that have made Broward County thrive. MPO staff was on hand with a Mobile Information Station (MIS) and the MPO community outreach display booth. The staff shared current and future transportation improvements, while focusing on significant components of Broward County’s history, growth and development.

As the MPO staff provided transportation history and transportation decision process education to event attendees, some 63 participants completed the MPO survey forms in English and Spanish. MPO staff comments focused on public transit/bi-rail improvements, bus transit, bicyclerelated facilities, and safety concerns. MPO staff discussed an interest in the regionalization of transportation, one of the current endeavors in which the MPO is involved.

Broward County MPO Public Outreach activities in 2004 included a series of 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update Public Workshops in Dania Beach, Pembroke Pines, and Plantation. These workshops were conducted to obtain public input regarding the draft cost-feasible plans for the Broward County 2030 LRTP Update. The workshops also provided education on the LRTP process for attendees via informational workstations, which described the components of the LRTP.

The LRTP consists of a group of transportation projects designed to meet Broward County’s future transportation demand projections for the next 20 years. Consequently, the LRTP focuses on accommodating anticipated growth and development in Broward County by incorporating bicycle and pedestrian facilities, mass transit developments (such as Bus Rapid Transit and transit accessibility), roadway improvements, and waterborne transportation. At the workshops, MPO staff and consultants addressed public concerns such as management of traffic congestion, safety, roadway access management, and funding for transportation improvements.

The fact that the LRTP Update was well-attended and that written MPO transportation questionnaires were submitted at the workshops testifies to the high interest level that Broward County residents share regarding the importance of participating in the transportation needs assessment and the transportation planning process.

Strong public participation in transportation planning is also a testament to the value that Broward County citizens place on a high-quality transportation infrastructure. A total of not only Broward County, but to the connectivity of the entire South Florida region.

MPO Holds Long Range Transportation Plan Workshops

The final phase of the Double Track Corridor Improvement Program continued to move forward during the 2004 calendar year. Segment 5, this portion of the program began in fiscal year 2003 and has an anticipated completion date in early 2005. It is the largest construction project in the history of the Florida railroad system. A U.S. Authority (SFRTA), and is also the result of South Florida’s three counties’ (Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade) agreement to work together as a single entity in the creation of a regional mass transit system. The program includes reconstruction of 72 miles of railway and a second mainline track that parallels the existing track.

Segment 5 also includes installation of approximately 45 miles of doubletrack, upgrades to existing track, renovation of nine existing stations, construction of a new station in Boca Raton, enhancements to grade crossings, upgrades to signal safety systems and acquisition of new cab cars and locomotives. As a result of this project, service will increase from the current 28 daily trains to 48 trains per day that run every 20 minutes during rush hour. Enhanced, on-time performance and greater scheduling flexibility for passengers and daily commuters will also be a priority. By 2015, the SFRTA estimates, these improvements will sustain average daily passenger boardings of 27,900.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC)

Did you ever wonder how the Broward County MPO evaluates transportation-related plans? The MPO established the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) to advise and provide input on the MPO’s decision-making process and to provide valuable assessment for MPO plans and programs.

The TCC is composed of a group of 26 technical staff members. This membership primarily consists of engineers, planners, and other specialists who represent the Broward County MPO’s local governments and transportation agencies. This group of professionals and experts serve the Broward County MPO in an advisory capacity. They provide recommendations to the board based on technical sufficiency, accuracy, and completeness of studies, plans and programs.

The TCC complements the Broward County MPO in taking responsibility for coordinating transportation planning and programming and for reviewing all transportation studies, reports, plans, and programs required under state and federal laws. Additionally, the TCC provides technical resources.

The TCC meets the fourth Monday of every month at 2:00 p.m. in Room 302 at the Broward County Government Center. These meetings are open to the public and public participation is encouraged.

The Broward County MPO Long Range Transportation Plan Update focuses the majority of its resources on transit improvements and transit supportive projects. Among the possible improvements for Broward County is Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). BRT is bus service that is different from typical local bus service in that it utilizes technology to reduce travel time by operating in mixed traffic in either a designated or grade separated/exclusive right of way. A list of technological advancements allow BRT buses to have signal priority.

BRT has the ability to operate at medium to high speeds (20 to 65 miles per hour), uses short to moderate passenger boardings. Over the next twenty years, $3 billion will be invested in the south Florida region by building a seamless, easy-to-use rapid transit system. Over the next twenty years, $3 billion will be invested in the south Florida region by building a seamless, easy-to-use rapid transit system. Over the next twenty years, $3 billion will be invested in the south Florida region by building a seamless, easy-to-use rapid transit system. Over the next twenty years, $3 billion will be invested in the south Florida region by building a seamless, easy-to-use rapid transit system. Over the next twenty years, $3 billion will be invested in the south Florida region by building a seamless, easy-to-use rapid transit system.

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