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Roger Del Rio, Acting Director of the Broward County MPO, answers questions from the Lunch ‘N’ Learn participants.

Opinion leaders such as commissioners, mayors, heads of cultural groups, business owners, county and city employees attended the Lunch ‘N’ Learns.

The Lunch ‘N’ Learn events were structured to provide a 30 minute PowerPoint presentation on what the MPO does, along with an explanation of the transportation planning process and how community input is integral. At the conclusion of each event, experts were on hand from the Broward County MPO staff to answer questions from the floor.

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STATEWIDE MPO DAY

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MPO Chair,
Mayor,
City of Lauderdale

A Broward County continues to experience rapid growth, the MPO plays a critical role in our community by allowing residents in Broward to speak to their state and federal legislators about transportation needs, and ensuring tax dollars are allocated according to the greatest needs and desires of the community. In order to best accomplish this goal, the MPO places special emphasis on providing equal access to transportation planning choices through public outreach initiatives.

On April 28, 2005, the Broward County MPO joined the 26 other MPO’s from around the State, as well as the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and other transportation partners for the third annual MPO Day in Tallahassee.

MPO Day kicked off a full week of events in Broward. The Broward County MPO was on hand with Spanish and English speaking staff members to reach the local community and educate them about the MPO.

By distributing bilingual newsletters and surveys, the MPO provided a great opportunity to get involved in the transportation planning process. The surveys provided valuable input with regard to what transportation issues are of importance.

The MPO staff collected 167 surveys at the event. The top three issues of most interest to the surveyed group were traffic congestion, growth, and development of Broward County’s transportation infrastructure. The MIS is a converted recreational vehicle that serves as an information office on wheels. A number of festival attendees visited six schools throughout Broward County including Pembroke Pines, Plantation, Ft. Lauderdale, Hollywood and Coral Springs with 50 students attending each program.

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OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

In an innovative way to reach all segments of the community, the MPO has introduced an outreach program for elementary school aged children. The program was created in 2004 to engage and educate the future generations and their parents and families on how they can take part in the transportation planning process.

The Children’s Outreach Program is designed to educate students through learning exercise modules that are interactive and fun. Buddy, an electronically operated car, works with a moderator to interact with the children. Through a PowerPoint presentation that includes two games about decision-making on a sidewalk for the school and jobs within the transportation industry, the students make choices to help Buddy and his two friends Chick and Egg. The children are each given a lunch box and homework assignments to reinforce the subjects that were discussed during the program.

The Pilot Outreach Program was launched in 2004 at Dillard Elementary. Since this time, the MPO visited six schools throughout Broward County including Pembroke Pines, Plantation, Ft. Lauderdale, Hollywood and Coral Springs with 50 students attending each program.

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2005 SISTRUNK FESTIVAL FEATURES: Food, Fun & Transportation Info

County community. “This event was part of a week of festivities collectively known as the Sistrunk Historical Festival.

For many individuals, visiting the MPO during business hours to express concerns and receive information is not always easy. Therefore, the MPO “takes the message to the streets” by using the MPO display booth exhibiting their MIS. This booth presents information related to the transportation planning process and the many aspects of our transportation infrastructure. The MIS is a converted recreational vehicle that serves as an information office on wheels. A number of festival attendees completed written surveys. The collected data will be used to help plan future transportation projects.

Many festival attendees expressed interest in continuing their education with the MPO. Over 110 individuals completed written survey forms.

Many festival participants attended the Earth Day POW W.O.W. event at Deerfield Beach, which was held on April 23, 2005. The Earth Day POW W.O.W. event was held at Deerfield Beach, Broward County. This year’s event, which marked the 25th anniversary of Earth Day, proved to be not only a place for residents and visitors of Deerfield to celebrate Mother Earth, but also an opportunity to participate in Broward County’s transportation planning process. Broward County MPO staff was on hand at the event to answer transportation planning questions and gain valuable feedback from event attendees.

Any festival attendees escaped the summer heat while completing transportation questionnaires at the MPO information display booth, under the awning of the MPO Information Station. This festival had ongoing entertainment from local bands, instructional demonstrations on karate and belly dancing, and many other attractions.

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Many festival participants visited from neighboring South Florida counties and expressed interest in regional and community transportation issues including bicycle and pedestrian facilities, T-Rail, and bus scheduling. Traffic congestion was also a common concern.

DEP RECOGNITION

On May 14, 2005 at the Annual Biketown Rally held in the City of Lake Worth, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) presented Roger Del Río, A Consultant Director of the Broward County MPO; Randy W. Whitten, Director of the Palm Beach County MPO; and David Henderson representing Jose M. es, Director of the Miamis-Dade County MPO a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of the MPO’s attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for the tenth year, by promoting and allocating funding for projects that reduce harmful vehicle emissions.

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