

CALENDAR of Events

MPO	BAC	BCCB	CIR	TCC
November				
MPO Retreat at 9:30 a.m. Room 430	Wednesday 12 at 7:00 p.m. Room 302	No Meeting	No Meeting	Monday 24 at 2:00 p.m. Room 302
December				
Thursday 11 at 9:30 a.m. Room 422	Wednesday 10 at 7:00 p.m. Room 302	No Meeting	Tuesday 2 at 6:00 p.m. Room 430	No Meeting
January				
Thursday 8 at 9:30 a.m. Room 422	Wednesday 14 at 7:00 p.m. Room 302	Monday 26 at 2:00 p.m. Room 422	Tuesday 6 at 6:00 p.m. Room 430	Monday 26 at 2:00 p.m. Room 302
February				
Thursday 12 at 9:30 a.m. Room 422	Wednesday 11 at 7:00 p.m. Room 302	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 Government Center, 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale and are open to the public.

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

For more information visit:

www.broward.org/mpo

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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BROWARD COUNTY BICYCLE UPDATE



the most options. If you want to ride on paved roads or are looking for a dirt road to use your fat-tire bike, you will find it at Markham Park. In Markham Park there is easy access to mountain biking opportunities for riders of all proficiencies and access to the Conservation Levee around the Everglades. There is also easy access to the existing SR 84 path and bike lanes throughout Weston.

If riding with traffic does not bother you, then check out the **Broward County Bicycle Suitability Map** to help you select a route. This map color codes the roads by how much interaction with traffic you can expect, it also shows the location of bike lanes. You can view the map on the internet at www.broward.org/tpi02000.htm.

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Approximately one year ago, the Broward County MPO began surveying the public to find out how they felt about transportation in Broward County. As of this writing, 1,425 people have been surveyed. Thirty percent of the respondents commented on the need to improve bicycling conditions in Broward County. Comments varied from needing more bike paths and bicycle lanes, to needing more bike parking, to wanting more information on where to ride their bicycles, as well as wanting motorists to be more courteous to bike riders.

Broward County has taken steps to encourage more bicycle parking, amending its zoning codes to require bicycle parking if a developer wants to have motor vehicle parking requirements waived. Additionally, staff and the Broward County Bicycling Advisory Committee produced a booklet titled "**End of Trip Bicycle Facilities Guide.**"

This guide illustrates to owners of existing buildings and developers of new buildings, simple standardized ways to accommodate bicyclists through the provision of parking racks, locker, shower, and changing facilities. Two thousand copies will be available by February 2004. It will also be available on the MPO web site, www.broward.org/MPO.

If you are looking for a place to ride with minimal interaction with cars, the County's parks are your answer. Of the County parks, **Markham Park** provides



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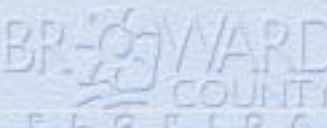
MPO HOLDS TRAFFIC CALMING WORKSHOP

On November 13, 2003, the MPO held a traffic calming workshop. Among the topics discussed at the workshop were design, implementation, and traffic calming techniques used in Broward County.

What is traffic calming? According to the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), traffic calming involves changes in street alignment, installation of barriers, and other physical measures to reduce traffic speeds and/or cut-through volumes, in the interest of street safety, livability, and other public purposes.

Speed humps, raised crosswalks or raised median islands are some types of physical traffic calming measures that are used. Many communities are looking for solutions for the increased traffic and speeding in their neighborhoods.

Does your neighborhood have traffic calming measures in place? For more information on traffic calming, visit the website at: www.trafficcalming.org.



CHAIR'S LETTER THE MISSION OF THE MPO

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

Since it was established in 1977 by the Florida Legislature, the MPO's role has been to establish a comprehensive, coordinated, and continuing transportation system for Broward County. The MPO has policy statements that help describe their vision for transportation in and throughout Broward County:

- Proactively supporting planning and funding initiatives that facilitate and enhance the accommodation of transit, pedestrian traffic, and bicycles as preferred transportation alternatives;
- Actively and enthusiastically promoting cost-feasible partnering among Broward cities and adjoining Counties to maximize opportunities for enhancing and maintaining an affordable, efficient transportation system;
- Enhancing and maintaining regional and community transportation goals by supporting necessary and appropriate transportation connections between the tri-Counties;
- Supporting establishment of a dedicated revenue source(s) to fund transportation projects in Broward County and the tri-County area with emphasis on a significant expansion of transit; and
- Creating opportunities for all segments of the public to learn and become informed about issues and proposals under its consideration, particularly those affected by the outcomes or with special needs.

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Easy to ignore and difficult to address is motorist behavior. In 2002, the Broward County Department of Planning and Environmental Protection (DPEP) produced a 12-minute bicyclist/driver education video. DPEP distributed the video to more than 100 driving schools throughout the tri-county area. The Florida Department of Highway Safety and the University of Florida are ensuring statewide distribution. VHS copies are available as well as 3/4-inch masters for duplication. For more information, contact Mark Horowitz at 954-357-6641 or mhorowitz@broward.org.

There are numerous projects the MPO is working on that support the vision. For example, the 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is a comprehensive list of transportation improvement projects designed to upgrade the transportation system in Broward County and meet the expected travel demand by the year 2025. The LRTP promotes transit, pedestrian traffic, and bicycles as preferred transportation alternatives.

The LRTP budget earmarks \$123 million to enhance and construct 298 pedestrian and bicycle facilities. In addition, more than \$3.0 billion is earmarked to build 67 transit improvement projects. These projects include fixed-route bus service, community transit service, and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service.

The MPO continues supporting the Regional Transit Authority (RTA). As stated by the third policy statement, the RTA is expected to improve transportation connections between Palm Beach, Broward and Miami Dade counties.

The MPO continues to offer opportunities for all segments of the public to become involved in the transportation planning process. By participating in outreach events across Broward County, the MPO is making its presence known in the community. Additionally, in 2002, the MPO began televising its monthly meetings live on Broward County cable systems.

As we move forward, we will continue to review our mission and policy statements to ensure they reflect the needs of the residents of Broward County.

TRANSIT "BRIDGE" UPDATE

You may recall a past edition of *Shortcuts* included the "WHAT IS THE TRANSIT BRIDGE PROJECT" article. To recap, the Transit "Bridge" is a project that will link transit service between southern Broward and north Miami-Dade Counties on State Road 7 using special buses and improved traffic signalization.



Members of the community view maps at a recent Transit "Bridge" meeting.

MPO WEB SITE RECEIVES NACIO AWARD

The MPO web site received a National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO) Award of Excellence. NACIO recognized 10 award categories ranging from web sites to news writing. Awards for superior, excellent, and meritorious efforts were given in each category. This year's competition drew close to 500 entries.

The MPO web site was recognized in the video graphics and electronic graphics category. The entries were judged on a number of factors including creativity, eye appeal, meeting the stated objective of the project, and ease of use.

The MPO's web site provides useful information that's right at your fingertips. It provides free transportation information, links to SunPass, South Florida Commuter Services, Water Taxi, and much more. The web site also provides links to the County's aviation department, mass transit division, and other transportation agencies. Have you visited the MPO web site lately? It's worth a look!



TAKING IT TO THE STREETS

The MPO continues to provide opportunities for the public to give input on transportation issues, including participating in special events and festivals. The MPO display booth has recently traveled to the South Florida Disabilities Expo and Fiesta Fort Lauderdale. Over 100 surveys were collected, while over 100 people visited the information booth during both weekend events. Transportation Surveys and MPO Fact Sheets were available in Spanish, French and English. The purpose of the surveys are to find out from the public what transportation issues are important to them. As always, staff was on hand to answer questions and explain details on transportation projects.

Staff also distributed promotional items; yo-yos, first-aid kits, and fans when visitors to the MPO booth completed our transportation survey.

To learn more about how you can participate in the transportation planning process, please contact:

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Continue to look for the MPO booth at local community events and tell us what you think – we're listening!

