

CALENDAR of Events

MPO	BCCB	CIR	TCC
January			
No Meeting	Monday 25 at 2:00 p.m. Room 422	Tuesday 26 at 6:00 p.m. Room 430	Monday 25 at 2:00 p.m. Room 302-302a
February			
Thursday 11 at 9:30 a.m. Room 422	No Meeting	Tuesday 23 at 6:00 p.m. Room 430	Monday 22 at 2:00 p.m. Room 302-302a
March			
Thursday 11 at 9:30 a.m. Room 422	Monday 22 at 2:00 p.m. Room 422	Tuesday 23 at 6:00 p.m. Room 430	Monday 22 at 2:00 p.m. Room 302-302a
April			
Thursday 8 at 9:30 a.m. Room 422	No Meeting	Tuesday 27 at 6:00 p.m. Room 430	Monday 26 at 2:00 p.m. Room 302-302a

All meetings are at the Governmental Center, 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale and are open to the public.

Acronyms

AADT	Annual Average Daily Traffic Counts	FDOT	Florida Department of Transportation
APTA	American Public Transit Association	FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
BCCB	Broward County Coordinating Board	FS	Florida Statute
BCT	Broward County Transit	FTA	Federal Transit Administration
CAAA	Clean Air Act Amendment	FY	Fiscal Year
CBD	Central Business District	GIS	Geographic Information System
CMA	Congestion Management	L RTP	Long Range Transportation Plan
CIR	Community Involvement Roundtable	MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
DCA	Department of Community Affairs	SAFETEA-LU	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users
DRI	Development of Regional Impact	SEFTC	Southeast Florida Transportation Council
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement	SFRTA	South Florida Regional Transportation Authority
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	SIS	Strategic Intermodal System
FAA	Federal Aviation Authority	TCC	Technical Coordinating Committee
FAC	Florida Administrative Code	TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
FCTD	Florida Commission Transportation Disadvantaged	EPGMD	Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department

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IT'S OFFICIAL: STATE ROAD A1A IS A SCENIC HIGHWAY



Officials before the ribbon cutting.

The weather was beautiful on November 18, 2009, as elected officials, civic associations, businesses, and residents from cities across Broward County gathered to celebrate State Road A1A's official designation as a scenic highway at the historic Bonnet House Museum & Gardens. The evening began with John Rude, Chair of the Broward A1A Scenic Highway Corridor Advocacy Group, as he welcomed guests and introduced the Fort Lauderdale Police Honor Guard for the Presentation of the Colors.

The initiative for scenic highway designation began in December 1999.

Gladys Leeks, Broward MPO Associate Planner; John Rude, Broward A1A Scenic Highway Corridor Advocacy Group Chair; Beatriz Caicedo-Maddison, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Four Scenic Highway Coordinator; and Christine Heshmati, Broward MPO Planning Section Manager have led the way on this effort.

Broward County Mayor Ken Keechl, let the audience know this started as a grass roots organization and over the years has grown with more support from community volunteers and Broward MPO staff who have spent countless hours working to make this happen.

While at the podium, City of Fort Lauderdale Mayor, Jack Seiler, said "A1A is one of the gems of Fort Lauderdale. It unites us from the north end to the south end; this road brings us all together." This designation of State Road A1A will mean opportunities to apply for grant funding for resource protection, economic development, and beautification projects. It is also an opportunity for additional community involvement and support from the public.

Guest speakers and local dignitaries included Broward County Mayor Ken Keechl; Carlos L. Curbelo, State Director Office of US Senator George LeMieux; Representative Ellyn Bogdanoff, District 91, and Representative Jim Waldman, District 95, Florida House of Representatives; Mayor Jack Seiler, City of Fort Lauderdale; Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom and

Commissioner Bruce Roberts, City of Fort Lauderdale; Gerry O' Reilly, Director of Transportation Development District Four, FDOT; Gregory Stuart, Broward MPO Executive Director.

See inside for State Road A1A Scenic Highway Celebration Photo Gallery.

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“TAKING IT TO THE STREETS”



Deborah Byrnes answered questions from the public.

30th Anniversary of Disabilities Expo

Each year the Disabilities Expo provides the public with resources, services, products, and information for those with disabilities. The event took place on Saturday, October 17th at Nova Southeastern University's Alvin Sherman Library and Don Taft University Center.

This free event included the Broward MPO alongside the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) / Tri-Rail, and Broward County's Aviation Department in the transportation section. More than 60 local, state, and national organizations participated in this year's event.

There was something for everyone at the Expo with educational seminars, children's activities, an art exhibit, music, and sports activities; all programs were sign language interpreted. Artwork from local artists with disabilities was on display, and the Broward County Advisory Board for Individuals with Disabilities held its annual awards ceremony luncheon.

Deborah Byrnes, who oversees the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for the Broward MPO said, "I have participated in the Disabilities EXPO for more than fifteen years. It serves as an enormous resource to the disabled community and has helped to promote greater awareness and understanding in the general public. We all benefit from this event and we look forward to continuing to participate in this worthy endeavor."



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Daniel J. Stermer,
 Broward MPO Chair,
 Commissioner,
 City of Weston

It has been quite a year for the Broward MPO; in addition to the Board approving the \$8.7 billion cost feasible 2035 LRTP:

In October the Broward MPO received \$88 million in additional stimulus funds from the 2009 Federal Economic Stimulus Bill, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), for the I-95 Express-Broward, Phase II project which runs from the Golden Glades interchange to Broward Boulevard.

The Florida Department of Transportation officially designated the State Road A1A corridor from the Broward/Palm Beach County Line to the Broward/Miami-Dade County Line as a Florida Scenic Highway on July 20, 2009.

In February we held an emergency meeting to prioritize transportation stimulus funds, the Board voted to add 2 lanes (four lanes divided) with Bridge on Dixie Highway in North Broward County, with a special amendment to use left over

money from the Dixie Highway project, approximately \$2.5 million, to build bus shelters throughout Broward County. It is also estimated about 1200 jobs will be generated within this FDOT project of \$40 million, with construction set to begin January 2010. It is projected using the stimulus funds for this project will release at least \$26.8 million in 2014 for other transportation projects throughout Broward County.

Our quarterly newsletter will also have a new name and new design for 2010. Your Shortcuts newsletter has now been renamed to **TRANSPORTATION TRANSFORMATION**, with the new tag line "Connecting Communities Through Innovative Transportation Solutions." In essence this is the task of the Broward MPO; we strive to not only plan for the present as well as the future, but to connect the people of Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach counties with inventive transportation plans that will make our region a competitive force.

For 2010 the Broward MPO is committed to implementing its mission of providing a regional transportation system that ensures the safe and efficient mobility of people and goods, optimizes transit opportunities, and enhances our community's environmental and economic well-being.

BROWARD MPO UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES 2035 LRTP

At the November 19, 2009 Broward MPO meeting, the board unanimously approved the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). "The \$8.6 billion dollar plan will change the way we fundamentally do business. The Plan reflects realistic transportation issues our residents face, including the interconnection into Miami-Dade and Palm Beach," said Gregory Stuart, Broward MPO Executive Director.



The Broward MPO Executive Director will visit each of the 31 cities in Broward County to provide elected officials with information on what the plan will mean for their residents. The first presentations since 2035 LRTP adoption were at the City of Pompano Beach City Commission Workshop, Commission Chambers, 115 West Atlantic Boulevard, on Monday, November 23, 2009, at 10 a.m. and the City of Sunrise City Commission, 10070 West Oakland Park Boulevard, on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.

“TAKING IT TO THE STREETS”



Broward MPO staff at the Art & Jazz Festival.

Art & Jazz Festival

The first Art & Jazz Festival was held on Saturday, November 21st at the Pompano Citi Centre. This free event included live jazz, arts and crafts, small business vendors, and organizations such as Women In Distress, Be Kind to Animals Rescue, Broward County Transit, and the Broward MPO. Light of the World Clinic provided free blood-pressure checks, health screenings, and general information on how to stay healthy.

Earlier in the afternoon event attendees were treated to performances by talented students across Broward County, including dance troops, the Westminster Academy Jazz Band, and the Nan Knox Boys and Girls Club of Broward County Children's Choir. Billy Bones, headlining act, entertained the crowd with his vocals and saxophone prowess, even Santa Claus braved the afternoon heat to kick-off the holiday season.



Above: The Westminster Academy Jazz Band prepares to entertain the crowd. Below: Nan Knox Boys and Girls Club of Broward County Children's Choir.



STATE ROAD A1A SCENIC HIGHWAY CELEBRATION PHOTO GALLERY



Fort Lauderdale Police Honor Guard.

Carlos L. Curbelo, State Director Office of US Senator George LeMieux.

Representative Ellyn Bogdanoff, John Ruide background.

Guests mingled on the veranda.

Bonnet slough.

Entrance to Bonnet House Museum and Gardens' Courtyard.

Broward County Mayor Ken Keechl.

View of State Road A1A from Bonnet House Museum & Gardens.

TRANSIT COMMUNITY FORUMS



Bob Nelson, Director, Broward County Transit (far right, center), listened to all community comments.

Broward County Transit (BCT) held its latest in a series of transit community forums which asks the public to share their ideas, voice their concerns, and provide recommendations for a future public transportation plan. The evening forums were held on Monday,

October 26th, at Fort Lauderdale City Hall and Thursday, October 29th, at the Town of Pembroke Park City Hall.

The forums addressed the top challenges facing public transportation in the region, roundtable discussions, and a presentation from BCT staff. Information gathered from the forums will develop the starting point of a regional public transportation plan.

For more information on future transit community forums, visit www.broward.org/bct.