



2015 Legislative Evaluation: Revenue / Funding Advisory Committee

Revenue / Funding Committee Members:

Commissioner Lisa Mallozzi, Cooper City, Committee Chair

Commissioner Dale Holness, Broward County Board of County Commissioners

Commissioner Barbara Sharief, Broward County Board of County Commissioners



In June 2013, the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization Board approved an optional five cent per capita local contribution to use for Board-approved advocacy. The Broward MPO uses **Local Contribution Funds** for legislative advocacy and other related programs.

In 2015, the Broward MPO received a total of \$121,219 in **Local Contribution Funds**. Contributions came from 30 municipalities in Broward along with Broward County and the Broward County School Board. **Local Contribution Funds** were used to retain Holland & Knight, the MPO's federal advocacy team in Washington D.C., for [Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Committee \(MPOAC\)](#) legislative activities, registration for conferences (such as the National Association of Regional Councils' annual meeting), and travel for board members to meet with the South Florida congressional delegation in Washington D.C. In 2015, a total of \$81,834.11 was spent for these advocacy purposes.

The following list highlights the MPO's 2015 legislative and advocacy priorities (approved by the MPO Board in November 2014) and corresponding results, most of which were addressed in the long-term transportation bill passed by Congress, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, or FAST Act. Items in **green** are considered "wins" for the MPO.

Expand sub-allocation (direct funding) of federal funds to the Broward MPO

- The FAST Act increases sub-allocation (direct funding) of federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds from 50% to 55% over the next five years.

Restore pre-MAP-21 funding levels for programs vital to the Broward MPO

- Broward MPO funding levels for programs such as Surface Transportation (STP), Metropolitan Planning, and Transportation Alternatives (TAP) were not only restored to pre-MAP 21 levels, but increased beyond those numbers.
- The Bus and Bus facilities program (FTA 5309) was also restored, meaning more federal money is available to expand bus service and provide operating & maintenance funding.

Create a Multimodal Freight Program with MPO Eligibility

- The FAST Act authorized the creation of a new competitive grant program, the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects Program, in which MPOs are eligible to apply for.

Support Continued Funding of the Wave Streetcar and Wave Extension

- No action was taken at the federal level to fund the Wave Streetcar or Wave Streetcar extension in 2015.

Provide the Broward MPO Board with Oversight of Revenue and Toll Placement for Managed Lanes on the Interstate Highway System

- A provision in the FAST Act stipulates that the state DOT must now coordinate with MPOs regarding toll placement and rates on the Interstate Highway System.

Complete Streets TIGER Grant

- Although the MPO was not awarded a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant, positive feedback was received from USDOT to submit a follow-up application in the 2016 cycle. In 2015, 6% of TIGER applications received funding.

I-95 Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) Grant

- The MPO applied for and received a grant from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to help coordinate the management of freeway, arterial, transit, and parking systems of the I-95 corridor.