



## Memorandum

**Memorandum No: 20-055**

**Date:** June 15, 2020

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

**From:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**Subject:** June 11, 2020 Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization Board Meeting

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This memo serves as an update on the June 11, 2020 Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board meeting. Below are key highlights, with the meeting summary and the June 2020 legislative updates attached.

### Approved Items:

- The Election of Officers to serve for the next year, July 2020 through June 2021
- The Broward County Board of County Commissioners / Transportation Department continue as the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC)
- Amendments to the Rules of the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Deferment of the adoption of a resolution of the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization supporting a Single Modern Transit Technology designed for urban/suburban environments running continuously through Northwest 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue/University Drive corridor such as Monorail, Mag Lev Train, or another modern technology determined by the Project Development and Environment Study
- The draft FY 2021 Multimodal Priorities List (MMPL)
- Revised Broward MPO Strategic Business Plan
- Request to delete the Royal Palm Boulevard Park and Ride element of the I-75 at Royal Palm Boulevard project from the draft Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

### Non-action Items:

- Municipal Surtax Services update

The next MPO Executive Meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2020.

For further information, please contact Ben Rogers, Director of Transportation and Mobility, at [brogers@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:brogers@fortlauderdale.gov).

**Attachments**

June 11, 2020 MPO Board Meeting Summary  
June 2020 Legislative Update

C: Rob Hernandez, Deputy City Manager  
Tarlesha W. Smith, Assistant City Manager  
Alain E. Boileau, City Attorney  
Jeffrey A. Modarelli, City Clerk  
John C. Herbst, City Auditor  
Department Directors  
CMO Managers

# SUMMARY

## June 11, 2020 MPO Board Meeting: Action Items

The following items were **approved** at the June 11, 2020 Broward MPO Board meeting:

### **The Election of Officers to Serve for the Next Year, July 2020 Through June 2021**

Mayor Ortis of the City of Pembroke Pines was elected Chair, School Board Member Good was elected Vice Chair, and Commissioner Johnson of the City of Lighthouse Point was elected Deputy Vice Chair. For the Executive Committee, Commissioner Furr of Broward County was reelected as the County representative, Commissioner Harris of the City of Dania Beach was elected as the small municipalities representative, Commissioner Colbourne of the City of Miramar was elected as an at-large member, and Commissioner Blattner of the City of Hollywood chose to continue in his role as Chair Emeritus.

### **The Broward County Board of County Commissioners / Transportation Department Continue as the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC)**

Broward County, through its paratransit/TOPS! service, will continue to service the needs of the transportation disadvantaged population in Broward.

### **Amendments to the Rules of the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization**

The Rules of the Broward MPO are amended to adjust the deadline for amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, remove references to the Evaluation Committee, and include procedures for virtual meetings.

### **Deferment of the Adoption of a Resolution of the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization Supporting a Single Modern Transit Technology Designed for Urban/Suburban Environments Running Continuously Through Northwest 27th Avenue/University Drive Corridor Such as Monorail, Mag Lev Train, or Another Modern Technology Determined by the Project Development and Environment Study**

The adoption of this resolution will be deferred until after Miami-Dade selects the technology they plan to use.

### **The Draft FY 2021 Multimodal Priorities List (MMPL)**

The approved MMPL will allow MPO and Florida Department of Transportation staff to collaboratively program available funding to priority projects identified on the List. Further, MPO staff will continue to work with municipalities and the county to identify needed transportation projects which best match future funding and funding programs to expedite the delivery of projects.

### **Revised Broward MPO Strategic Business Plan**

MPO staff will align the Organization around the new two-year and five-year success markers established in the plan and continue fulfilling the Mission and Vision established by the MPO Board.



# SUMMARY

## June 11, 2020 MPO Board Meeting: Action/Non-Action Items

The following items were **approved** at the June 11, 2020 Broward MPO Board meeting:

### **Request to Delete the Royal Palm Boulevard Park and Ride Element of the I-75 at Royal Palm Boulevard Project from the Draft Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).**

MPO staff will remove the Royal Palm Boulevard Park and Ride element from project (FM# 4215485) in the FFY 2021-2025 TIP. The TIP will be brought for Board action at the July 9, 2020 MPO Board meeting.

The June 11, 2020 Broward MPO Board meeting non-action items are summarized below:

### **Municipal Surtax Services Update**

MPO staff provided a brief presentation on surtax services efforts to date, the results from the May and June Oversight Committee meetings, and next steps including going to the Broward County Commission meeting on June 17, 2020.

For further information on the items listed here, please see the agenda for June 11, 2020. For this agenda and a list of all past agendas (as well as minutes) for Broward MPO meetings, please see: <http://browardmpo.org/index.php/agendas-minutes>.

**NEXT MEETING: JULY 9, 2020**

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## **State Legislative Review 2020**

On June 9, 2020 Governor DeSantis sign SB 7018 which requires the state to create a master plan for the development of electric vehicle charging infrastructure across Florida. The legislation directs the Florida Department of Transportation to work with the Public Service Commission and Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Office to develop a master plan for deploying electric vehicle infrastructure along evacuation routes and facilitating everyday travel on Florida's roads.

## **Federal Legislative Update**

Neither the House or Senate have identified a way to pay for surface transportation authorization bill. The current authorization bill, the FAST Act, expires on September 30; therefore, Congress will likely pass an extension of the FAST Act to continue current funding levels for transportation programs.

On June 3, the Democratic leadership of the House Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I) Committee introduced the five-year \$494 surface transportation authorization bill, the Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation (INVEST) in America Act. House Republicans were not included in the bill writing process, and are unlikely to support the measure.

This bill addresses the Broward MPO Board of Directors' maintenance, access, and safety principles through substantial reforms to highway, transit and rail programs, as well as the planning process. On maintenance: there is language pushing transportation agencies to prioritize maintenance over expansion, and transit receives substantial new investments to support needed repairs and replacements. The bill addresses safety by requiring complete and context sensitive designs and holding states accountable for reducing roadway fatalities, especially for bicyclists and pedestrians. Finally, the bill establishes a new access performance measure, which will orient planning and investments around projects which will improve access to jobs and services for drivers and nondrivers alike.

- Total of \$495 billion over five years—FY 2021 to FY 2025
  - \$412 billion from the Highway Trust Fund
  - \$83 billion is authorized for appropriations from the Treasury's general fund for FY 2021, of which \$22 billion is available for additional eligible expenses related to COVID-19, (e.g. operating expenses). Also for FY 2021, funds are made available for 100% Federal share.

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- The State of Florida will receive an estimated \$13,665,407,737 in highway formula funds.
  - National Highway Surface Performance Program: \$7,096,589,128
  - Surface Transportation Program: \$3,640,883,256
  - Highway Safety Improvement Program: \$783,360,326
  - Railway Crossings Program: \$48,225,350
  - CMAQ Program: \$84,567,021
  - Metropolitan Planning: \$152,428,842
  - National Highway Freight Program: \$431,301,855
  - Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program: \$315,183,673
  - Carbon Pollution Reduction Program: \$420,599,832

### **Metropolitan Planning**

Sec. 1206. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP): \$6.85 billion - Allows a State to use HSIP funds to cover the non-Federal share of the cost of a TAP project Provides flexibility for a State to meet the non-Federal match on a multiple-project or programmatic level.

Sec. 1210. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ): \$14.478 billion - Adds eligibility for shared micromobility projects, including bikeshare and shared scooters. Adds eligibility for projects to mitigate seasonal or temporary traffic congestion from travel or tourism. Allows hydrogen fueling stations as an eligible activity. Modifies the eligibility of program funds to be used for operating assistance, including providing additional assistance for projects that continue to demonstrate net air quality benefits.

Sec. 1305. Metro performance program. NEW PROGRAM: \$750 million  
Authorizes the Secretary to designate a high-performance tier of MPOs based on technical capacity to manage Federal-aid highway funds. Provides between \$10 and \$50 million per year for the MPOs designated. Projects are subject to all Federal-aid highway requirements, including environmental laws, labor projections, and Buy America. Participating MPOs will report annually on the status of the program and the projects advanced with program funds to FHWA, and FHWA will report to Congress on the lessons learned from the program and provide recommendations on ways to improve suballocation of Federal-aid highway funds under STP.

### **COVID-19 Updates – as of June 11, 2020**

All COVID-19 updates can be found on the Broward MPO's website at:

<http://browardmpo.org/index.php/news-updates/434-broward-mpo-office-closure-due-to-coronavirus>