



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 21-009

Date: February 12, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

From: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

Re: January 28, 2021 Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization Board Meeting

This memo serves as an update on the January 28, 2021 Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board meeting. Below are key highlights, with the meeting summary and the January 2021 legislative updates attached.

Approved Items:

- Amendment to the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 - 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Second Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement Between Broward MPO and City of Fort Lauderdale for Downtown Fort Lauderdale Mobility Hub Project
- Agreement for Administrative Services Between Broward MPO and the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association (TMA), Inc.
- First Amendment to Agreement Between the Broward MPO and Holland & Knight, LLP for Federal Advocacy Services for an Additional Amount Not to Exceed \$100,000
- 2021 Broward MPO Federal and State Legislative Priorities
- Membership Appointments to the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB)
- 2021 MPO Board Meeting Dates
- Audit Report Prepared for the Broward MPO
- Amendment to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
- Targets for the Federally Mandated Performance Measure Areas
- CSLIP Cycle 2 Priority List of Projects, Directing MPO Staff to Work with FDOT Staff on the Vetting and Programming of Viable Projects
- FDOT District Four Draft Tentative Work Program for FY 2022 – 2026
- Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) Draft Tentative Five-year Work Program for FY 2022 – 2026
- Second Amendment to the Restatement of the Transportation System Surtax Interlocal Agreement (ILA)

Deferred Item:

- Resolution of the Broward MPO to Initiate Conflict Resolution Procedures Set Forth in Chapter 164, Florida Statutes

Non-action Items:

- Mobility Projects Update

The next MPO Board Meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2021.

For further information, please contact Ben Rogers, Director of Transportation and Mobility, at brogers@fortlauderdale.gov.

Attachments

January 28, 2021 MPO Board Meeting Summary

January Legislative Update

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Jeffrey A. Modarelli, City Clerk
John C. Herbst, City Auditor
Department Directors
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SUMMARY

January 28, 2021 MPO Board Meeting: Action Items

The following items were approved at the January 28, 2021 Broward MPO Board meeting:

Amendments to the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 - 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The TIP will be amended to include lighting improvements for the following projects: FM# 446996-1, FM# 446997-1, FM# 446998-1, FM# 446999-1, FM# 447000-1, and FM# 447543-1. In addition, safety upgrades will be installed at the South Florida Rail Corridor at Oakland Park Blvd crossing.

Second Amendment to Subrecipient Agreement Between Broward MPO and City of Fort Lauderdale for Downtown Fort Lauderdale Mobility Hub Project

The term of the Agreement will be extended for an additional 5 months to provide more time to complete the project and allow the MPO to receive administrative funding from the grant for staff services.

Agreement for Administrative Services Between the Broward MPO and the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association (TMA), Inc.

The MPO will provide employees of the Downtown Fort Lauderdale TMA with health and welfare insurance plans, at the same benefit, cost, and eligibility requirements, as those currently available to the MPO employees. For any services provided beyond this, the Board will have an opportunity to review and approve.

First Amendment to Agreement Between the Broward MPO and Holland & Knight, LLP for Federal Advocacy Services for an Additional Amount Not to Exceed \$100,000

The term of the Agreement will be extended for an additional year until January 30, 2022.

2021 Broward MPO Federal and State Legislative Priorities

The MPO's advocacy teams will proceed with the approved federal and state legislative priorities to guide the upcoming year of the legislative initiatives program. Some of the themes of the federal and state priorities for this year include ensuring funding for programs that are important to the Broward MPO as well as promoting policies in Washington and Tallahassee that will improve safety and economic development in Broward.

Membership Appointments to the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB)

The LCB will fill the vacancy for the citizen advocate position.

2021 MPO Board Meeting Dates

The proposed 2021 meeting dates were approved with the November meeting changed from November 11, 2021 to November 4, 2021 to avoid a conflict with Veterans Day.

Audit Report Prepared for the Broward MPO

The most recent audit report for the MPO revealed no weaknesses or deficiencies. MPO staff will submit the audit report along with explanations, rebuttals, and corrective actions to the Auditor General, the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

SUMMARY

January 28, 2021 MPO Board Meeting: Action & Non-Action

Amendment to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

MPO staff will amend the Scope and Description of the SR 869 (Sawgrass Expwy) Project (MP 18 - US 441/SR-7 to MP 22 - Powerline Rd (Reference ID #15)).

Targets for the Federally Mandated Performance Measure Areas

Targets for the federally mandated performance measure areas of PM1 Safety, Transit Asset Management, and Transit Safety were set in accordance with federal requirements that specify such measures are to be updated on an annual basis. The targets remain unchanged from the previous year.

CSLIP Cycle 5 Priority List of Projects, Directing MPO Staff to Work with FDOT Staff on the Vetting and Programing of Viable Projects

MPO staff will submit a list of prioritized CSLIP projects with respective electronic applications to FDOT for further vetting to determine the feasibility of programing eligible projects for available funding into the TIP.

FDOT District Four Draft Tentative Work Program for FY 2022 - 2026

The FDOT Work Program sets the funding for the planning, design, engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of transportation improvement projects over the next five years.

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) Draft Tentative Five-Year Work Program for FY 2022 - 2026

The FTE Work Program sets the funding for the planning, design, engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of Turnpike improvement projects over the next five years.

Second Amendment to and Restatement of the Transportation System Surtax Interlocal Agreement (ILA)

The ILA will be updated and supersedes all other surtax related documents to reflect the changes in the Second Amendment.

The following item was deferred at the January 28, 2021 Broward MPO Board meeting:

Resolution of the Broward MPO to Initiate the Conflict Resolution Procedures Set Forth in Chapter 164, Florida Statutes

The resolution was deferred to the next MPO Board meeting to allow the MPO and Broward County more time to work out a compromise regarding surtax efforts.

The January 28, 2021 Broward MPO Board meeting non-action items are summarized below:

Mobility Projects Update

MPO staff presented an update on the status of the mobility projects.

For further information on the items listed here, please see the agenda for January 28, 2021. 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>.

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Federal Legislative Update

- Congress passed a \$2.4 trillion legislative package (H.R. 133) on December 21, which included:
 - Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Appropriations
 - \$900 billion for Covid-19 Relief
 - Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) reauthorization
 - Tax Extenders
 - Energy Act of 2020
- The FY 2021 Omnibus Appropriations includes \$1.4 trillion to fund the federal government through September 2021.
- Increased funding for most agencies and programs, including DOT, HHS, EPA, and HUD.

FY 2021 Appropriations – Highways

- \$46.365 billion for Highways, same as FY 2020.
- Additional \$2 billion from the Treasury General Fund, allocated as follows:
 - \$640.7 million for Surface Transportation Block Grants (STBG).
 - \$1.08 billion for Bridge Replacement/Rehabilitation Grants.
 - \$50 million for Competitive Rail Grade Crossing Grants
- BUILD Grants: \$1 billion, same as FY 2020
 - \$30,000,000 for planning grants, “of which not less than \$10,000,000 is for areas of persistent poverty”.

Secretary of DOT Nominee - Pete Buttigieg *Secretary of Transportation*

- On January 21, the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation held a confirmation hearing for Pete Buttigieg as the nominee for Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation.
- The Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee confirmed him as a nominee on January 27. The Senate will vote on his confirmation soon.
- Deputy Assistant Secretary: Polly Trottenberg
- Chief of Staff to the Secretary: Laura Schiller, Chief of Staff

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State of Florida Legislative Update

- **SB 62: Regional Planning Councils** – (Bradley) – Revising a requirement for the Executive Office of the Governor to review and consider certain reports, data, and analyses relating to the revision of the state comprehensive plan; eliminating the advisory role of regional planning councils in state comprehensive plan preparation and revision; repealing provisions relating to the Florida Regional Planning Council Act; authorizing local governments to recommend areas of critical state concern to the state land planning agency, etc. This bill would prohibit RPCs from staffing MPOs.
- **HB 91: Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving** – (Slosberg; CoIntroducer: Grieco) – Revises short title & legislative intent; prohibits operation of motor vehicle while holding or touching wireless communications device; provides exceptions; revises information that may be admissible as evidence in proceeding to determine whether violation has been committed; revises procedures for collection & reporting by DHSMV of information recorded on citation; conforms provisions relating to use of wireless communications devices in school & work zones.
- **SB 138: Electric Vehicles** – (Brandes) – Related Bill SB 140 by Brandes. Revising the Department of Transportation's goals relating to mobility; requiring the department to establish the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program; providing for the distribution of grants to certain entities to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure; specifying that certain rules adopted by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may not require specific methods of sale for electric vehicle charging equipment used in, and services provided in, this state, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$5,000,000.
- **HB 229: Hazardous Walking Conditions for K-12 Students** – (Salzman) – Requires DOT to develop & adopt standards & criteria to identify hazardous walking conditions; Revises provisions relating to the transportation of students subjected to hazardous walking conditions & funding for such students.
- **SB 278: Traffic Offenses** – (Baxley) - Creating the “Vulnerable Road User Act”; providing criminal penalties for a person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes the death of, a vulnerable road user; requiring that the person who commits the moving violation pay a specified fine, serve a minimum period of house arrest, and attend a driver improvement course; requiring that the court revoke the person’s driver license for a minimum specified period, etc.