



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 21-065

Date: July 12, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

From: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

Re: July 8, 2021 - Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization Board Meeting

This memo serves as an update for the June 8, 2021, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board meeting. Below are key highlights, with the meeting summary and the June 2021 legislative updates attached.

Approved Items:

- The Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Mobility Hubs Program Policies
- Amendments to Broward MPO Procurement Rules

Non-action Item:

- MPO Projects Update
- Metro Transportation Engineering & Construction Cooperative (MTECC) Update

The next MPO Board Meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2021.

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

Attachments

July 8, 2021 - MPO Board Meeting Summary
July Legislative Update
M-TECC Information Sheet

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SUMMARY

July 8, 2021 MPO Board Meeting: Action & Non-Action Items

The following items were approved at the July 8, 2021 Broward MPO Board meeting:

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Approved the \$5.1 billion TIP which includes highway, transit, safety, maintenance, and complete streets projects to be implemented over the next five years.

Mobility Hubs Program Policies

Approved the MPO Policies for Mobility Hubs so staff can launch the first cycle of applications for funding.

Amendments to Broward MPO Procurement Rules

Approved amendments to the Procurement Rules update the document to ensure compliance with the latest Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requirements, consistency with the Rules of the Broward MPO (last updated in 2017) and current practices, and fix minor formatting issues.

The July 8, 2021 Broward MPO Board meeting non-action items are summarized below:

Mobility Projects Update

MPO staff presented an update on the status of the MPO's Mobility projects.

Metro Transportation Engineering & Construction Cooperative (MTECC) Update

MPO staff presented an update on MTECC.

For further information on the items listed here, please see the agenda for July 8, 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>.

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

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Federal Update

Surface Transportation Authorization

The current surface transportation authorization bill, the FAST Act, expires on September 30, 2021. Both House and Senate leadership want to pass a bill this year. However, even though the authorization committees have been busy holding hearings and drafting and marking up bills, an extension is likely until Congress identifies a pay-for.

House Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I) Committee oversees transportation authorization in House.

Three committees oversee authorization in the Senate:

- Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee – Highways
- Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation – Safety/Goods Movement/Rail
- Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs – Transit

On May 26, the Senate EPW Committee passed its five year Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act (STRA) of 2021 unanimously with bipartisan support. The bill authorizes \$304 billion for highway programs, a 22% increase over current funding.

Senate Commerce passed its bipartisan \$78 billion bipartisan rail and safety surface transportation bill on June 16th. The bill would create a competitive grant program for railroad grade crossings and a \$1 billion Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program for MPOs and local governments to develop and implement carry out comprehensive Vision Zero safety plans.

Senate Banking is still drafting the transit title. The full Senate has not yet considered the bill on the floor.

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On July 1, the House passed the INVEST Act, five-year, \$547 billion for highways, transit, rail, and safety programs, a 38% increase over current funding. The bill passed on a party line vote. The bill includes Broward's MPO's priority—a new program that directs STBG funding directly to MPOs. The bill also includes the MPO's member designated projects (earmarks):






- \$5 million for Loxahatchee Rd. from Arthur Marshall Loxahatchee Refuge to SR–7/US– 441; City of Parkland
- \$2.7 million for Lyons Road Pedestrian Mobility Lighting and Safety Project; City of Coconut Creek
- \$5 million for University Drive from NW 40th St. to Sawgrass Expressway; City of Coral Springs
- \$1,075,350 for SR-A1A from Hallandale Beach Boulevard to Dania Beach Boulevard Drainage Improvement Project; City of Hallandale Beach, City of Hollywood, and City of Dania Beach
- \$1,899,308 for SR-5/US-1/Federal Hwy from Johnson St. to SR822/Sheridan St.; City of Hollywood
- \$5 million for SR–820/Pines Blvd from W of SW 136th Ave to E of NW 118th Ave
- \$9 million for Rolling Stock

There are similarities between the Senate STRA bill and the House INVEST Act. Both bills have: resiliency formula and grant programs; funding for electric vehicles (EV); increased funding and programmatic language for Vision Zero; and increased total funding and suballocations for STBG and TAP.

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