



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 23-145

Date: November 28, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Commissioners

From: Greg Chavarria, City Manager 
Greg Chavarria (Nov 28, 2023 13:49 EST)

Re: Broward Commuter Rail South Public Information Meetings - December 4th & December 6th

On Monday, December 4th and Wednesday December 6th, Broward County and the Florida Department of Transportation will be holding public information meetings for the Broward Commuter Rail (BCR) South Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study.

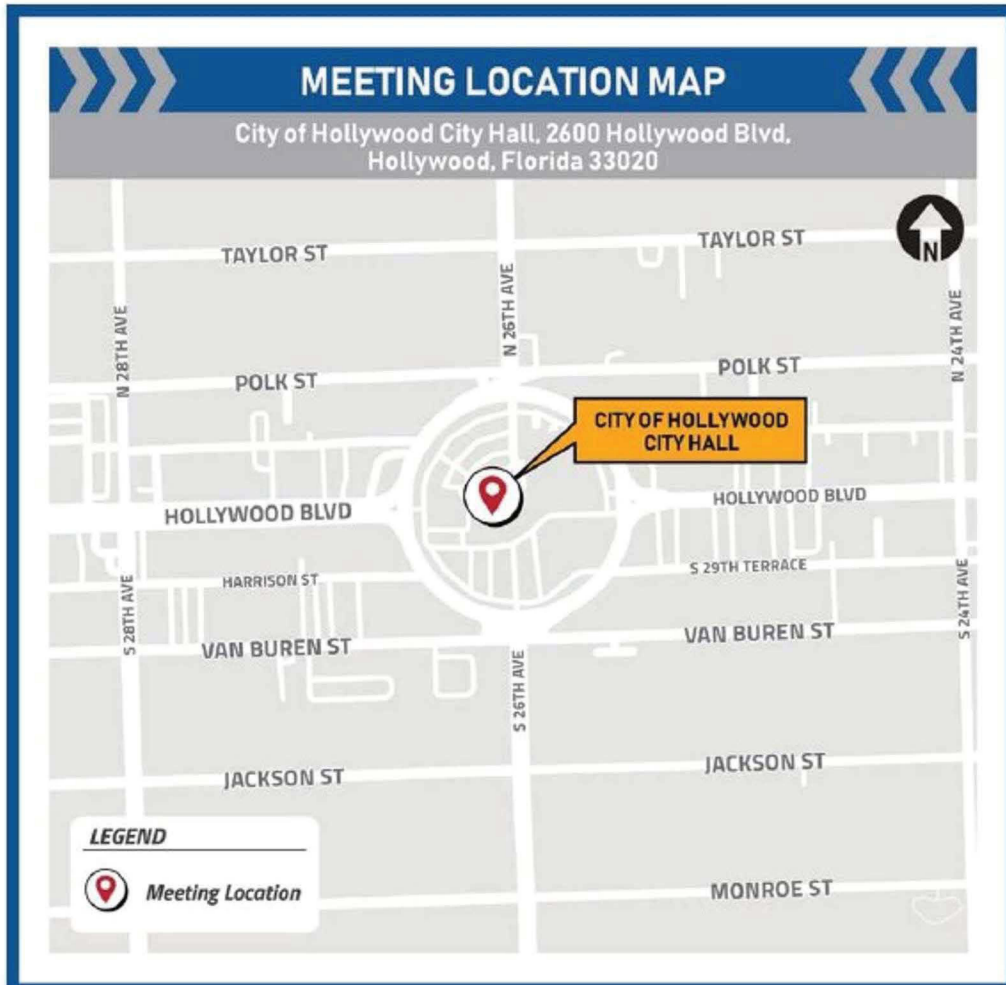
A PD&E study is the process to evaluate the social, economic, and environmental impacts associated with a planned transportation improvement project. The purpose of this project is to extend commuter rail service on the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway corridor from the passenger station in the City of Aventura northward to the City of Fort Lauderdale, a distance of 11.5 miles. The stations are recommended in the City of Hollywood, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, and the City of Fort Lauderdale (near SE 17th Street).

The First Alternatives Public Workshop is scheduled for Monday, December 4, 2023 (in-person) and Wednesday, December 6, 2023 (virtual):

- **In-Person:** The Public Information Meeting will be held at the City of Hollywood City Hall located 2600 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood Florida 33020 on Monday, December 4, 2023. The public information meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. Free on-site parking will be available at City Hall Circle and in the overflow parking at the Broward Library.
- **Virtual:** Those who wish to attend a virtual meeting can attend at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2023. To register for the public information meeting, please use the following link <https://bit.ly/BCRSouthPIM> You will receive an email with a link to log in the day of the virtual meeting. If using a mobile device, the free "GoToWebinar" application is required to attend. Please allow adequate log-in time to view the presentation in its entirety.

The same information will be presented at both the virtual and in-person public information meeting, so attending both is not necessary.

All exhibits and information presented at the public information meeting can be viewed electronically on the project website at www.browardcommuterrailstudy.com



If you have any questions, please contact the FDOT Project Manager, Phil Schwab, P.E. at 954-777-4524 or Broward County Transit Project Manager, Jie Bian at 954-357-8532.

Attachment:

Virtual and In-person First Alternatives Public Workshop Flyer and Project Newsletter

- c: Anthony G. Fajardo, Assistant City Manager
- Susan Grant, Assistant City Manager
- Thomas Ansbro, City Attorney
- David R. Soloman, City Clerk
- Patrick Reilly, City Auditor
- Department Directors
- CMO Managers



November 15, 2023

Dear Appointed Official:

RE: Public Information Meeting

Broward Commuter Rail (BCR) South
Along the Florida East Coast Railway from the Aventura Station in Miami-Dade County
to southern Fort Lauderdale in Broward County
Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study
Broward and Miami-Dade Counties, Florida
Financial Project Identification Number: 452240-1

On behalf of Broward County and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), you and your staff are invited to a Public Information Meeting for the BCR South Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study. A PD&E Study is FDOT's process to evaluate the social, economic, and environmental impacts associated with a planned transportation improvement project. The purpose of the BCR South project is to extend commuter rail service on the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway corridor from the passenger station in the City of Aventura northward to the City of Fort Lauderdale, a distance of 11.5 miles. The stations are recommended in the City of Hollywood, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, and South Fort Lauderdale. Please note this project is independent and south of the New River in Fort Lauderdale. This Public Information Meeting offers everyone in the community, and any interested person, the opportunity to have meaningful participation in the PD&E Study, to review project information, to ask questions, and to provide comments concerning the proposed commuter passenger rail service.

The Public Information Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, December 4, 2023 (In-Person)**, and **Wednesday, December 6, 2023 (Virtual)**:

- **In-Person (Only):** The Public Information Meeting will be held at the **City of Hollywood City Hall** located at **2600 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020** on **Monday, December 4, 2023**. The Public Information Meeting will begin at **6:00 p.m.** Free on-site parking will be available at City Hall Circle and in the overflow parking at Broward library.
- **Virtual (Only):** Persons who prefer to attend a virtual meeting can attend at **6:00 p.m.** on **Wednesday, December 6, 2023**. To register for the Public Information Meeting, please use the following link <https://bit.ly/BCRSouthPIM>. You will receive an email with a link to log in the day of the virtual meeting. If using a mobile device, the free "GoToWebinar" application is required to attend. Please allow adequate log-in time to view the presentation in its entirety.

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All exhibits and information presented at the Public Information Meeting can be viewed electronically on the project website at www.browardcommuterrailstudy.com. Questions and comments may be submitted during the virtual Public Information Meeting orally or in writing using the virtual chat feature on the GoToWebinar Control Panel.

Notices are being sent to all property owners and tenants located within at least 300 feet on either side of the proposed alignment and to other public officials, regulatory agencies, organizations, and individuals interested in the project. Attached is a copy of the Public Notice for the Public Information Meeting.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should make this request to the FDOT Project Manager at least seven days prior to the meeting.

If you require further information, please contact the FDOT Project Manager, Phil Schwab, P.E., at 954-777-4524; toll free at 866-336-8435 extension 4524, or the Broward County Transit (BCT) Project Manager, Jie Bian, at 954-357-8532, or via email at BCRSouth@broward.org.

Sincerely,

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Jie Bian
Transit Director
Capital Planning and Project Development
Broward County Transit

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Phil Schwab, P.E.
Project Manager
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Attachment: Public Notice



BROWARD COMMUTER RAIL (BCR) SOUTH
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY

**BROWARD COUNTY AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION**
INVITE YOU TO A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY

Broward Commuter Rail (BCR) South

Broward and Miami-Dade Counties, Florida

Financial Project ID: 452240-1

Broward County and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will host a Public Information Meeting regarding the above referenced project. This Public Information Meeting will be offered in two different formats: in-person and virtual. The public meeting will begin with a presentation followed by a question-and-answer period. Attendees can ask questions and/or make comments online or in-person for project representatives to answer. Questions and comments can be submitted prior to the meeting through the project website or by emailing the project manager. Project information can be viewed on the project website: www.browardcommuterrailstudy.com.

PD&E STUDY PURPOSE

A PD&E Study is FDOT's process to evaluate the social, economic, and environmental impacts associated with a planned transportation improvement project.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: www.browardcommuterrailstudy.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/MyFDOTSEFL/

Instagram/Twitter: @MyFDOT_SEFL

JOIN US AT THE PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

In-Person Meeting: Monday, December 4, 2023, at 6 p.m.

Location: City of Hollywood City Hall

2600 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida, 33020



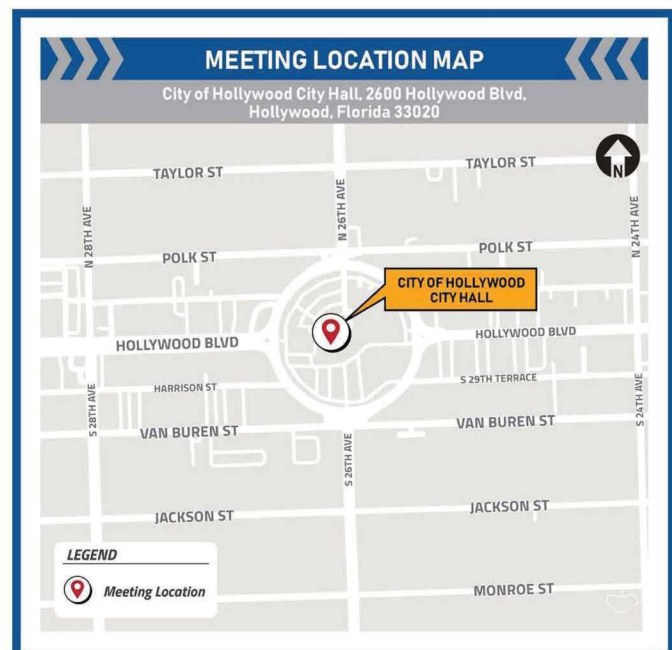
Virtual: Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 6 p.m.

Please register using the following link or QR code:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1090421299818194016>

Attendees can ask questions and make comments via the chat function and project representatives will provide answers during the meeting.

To join **by phone** during the virtual meeting, please dial:
+1 (562) 247-8422, Access Code, 500-190-586.



Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services (free of charge), should contact Phil Schwab, P.E., FDOT Project Manager, at (954) 777-4524, toll free (868) 336-8435, ext. 4524, or BCRSouth@broward.org at least seven (7) days prior to the public meeting.

Creole and Spanish translations are available upon request for all public documents.

Broward Commuter Rail South Newsletter Update



Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study
Financial Management #: 452240-1

STAY INFORMED and GET INVOLVED:
www.browardcommuterrailstudy.com



The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Broward County Transit have been evaluating alternatives for implementing commuter rail along the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway from Aventura in Miami-Dade County into Broward County since January 2021. This evaluation is a direct result of a previous study known as the 'Coastal Link' that evaluated 85 miles of commuter rail in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties. On August 25, 2022, the Broward County Commission adopted a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for Broward Commuter Rail South (BCR South) to extend commuter rail service on the FEC Railway corridor from the passenger station in the City of Aventura north to the City of Fort Lauderdale, a distance of 11.5 miles. Stations are recommended in the City of Hollywood, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, and South Fort Lauderdale. The South Fort Lauderdale station provides access to downtown Fort Lauderdale, Broward Health Medical Center, the Broward County Convention Center, Port Everglades, and the Beaches. Please note this project is independent and south of the New River in Fort Lauderdale. The Broward County Commission directed staff to pursue grant funding from federal and state government sources to support the project, and to coordinate with the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and other organizations as appropriate in seeking such grant funding.

On December 2, 2022, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced that the BCR South project was accepted into the Project Development (PD) phase. Entry into Project Development makes the project eligible for federal funding through the Capital Investment Grant (CIG) program of FTA and allows funds expended by Broward County Transit to count towards the local match requirements of a future federal grant. On February 9, 2023, the Broward MPO voted to amend the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to include BCR South as a Priority I project within the fiscally constrained portion of the plan, with PD funding programmed and approved in 2022 by both Broward County and FDOT.

Miami-Dade County is also studying the implementation of commuter rail service in the FEC corridor from Downtown Miami to the Brightline Station in Aventura, known as the Northeast Corridor. The Northeast Corridor is in the Project Development phase with the Federal Transit Administration making it eligible to compete for federal funding.

STATIONS

Commuter rail stations are similar to SunRail stations in Central Florida and typically include:

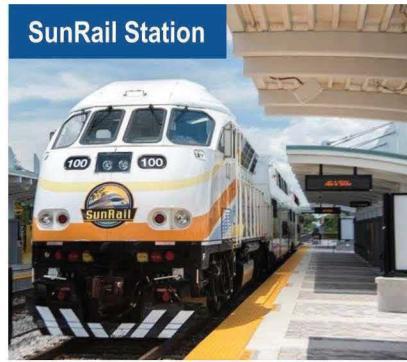
- Platform (~500 feet long)
- Canopy
- Bus Bays
- Ticket Vending Machines (TVM)
- Schedule Information and Boards
- Wayfinding Signs & Audio
- Benches, Bike Racks, and Garbage Cans
- Security Cameras
- Protection Railings
- Stairs and ADA Ramps
- Parking

Pedestrian access bridges will be evaluated.

BCR South stations are proposed at:

- Hollywood (Dual Side Platforms)
- Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (Center Platform)
- South Fort Lauderdale (Side Platform)

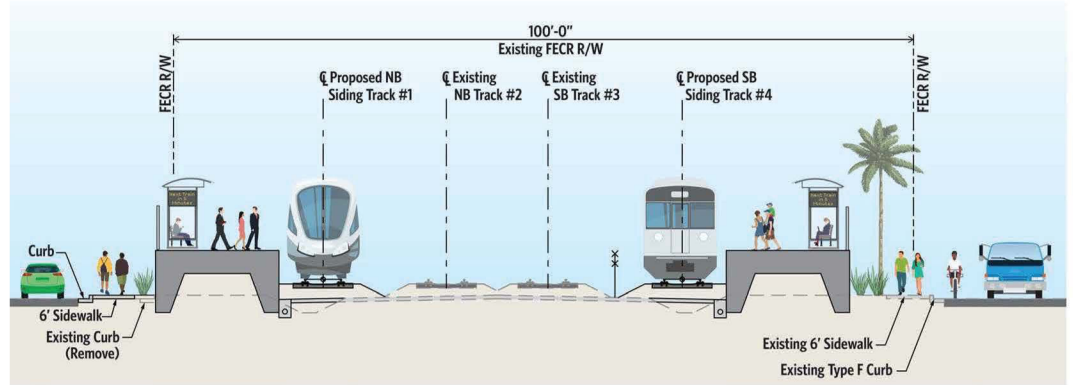
The South Fort Lauderdale station provides access to downtown Fort Lauderdale, Broward Health Medical Center, the Broward County Convention Center, Port Everglades, and the Beaches.



Existing Commuter Rail Station



Existing Intercity Passenger Rail Station



Example of Dual Side Platform Station Typical Section

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT / SCHEDULE

The study has had extensive public participation since inception and that engagement will continue throughout the PD phase. A Public Information Meeting is anticipated to be held in late 2023 to present station locations and the associated benefits and impacts to the public. In addition to the Public Information Meeting, meetings will be held with the cities of Hollywood and Fort Lauderdale and other stakeholders including civic and business associations.

The schedule graphic to the right shows the major milestone activities for the remainder of the project. If you are interested in having the project team present to your business or homeowner group, please contact the Project Manager at the information shown below.



Public Involvement

Public involvement and engagement will continue throughout the life of the study to ensure the corridor residents, businesses, the traveling public, and other interested parties have meaningful participation in the process.

**It is anticipated that federal funding and construction could begin as early as 2025 with a successful grant submission.*

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