



## Memorandum

**Memorandum No: 22-019**

**Date:** February 15, 2022

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

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

**Re:** February 10, 2022, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization Board Meeting

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This memo serves as an update on the February 10, 2022, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board meeting. Below are key highlights, with the meeting summary and the February 2022 legislative updates attached.

### Approved Items:

- Membership Appointments to the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board
- CSLIP Cycle 6 Priority List of Projects, Directing MPO Staff to Work with FDOT Staff on the Vetting and Programming of Viable Projects

### Non-action Items:

- Report from Partner Agencies – Florida Department of Transportation - Florida's Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure Master Plan
- Report from Partner Agencies – Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) – South of I-595 to Wiles Road PD&E
- Complete Streets Initiative Walking Audits

The next MPO Board Meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2022.

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

### Attachments

February 10, 2022 MPO Board Meeting Summary  
February Legislative Update

c: Tarlesha W. Smith, Esq., Assistant City Manager  
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# SUMMARY

## February 10, 2022 MPO Board Meeting: Action & Non-Action Items

The following items were approved at the February 10, 2022 Broward MPO Board meeting:

### **Membership Appointments to the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board**

The primary and alternate members representing Veterans were appointed to the LCB.

### **CSLIP Cycle 6 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.

The February 10, 2022 Broward MPO Board meeting non-action items are summarized below:

### **Report from Partner Agencies - Florida Department of Transportation - Florida's Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure Master Plan**

FDOT staff presented on the EV Infrastructure Master Plan. The presentation included accessible EV stations along the State Highway System, proposed locations, resiliency, and emergency evacuation protocols.

### **Report from Partner Agencies - Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) - South of I-595 to Wiles Road PD&E**

FTE staff presented an update on the South of I-595 to Wiles Road PD&E study. The presentation included proposed improvements such as types of mainline widening alternatives, interchange alternatives, environmental effects, and community awareness.

### **Complete Streets Initiative Walking Audits**

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

For further information on the items listed here, please see the agenda for February 10, 2022. 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: FEBRUARY 10, 2022**

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## Legislative Update February 10, 2022

### Federal Update

#### The Week Ahead: February 7 through 11

- **Senate Floor:** The Senate will tackle another long list of Biden nominees for the judiciary and federal agencies. Action on those nominees by late Tuesday will clear the way for leaders to bring legislation to the floor later in the week imposing sanctions against Russia for aggression toward Ukraine.
- **Spending Talks:** House and Senate appropriators will continue to discuss a possible government funding deal ahead of the Feb. 18 deadline, but a stopgap measure may be necessary even if they agree to a framework soon.
  - The House could vote this week on a short-term government funding bill to stave off the possibility of a U.S. government shutdown

#### Congressional Agenda

- There will now be a Supreme Court nominee to shepherd through hearings and a floor vote. Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) has promised action “with all deliberate speed” on a nominee to replace Justice Stephen Breyer, who plans to retire.
  - Democrats are eyeing a timeline similar to what Republicans used to confirm Justice Amy Coney Barrett, which was about a month between her nomination and confirmation. However, the recent health challenges faced by Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM) may push this timeline back. All Democratic members plus the Vice-President will be needed to confirm the nominee.
  - President Biden has committed to naming his choice to replace Justice Breyer by the end of February. Further, the president has committed to name a Black woman as his nominee.
- President Biden will deliver his State of the Union address on March 1, 2022, during which the president is expected to preview his FY 2023 budget request.
- Senate Democrats hope to revive their party's signature domestic spending bill while finding policy priorities that lawmakers can agree on broadly.

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## **State Update**

### **Transportation & Infrastructure**

Work Program: The House and Senate fully fund the FDOT Work Program at \$10.8 Billion. Cybersecurity: The House funds \$30 million in cybersecurity assistance grants to local governments administered by DMS and \$30 million in local government training through the University of South Florida. The Senate does not include these programs. Job Growth Grant Fund: The House included \$25 million, while the Senate did not include any funding for the Job Growth Grant Fund, the Governor's discretionary fund to support economic development. This typically gets resolved and possibly increased further into the budget process.

### **Affordable Housing**

The Senate budget includes \$337.7 million, including \$209.5 million for SHIP and \$128.3 million for SAIL. This is not far from the Governor's recommendation of \$355 million in full funding. The House, however, includes \$268.1 million for affordable housing projects and appears to leave out SAIL entirely.

### **Business Claims against Local Governments**

House Local Administration & Veterans Affairs voted 11-6 to pass HB 569 after aligning with the amendments made to the Senate version, which among other things, provided for prevailing party attorneys fees, additional opportunities for local governments to cure ordinances, and expanded ordinances exempted.

### **Legislature Approves State House and State Senate Map Proposals**

The House voted 77-39 to approve the State House map proposal and the State Senate Proposal, with the Senate approving both maps 37-0. Following the Governor's inquiry regarding the congressional seat which extends from Jacksonville to Tallahassee, the House did not act on the congressional plan

### **Building Permits**

Senate Regulated Industries voted unanimously to advance SB 644. The bill contains similar provisions as HB 635 related to single-family buildings in a flood zone and similar provisions to HB 423 related to private providers. The bill would prevent local governments from restricting private property owners from demolishing single family homes in a flood zone; streamline the review process for demolition permits; and prevent additional building requirements on new homes constructed on the site of the demolished ones. Historic buildings are exempted.