



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 22-033

Date: March 15, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

From: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

Re: March 10, 2022 Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization Board Meeting

This memo serves as an update on the March 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:

- Amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 – 02026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Amendments to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
- Agreement Between the Broward MPO and Whitehouse Group, Inc. for Advancing Strategic initiatives FRP No. 22-02 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,000,000
- Task Work Order No. 1 Between the Broward MPO and White house Group, Inc. for the Strategic Business Plan Update in an Amount Not to Exceed \$90,768.24
- Audit Report Prepared for the Broward MPO

Non-action Items:

- Draft 2050 Metropolitan transportation Plan (MTP) Scope of Services
- Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/23 – FY 2023/24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update
- Metro Transportation Engineering and Construction Cooperative (MTECC) Update

The next MPO Board Meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2022.

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

Attachments

March 10, 2022 MPO Board Meeting Summary
March Legislative Update

c: Tarlesha W. Smith, Esq., Assistant City Manager
Greg Chavarria, Assistant City Manager
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David Solomon, City Clerk
Megan Gaillard, Interim City Auditor
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SUMMARY

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

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

Amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 - 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The TIP will be amended to include the following projects: FM# 4495231, FM# 4492821, FM# 450411, FM# 4504741, and FM# 4358085. No other projects in the TIP will be affected by these Amendments.

Amendments to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

MPO staff will amend the description and cost of the I-95 @ Hillsboro Blvd Project (Roadway Reference ID #2), the description and cost of the SW 10th Street from W of Powerline Rd. to Hillsboro Blvd. Project (Roadway Reference ID #7), remove the Pembroke Road Widening from SW 160th Ave. to SW 184th Ave Project (Roadway Reference ID #43), advance the Tri-Rail Rolling Stock Project (Transit Reference ID #5), and include the 50 projects from the Port Everglades most recently adopted 2018 Master/Vision Plan Update.

Agreement Between the Broward MPO and Whitehouse Group, Inc. for Advancing Strategic Initiatives RFP No. 22-02 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,000,000

The Agreement will update the Strategic Business Plan, support the MPO Board and MPO management team, and strengthen the MPO's position in the region and beyond. The Agreement features task work orders, each of which includes its own scope of work, schedule, and compensation amount.

Task Work Order No. 1 Between the Broward MPO and Whitehouse Group, Inc. for the Strategic Business Plan Update in an Amount Not to Exceed \$90,768.24

The first task work order to be issued through the Advancing Strategic Initiatives Agreement mentioned above, this will provide consultant support to staff as they perform an update on the agency's Strategic Business Plan.

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.

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

Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Scope of Services

MPO staff presented on the Draft 2050 MTP Scope of Services. The presentation included the steps necessary to update the MTP including needs assessments, focusing on emphasis areas, and public involvement.

Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/23 - FY 2023/24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update

MPO staff presented on the Draft UPWP. The presentation included an overview of the key elements, planning tasks, and planning emphasis areas that will be a part of FY 2022 – 2024 budget.

Metro Transportation Engineering and Construction Cooperative (MTECC) Update

MPO staff provided an update on MTECC. The presentation included benefits to joining, membership contributions, and implementation schedule.

For further information on the items listed here, please see the agenda for March 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: APRIL 14, 2022



Legislative Update March 10, 2022

Federal Update

On March 9, 2022, the House passed a \$1.5 trillion FY 2022 Omnibus appropriations bill that included a relief aid package for Ukraine.

The U.S. Department of Transportation would see its budget bumped up to \$103 billion. This is an increase of \$16.2 billion above the funding levels enacted in fiscal year 2021.

The bill fully funds the IIJA (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) that became law in November. The act had authorized significant boosts in infrastructure spending, but billions in new funds had to wait for Congress' approval of this appropriations legislation.

For the DOT, the bill includes approximately:

- \$57.5 billion for the Federal Highway Administration for state-administered grants funded by the Highway Trust Fund, which is the federal pot that pays for highway improvement projects nationwide.
- \$775 million in additional funds for RAISE.
- \$25 million is included for a new technical assistance and capacity building program to spur Thriving Communities nationwide
- \$625 million for the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements grant program.
- \$1.9 billion intended to rebuild the nation's transportation systems to be more resilient and withstand the effects of climate change under a newly authorized Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient and Cost-saving Transportation, or PROTECT, program.
- \$1.23 billion will be made available for a new carbon reduction program to curb greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector.

The House also voted on another short term CR through March 15 to allow the Senate time to vote on it without fear of any lapse in government funding.

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State Update

The state legislature has approved a budget. Once the budget is printed and made available to the legislature a seventy-two hour cooling off period begins.

The final vote on the budget is expected to be Monday March 14, 2022.

- Highlights of the budget include:
- \$200 million for a state gas tax holiday in October
- At least \$200 million for resiliency grants
- \$60 million for local government cybersecurity grants

One bill that did pass: HB 7053 - Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience, which continues to build on the package that the Legislature passed last year and has a specific directive for FDOT to develop resiliency plans.