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**Federal Transit  
Administration**

National Transit Database

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5/17/2021

Mr. Gregory Stuart  
Executive Director  
Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization  
100 W Cypress Creek Rd Ste 650  
Suite 650  
Fort Lauderdale, FL, 33309-2181

Re: NTD ID 42001  
Primary UZA 4 - Miami, FL  
Closeout Letter  
2020 Report Year

Dear Mr. Stuart:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is closing the 2020 National Transit Database (NTD) Report Year. The FTA accepts your 2020 report and data revisions for the database.

You certified that Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization did not operate service but received FTA §5307 Urbanized Area Formula (UAF) funds during the 2020 Report Year (RY). FTA approves your Capital Grants reporting status for RY 2020.

If your Capital Grants reporting status changes (e.g., you begin to operate service), please notify your Validation Analyst and update your reporting type during the RY 2022 Report Year Kickoff.

If you have any questions, please contact **Darlynn Smit**, your Validation Analyst, at (434) 288-1944. We appreciate your efforts in reporting to the National Transit Database and value your contributions to a useful and accurate database for all users. We look forward to working with you in the next report year.

Sincerely,

Thomas Coleman  
NTD Program Manager

cc: Regional Administrator, IV  
Ms. Charlene Burke, Principal Planner  
Ms. Veleta Williams, Finance



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July 9, 2021

**Yvette G. Taylor, Ph.D.**  
Regional Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration-TRO-04  
230 Peachtree Street, NW, Suite 800  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3104

Re: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) for the Miami Florida Urbanized Area (UZA)

Dear Dr. Taylor,

On March 11, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 into law. The Federal Transit Administration is allocating \$26.6 billion to recipients of urbanized and rural area formula funds. The FTA posted Apportionment Table for the ARP Act on its website on March 29, 2021. The Miami UZA was apportioned Section 5307 funds in the amount of \$509,043,879.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the agreed upon allocation of the FY 2021 ARP Section 5307 Urbanized Area formula funds for the Miami UZA. The apportionment split was based on the methodology used for the CARES and CRRSA Act allocations.

The following table delineates the total allocation for each transit agency:

**ARP ALLOCATION SPLIT**

	<b><u>ARP</u></b>
BCT	87,148,312
Palm Tran (Board of County Commissioners)	56,503,871
MDT	241,286,799
MDT (SFVP)	8,144,702
SFRTA	115,552,961
City of Fort Lauderdale Full Reporter	407,235
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>509,043,879</u></b>



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your support.

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Christopher Walton, Director  
Broward County Transit

Date

7/21/2021

Jimmy Morales, Interim Director/ Chief Operations Officer  
Miami Dade Transit

Date

7/27/2021

Clinton B. Forbes, Executive Director  
Palm Tran

Date

7/9/21

Steve L. Abrams, Exec Director  
South Florida Regional Transportation Authority

Date

- cc: Diane Hernandez Del Calvo, SFRTA
- Elizabeth Walter-Ebersole, SFRTA
- Birgit Olkuch, P.E., FDOT
- Dat Huynh, P.E., FDOT
- Greg Stuart, Broward County MPO
- Aileen Bouclé, Miami-Dade TPO
- Nick Uhren, Palm Beach County TPA



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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

KEVIN J. THIBAUT, P.E.  
SECRETARY

August 11, 2021

**Dear Appointed Official:**

**RE: Kick-off Meeting**  
Broward Commuter Rail  
Project Development & Environment Study  
Broward County and Miami-Dade County, Florida  
Financial Project ID Number: 448942-1  
Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) No.:14474

On behalf of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Four, you and your staff are invited to an Elected Officials/Agency Kick-off Meeting to learn about the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for the above referenced project. A PD&E study is FDOT's process to evaluate the social, economic, and environmental impacts associated with a planned transportation improvement project. The objective of the Broward Commuter Rail (BCR) PD&E Study is to develop and analyze alternatives that integrate passenger and freight service along the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway. The purpose of the study is to address congestion issues by improving mobility while supporting economic and land development policies in eastern Broward County.

The **Virtual Elected Officials/Agency Kick-off Meeting** will be held on **Monday, August 30, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.** The meeting will begin with an open house, followed by a presentation, and a question/answer session.

To register for the **Virtual Elected Officials/Agency Kick-off Meeting** and receive the link to join, go to <https://bit.ly/3rAHcJ>. To attend by phone call toll free 877-309-2074, access code 910-748-455.

Additionally, two Virtual Public Kick-off Meetings and one In-Person Public Kick-off Meeting, all starting with an open house, followed by a presentation, will be held on the following dates:

- **Monday, August 30, 2021, from 5:30 p.m.** To register and receive the link to join this Virtual Kick-off Meeting, go to [www.browardcommuterrailstudy.com](http://www.browardcommuterrailstudy.com). To attend by phone call toll free 877-309-2074, access code 291-602-555.
- **Wednesday, September 1, 2021, beginning at 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** To register and receive the link to join this Virtual Kick-off Meeting, go to [www.browardcommuterrail.com](http://www.browardcommuterrail.com). To attend by phone call toll free 866-901-6455, access code 420-390-165.
- **Tuesday, August 31, 2021, beginning at 5:30 p.m.** The In-Person Kick-off Meeting will be held at the **Broward Center of the Performing Arts, 201 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312**. The meeting will start as an open house with project information on display boards, followed by a presentation.
  - Registration is recommended as space is limited. To register, go to the study's website: [www.browardcommuterrailstudy.com](http://www.browardcommuterrailstudy.com).
  - Parking is available at no charge in the public garage located at the corner of SW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, across from the Performing Arts Center.
  - The latest social distancing requirements will be followed.

Appointed Official  
August 11, 2021  
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Notices are being sent to all property owners and tenants located within at least 300 feet of the study area, and to other public officials, regulatory agencies, organizations, and individuals interested in the project. Attached is a copy of the Public Notice for the Project Kick-off Meeting.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (954) 777-4524 or toll free at (866) 336-8435, ext. 4524, or via email at [phil.schwab@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:phil.schwab@dot.state.fl.us) or visit the website at [www.browardcommuterrailstudy.com](http://www.browardcommuterrailstudy.com).

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

*Phil Schwab*

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Phil Schwab, P.E.  
Project Manager

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Attachment: Public Notice



# Florida Department of Transportation, District Four BROWARD COMMUTER RAIL NEWSLETTER # 1

Summer 2021  
Broward Commuter Rail  
Project Development and Environment Study  
Financial Management #:448942-1  
Efficient Transportation Decision Making #14474



**STAY INFORMED and GET INVOLVED**

Thank you for your interest in the **Broward Commuter Rail Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study**. This newsletter will provide you with information about the study and the PD&E process. Please visit the study's website [www.browardcommuterrailstudy.com](http://www.browardcommuterrailstudy.com) throughout the study to receive updates and provide input.

## ABOUT THE STUDY

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Four and Broward County are performing a PD&E Study for the Broward Commuter Rail (BCR) along the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway from Aventura in Miami-Dade County to Deerfield Beach in Broward County.

FDOT and Broward County have executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to continue efforts to improve mobility in the region. The scope of the BCR Project PD&E is to develop and analyze alternatives for commuter rail service along the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway corridor from Aventura to Deerfield Beach. The corridor is owned by Grupo Mexico, who operates the rail freight service in the corridor. Brightline operates inter-city rail in this corridor, and has a passenger service easement within the FEC corridor right of way. The study is being conducted in coordination with many parties that have an interest in the FEC corridor. Miami-Dade County is also studying the implementation of commuter rail service in the FEC corridor for the segment from Downtown Miami to a proposed station in Aventura, known as the Northeast Corridor.

The BCR is a 27-mile segment of this commuter rail service that will include the necessary rail, signaling, safety and communications improvements, and passenger stations and amenities connecting to existing and planned local and regional transit service. Six potential stations will be studied and evaluated within the study limits.

The BCR PD&E Study will include a new rail crossing at the New River for passenger service through Downtown Fort Lauderdale. The existing railroad bridge will remain in place for exclusive use by freight rail.



### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Department will provide a safe transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity, and preserves the quality of our environment and communities.

## WHAT IS A PD&E STUDY?

A PD&E Study is FDOT's procedure for complying with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and associated federal and state laws and regulations. During this phase, FDOT performs preliminary engineering, evaluates the projects impacts to the social, cultural, natural, and physical environments, completes interagency coordination, and engages the public. Public involvement is a key aspect throughout the life of a project. The objectives of a PD&E Study is to support decisions concerning if, where, and what should be built to address the identified transportation needs.



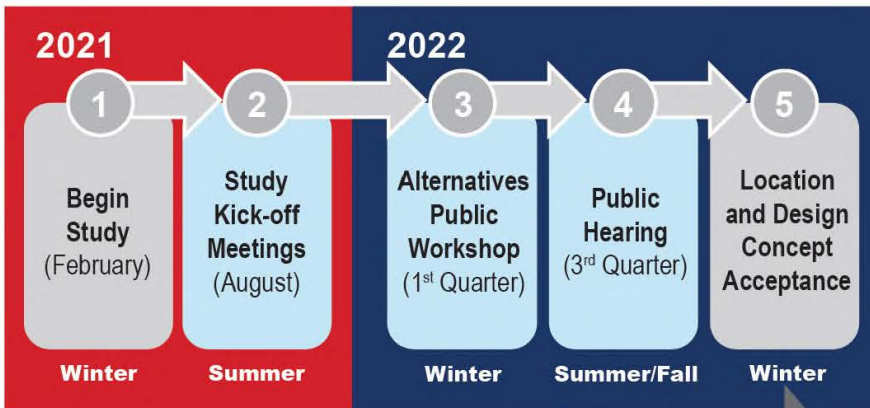
### Why it's done:

- Evaluate project feasibility, alternatives and potential environmental impacts (natural, physical, social, and cultural)
- Comply with federal and state environmental laws
- Required to secure federal regulatory approval and funding

### What it involves:

- Conducting preliminary engineering
- Evaluating options to enhance, avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential environmental impacts
- Coordinating with stakeholders, federal, state, and local agencies
- Engaging the public in evaluation of the alternatives project development
- Select a preferred alternative for the design phase once funding is identified

## PD&E STUDY SCHEDULE



### Community Outreach

A continuous community outreach process is integrated into every step of the project to ensure that the corridor residents, businesses, the traveling public, and other interested parties have meaningful participation in the process.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

FDOT is required to comply with various non-discrimination laws and regulations, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.

FDOT encourages the public to get involved throughout the study by providing comments, concerns, questions, and suggestions to the study team.

If you would like to obtain additional project information, be added to the mailing list, request information, arrange a meeting, or submit a written comment, please contact:

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 Florida Department of Transportation  
 District Four  
 3400 West Commercial Boulevard  
 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309  
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August 23, 2021

Ms. Bertha Henry, County Administrator  
Broward County  
115 South Andrews Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Mr. Greg Stuart, Executive Director  
Broward MPO  
100 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 650  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

Mr. Gerry O'Reilly, District Four Secretary  
Florida Department of Transportation  
3400 West Commercial Boulevard  
Oakland Park, FL 33309

Dear Ms. Henry, Mr. O'Reilly, and Mr. Stuart:

After many years of studies and discussion, the cities of Oakland Park and Wilton Manors are excited about the Commuter Rail Project moving forward. As sister cities, we have had the opportunity to confer, and together we want to convey the importance of the collaboration between our cities, Broward County, the Florida Department of Transportation, the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the cities along the North Dixie Highway corridor to address the connectivity, pedestrian, and multi-modal safety challenges of N. Dixie Highway and Oakland Park Boulevard.

This intersection will be a critical component for the Commuter Rail Project, given its proximity to the potential station location. The safety, functionality, and pedestrian infrastructure of the intersection, and its ability to connect the two cities' downtowns will be crucial to the success of the future train stop. We have a unique opportunity to relieve congestion and provide multi-modal connectivity options for patrons of the commuter line and surrounding area, but we must begin now if this effort is to run parallel to the planning for commuter rail. Staff has raised this concern during discussions with the FDOT and County technical team who listed connectivity as a critical element when assessing train stop locations.

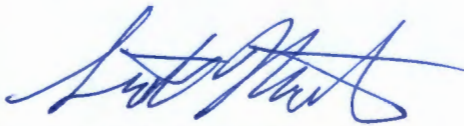
Oakland Park staff have reached out to the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization and also spoke with Gretchen Cassini, Broward County Mobility Advancement Program Administrator, to discuss this project's planning, design, and improvements. We understand that the Broward

County Transit Division is currently undertaking a major planning effort, the Transit Master Plan, which includes both the Oakland Park Boulevard and Dixie Highway corridors, and that improvements as a result of that effort may be recommended to be funded on the County side of the surtax ledger. Mrs. Cassini confirmed that projects such as this would be appropriate for the County Surtax funds.

The cities of Oakland Park and Wilton Manors have a proven track record of successful partnerships with the county and state, and we look forward to continuing to work together to improve this corridor and successfully implement a train stop location.

Please let us know a convenient time to further discuss this project.

Best regards,



Scott Newton  
Mayor  
Wilton Manors



Jane Bolin  
Mayor  
Oakland Park



Leigh Ann Henderson  
City Manager  
Wilton Manors



David Hebert  
City Manager  
Oakland Park

cc: Steve Geller, Mayor Broward County  
Lamar Fisher, County Commissioner District 4  
Tim Ryan, County Commissioner District 7  
Oakland Park City Commission  
Wilton Manors City Commission  
Gretchen Cassini, Broward County Mobility Advancement Program Administrator