

**MEETING MINUTES  
BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, February 12, 2026, 8:30 a.m.  
100 West Cypress Creek Road  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309**

**Chair:** Board Member Yvette Colbourne  
**Vice Chair:** Board Member Joy Cooper  
**Deputy Vice Chair:** Board Member Byron Jaffe  
**Committee Members:** Board Member Beam Furr  
Board Member Tim Fadgen  
Board Member Thomas Good, Jr.  
Board Member Rich Walker

**MPO Staff**

Gregory Stuart, MPO Executive Director  
Alan Gabriel, MPO General Counsel  
Bryan Caletka, Paul Calvaresi, Carl Ema, Peter Gies, Miguel Perez, Rebecca Schultz

**Also Present**

Perry Adair, Becker Poliakoff  
Lauren Jackson, TSE Consulting

**REGULAR ITEMS**

**(All Items Open for Public Comment)**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Colbourne called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Roll was called and it was noted a quorum was present.

**2. Approval of Minutes – October 30, 2025**

**Motion** made by Board Member Good, seconded by Board Member Walker, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion** made by Board Member Good, seconded by Board Member Walker, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

**4. Public Comments**

None.

## ACTION ITEMS

### 1. **MOTION TO RECOMMEND BROWARD MPO APPROVE Amendments to the Rules of the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO)**

Bryan Caletka of Broward MPO Staff explained that the proposed amendments include the sunset of a committee as well as changes to membership of the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC).

**Motion** made by Board Member Fadgen, seconded by Board Member Good, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Deputy Vice Chair Jaffe arrived at 8:35 a.m.

### 2. **MOTION TO:**

**A. APPROVE a License and Use Agreement Between the Broward MPO and SMG for the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center for the 2026 Safe Roads Summit**

**B. AUTHORIZE the Broward MPO Executive Director to Execute a Purchase Order Between the Broward MPO and SMG for Ancillary Services for the 2026 Safe Roads Summit in an Amount Not to Exceed \$67,685**

**C. AUTHORIZE the Broward MPO Executive Director to Execute a Purchase Order Between the Broward MPO and The Media Lab, Inc. for Audio/Visual Services for the 2026 Safe Roads Summit in an Amount Not to Exceed \$43,565**

MPO Executive Director Greg Stuart advised that ticket sales for the upcoming 2026 Safe Roads Summit have closed. The above items are components that were omitted from the original request related to this event, approved on October 30, 2025. Mr. Stuart confirmed that there is sufficient cash on hand to pay for these additional expenses.

Peter Gies of Broward MPO Staff added that all items are detailed in the Board members' backup materials.

**Motion** made by Board Member Good, seconded by Deputy Vice Chair Jaffe, to approve all three items. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **1. Legislative Update**

Lauren Jackson, representing state advocacy team TSE Consulting, reported that initial state budgets are expected to be made available by the end of the current week. The fiscal year (FY) 2026-2027 budget is expected to be smaller than the current year, due in part to the \$3.5 million impact from the federal funding bill. This decrease is expected to impact every area of the state's budget.

A bill addressing electric bicycles and scooters has been changed into the establishment of a task force. This task force will provide an outlet for any suggestions or comments related to these modes of transportation. This item is a priority of law enforcement, particularly the Florida Sheriffs Association.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) budget packages include items of importance to South Florida, including a provision that would extend the return of Turnpike revenues attributable to the three South Florida counties to those counties' toll facilities. These funds may then be used to finance Turnpike-related projects in those counties. The South Florida counties currently receive 90% of these revenues; the package would extend this level of return to 2029, after which time the counties would receive 100% of the revenue.

One change on which TSE hopes to have some impact is related to local governments' coordination of federal grant applications with FDOT. FDOT would like to review and approve these applications if they impact state facilities or rights-of-way, and hopes to coordinate with and assist local governments in ensuring that the applications are consistent with state policy.

Board Member Furr requested an update on the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), as well as the funding of New Starts. Ms. Jackson replied that TSE has met weekly with both House and Senate leadership to ensure that South Florida delegation members are informed and prepared on these subjects. There will be funding for these programs in the House's proposed budget, although details are not yet available; on the Senate side, advocates of these programs have indicated that they would like to restore the document stamp tax.

Deputy Vice Chair Jaffe observed that Broward County continues to be concerned with the proliferation of e-bikes, and requested additional information regarding the task force. Ms. Jackson explained that the task force will be established under the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and will include representatives of the Florida Sheriffs Association, Florida Police Chiefs Association, Florida League of Cities, Florida Association of Counties, the e-bike industry, and the medical field, as well as a representative of an organization which focuses on efforts to prevent injuries and

fatalities in association with bicycles and e-bikes. The task force will need to submit a report no later than October 30, 2026. Ms. Jackson noted that several issues of concern will be discussed, with a focus on the safe operation of e-bikes.

Chair Colbourne requested an update on bills addressing property tax reform. Ms. Jackson stated that the House has advanced some bills in order to further the conversation; the Senate has not released any items. The Governor's Office has drafted a plan, although it has not yet been released. Both the Governor and the Senate President have indicated that they are willing to hold a special session to discuss these issues, although the House does not want a special session for this purpose.

Perry Adair, representing federal advocacy team Becker Poliakoff, stated that following the governmental shutdown in winter 2025, the U.S. Congress passed legislation funding different governmental departments on a piecemeal basis. This funding is set to expire at midnight on February 13, 2026. The Appropriations Committee anticipates a brief shutdown until its members can reach some sort of funding agreement to pass appropriations on a full-year basis.

Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development (THUD) funding was included in the legislation passed in late 2025, and removed any remaining unfunded obligation amounts for the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) program. Regarding the FY 2027 earmark process, committees have yet to provide guidance on eligibilities for local projects.

The proposed reauthorization of the current surface transportation bill would replace and extend the bipartisan structural law passed in November 2021. These programs and authorizations are set to lapse at the end of the current fiscal year. Congressional staff is working toward a goal of late March 2027 for the markup of this proposed bill. An emphasis on formula funding rather than discretionary competitive funding is anticipated.

## **2. Discussion of February 12, 2026 MPO Agenda Items**

None.

## **3. Discussion of Future MPO Agenda Items**

Board Member Good recalled a previous discussion that had suggested the Executive Committee may wish to bring forward a discussion of how surtax funds are being made available to Broward municipalities, as well as concerns with the potential leveraging of these funds for future projects. Mr. Caletka advised that Broward County's Surtax Administrator spoke at an MPO Board meeting, but had not been present for discussion of this specific subject. Mr. Stuart stated that Staff will reach out to the Administrator and invite her back for further discussion.

Board Member Good commented that he would like additional conversation on how surtax funds may be used, as well as on the possibility of municipalities budgeting for surtax funds that may not be provided to them.

Board Member Furr observed that a recent projection of sales tax revenue showed a significant decrease from what was expected. He recommended caution in how these funds are bonded out in the future. Chair Colbourne added that some projects that were once fully funded are no longer funded to completion due to cost increases, and requested that surtax authorities determine how this can be addressed other than leaving municipalities on the hook for the missing funds.

Mr. Caletka confirmed that the Administrator will be invited to the next available MPO Board meeting and will advise her in advance that there will be questions related to the bonding of surtax funds, as well as full funding of projects that were subject to inflation and are no longer fully funded.

Mr. Caletka continued that the March 12, 2026 MPO Board Agenda does not include an Agenda Item for the Executive Committee. Staff will wait to see if any items develop and will reach out to the Chair on whether or not to schedule an Executive Committee meeting on that date.

#### **4. Non-Agenda**

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING: March 12, 2026**