

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

**Thursday, July 10, 2025, 8:30 a.m.  
100 West Cypress Creek Road  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309**

**Chair:** Board Member Yvette Colbourne  
**Vice Chair:** Board Member Joy Cooper (arr. 8:39 via Zoom)  
**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**

Greg Stuart, MPO Executive Director  
Alan Gabriel, MPO General Counsel  
Chris Bross, Bryan Caletka, Paul Calvaresi, Norma Corredor, James Cromar, William Cross, Renee Cross, Carl Ema, Paul Flavien, Peter Gies, Darci Mayer, Adrian Neil, Oscar Nelson, Miguel Perez, Paula Prusinski, Christopher Restrepo, Julia Ronquillo, Rebecca Schultz, Levi Stewart-Figueroa, Jenipher Tucy

**Also Present**

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 8:33 a.m. Roll was called and it was noted a quorum was present.

**2. Approval of Minutes – June 12, 2025**

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

**3. Approval of Agenda**

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

**4. Public Comments**

None.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**1. MOTION TO APPROVE Agreement No. 26-02 Between Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization and mySidewalk, Inc. for Performance Measures Data Software Support in an Amount Not to Exceed \$48,600**

Paul Flavien of Broward MPO Staff explained that the MPO first purchased software from mySidewalk, Inc. in 2018 when they began tracking performance measures. It assists Staff in the creation and maintenance of a dashboard for tracking. This is the third renewal of the MPO's subscription for the software.

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

**2. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE the MPO Executive Director and General Council to Execute an Agreement Between the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization and a Firm Selected Through the General Planning Consultant Services Library for the Public Participation Plan (PPP) Update in an Amount Not to Exceed \$100,000**

Paul Calvaresi of Broward MPO Staff stated this Item is part of a Task Work Order to update the MPO's Public Participation Plan (PPP), which is one of the organization's core products. A top-ranked firm has been selected and the final scope of work and price proposal have been prepared. The MPO will be able to issue a Notice to Proceed by the week of July 14, 2025 if the Item is approved.

Mr. Calvaresi further clarified that the language of the Item was worded in a way that permitted Staff to bring this Item before the Executive Committee now rather than waiting until September 2025. The top-ranked firm is The Whitehouse Group.

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

Vice Chair Cooper joined the meeting via Zoom at 8:39 a.m.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. Legislative Update**

MPO Executive Director Greg Stuart advised that he met with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Four Secretary Steve Braun the previous day. Their discussion addressed funding that was pulled from the Florida Legislature's approved budget. This creates significant issues for multiple agencies. He will provide a full

presentation on these impacts at the MPO Board meeting, including how they will affect FDOT's and the MPO's long-range commitments for transit planning and implementation.

Mr. Stuart also addressed the Metro Transportation Engineering and Construction Cooperative (MTECC), which was also represented at the meeting with Secretary Braun. He characterized this discussion as productive.

Mr. Stuart stated that the MPO is currently in excellent shape with regard to its budget, pointing out that staff reductions over the past year have placed them in a secure financial position. He has worked with Staff to determine the potential impacts of various scenarios. He emphasized that there is no guarantee of what may happen, particularly if federal funding becomes unavailable.

Lauren Jackson, representing state advocacy team TSE Consulting, reported that two items included in the tax cut package of the recently passed Florida budget were attached close to the end of the approval process, which precluded amendments. These items included the repeal of a Statute regarding business rent tax, which affects the collection of local surtaxes. Broward County is estimating a minimum impact of \$40 million to the transportation surtax.

The tax cut package also included language which removed documentary stamp tax revenue used toward rail and transit services. This significantly affects Tri-Rail. It also affected New Starts funding, which will impact commuter rail efforts.

These changes complicate the manner in which the budget can be allocated. Ms. Jackson emphasized that partners are currently in negotiations and believe they can address some of the unintended impacts of the language, and conversations are currently underway.

Board Member Furr asked if the MPO is working collectively with other local transportation planning agencies, including the Miami-Dade TPO and Palm Beach TPA, as their projects connect to Broward projects. Ms. Jackson replied that Broward representatives as well as private partners have been in close contact with the Miami-Dade legislative delegation on this issue. She will keep the Committee updated on these efforts.

With regard to Tri-Rail in particular, Ms. Jackson noted that individual counties may need to absorb a higher proportion of the costs for this service. She emphasized, however, that negotiations remain in flux.

Chair Colbourne requested additional information on the \$40 million surtax impact estimated for Broward County. Ms. Jackson advised that while the MPO's advocacy team was aware that the business rent tax could be cut, this was only presented as a

concept. The actual language fully repealed this Statute, which meant there is no ability to collect this tax at the local level. This is a much more dramatic impact than setting the tax rate to 0%, which had been anticipated as a possibility.

A question was asked regarding the impact of providing the Governor with unilateral authority for government efficiency reviews. Mr. Stuart noted that this may affect the passage of federal funding for the MPO through FDOT. The MPO typically receives three audits per year on average. He was confident that the organization would be able to sustain this review, but expressed concern with how it could affect some local government partners.

Mr. Stuart advised that as part of the new budget year, the MPO has eliminated its role in the transportation surtax program. Municipalities will apply directly to Broward County going forward.

Board Member Furr commented that most municipalities are looking forward to application of the third amendment to the surtax agreement, as it will provide them with greater flexibility.

Vice Chair Cooper asked what percentage of the transportation surtax had been constituted by the business rental tax. Board Member Furr replied that the County is still working to determine this amount and will provide it when available. There was also discussion of the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds toward various projects in Broward municipalities. The MPO is funded through the Surface Transportation Community Block Grant.

There was additional discussion of the oversight process associated with the transportation surtax now that the MPO is no longer involved.

## **2. Discussion of July 10, 2025 MPO Agenda Items**

None.

## **3. Review and Discussion of Future Agendas**

None.

## **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: September 4, 2025**