



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 24-078

Date: May 15, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Commissioners

From: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager *Susan Grant*

Re: **Public Information Meeting - Broward Commuter Rail South**

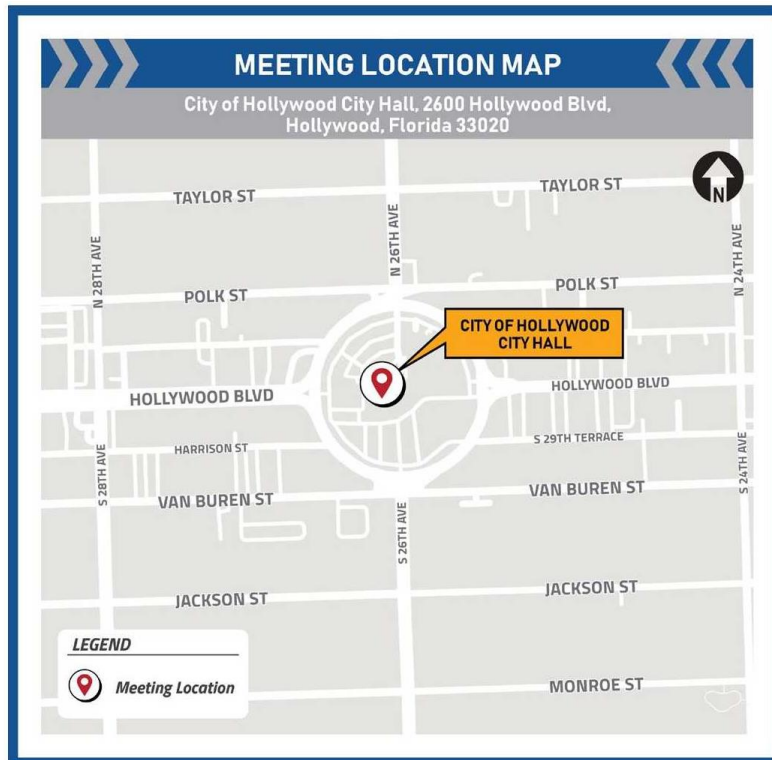
On Wednesday, May 22, 2024, and Thursday, May 23, 2024, Broward County Transit (BCT) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will host Broward Commuter Rail Public Information Meetings to present the preliminary results and findings from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis.

The Public Workshop is scheduled for **Wednesday May 22, 2024 (In-Person)** and **Thursday, May 23, 2024 (Virtual)**. There are two ways to participate in this meeting:

- **In-Person:** The in-person Public Information Meeting will be held at the City of Hollywood City Hall, located at 2600 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020 on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. The Public Information Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. Free on-site parking will be available at City Hall Circle and in the overflow parking at Broward library.
- **Virtual:** Those who prefer to attend a virtual meeting can attend at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2024. To register for the Public Information Meeting, please use the following link <https://bit.ly/BCRSouth-PublicMtg> You will receive an email with a link to log in on the day of the virtual meeting. If using a mobile device, the free "GoToWebinar" application is required to attend. To join by phone during the virtual workshop, please dial 1 (213) 929-4212, Access Code, 743-493-120.

The same information will be presented at both the in-person and virtual Public Information Meeting, so attending both is not necessary.

The attached flyer includes additional details on the workshop. You can also find the most up-to-date project information at <https://www.fdot.gov/projects/broward-commuter-rail-south/home>.



The BCR South project management team is tentatively scheduled to provide an update at the June 4, 2024, City Commission Conference meeting. If Commissioners would like to schedule individual meetings with the project management team, please contact Karen Warfel, Transportation Planning Division Manager at 954-828-3798 or kwarfel@fortlauderdale.gov.

Attachment:

FDOT Virtual and In-person Public Information Meeting Flyer

- c: Anthony G. Fajardo, Assistant City Manager
- Ben Rogers, Acting Assistant City Manager
- Laura Reece, Acting Assistant City Manager
- Thomas J. Ansbro, City Attorney
- David R. Soloman, City Clerk
- Patrick Reilly, City Auditor
- Department Directors
- CMO Managers



May 2, 2024

Dear Appointed Official:

RE: Public Information Meeting

Broward Commuter Rail (BCR) South
Along the Florida East Coast Railway from the Aventura Station in Miami-Dade County
to southern Fort Lauderdale in Broward County
Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study
Broward and Miami-Dade Counties, Florida
Financial Project Identification Number: 452240-1

We are pleased to announce that we have reached an important milestone in the development of Commuter Rail in South Florida on the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway corridor. We are close to completing our National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis and would like to present to you the preliminary results and findings of our analysis. On behalf of Broward County Transit (BCT) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), you and your staff are invited to a Public Information Meeting for the Broward Commuter Rail (BCR) South Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study. A PD&E Study is FDOT's process to evaluate the social, economic, and environmental impacts associated with a planned transportation improvement project.

The purpose of the BCR South project is to extend commuter rail service on the FEC Railway corridor from the passenger station in the City of Aventura northward to the City of Fort Lauderdale, a distance of 11.5 miles. Stations are recommended in the City of Hollywood, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, and South Fort Lauderdale. Please note this project is independent and south of the New River in Fort Lauderdale. This Public Information Meeting offers everyone in the community, and any interested person, the opportunity to have meaningful participation in the PD&E Study, to review project information, to ask questions, and to provide comments concerning the proposed commuter passenger rail service.

The Public Information Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 22, 2024 (In-Person)**, and **Thursday, May 23, 2024 (Virtual)**:

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- **Virtual (Only):** Persons who prefer to attend a virtual meeting can attend at **6:00 p.m.** on **Thursday, May 23, 2024**. To register for the Public Information Meeting, please use the following link <https://bit.ly/BCRSouth-PublicMtg>. You will receive an email with a link to log in the day of the virtual meeting. If using a mobile device, the free "GoToWebinar" application is required to attend. Please allow adequate log-in time to view the presentation in its entirety.

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The same information will be presented at both the virtual and in-person Public Information Meeting, so attending both is not necessary.

All exhibits and information presented at the Public Information Meeting can be viewed electronically on the project website at www.browardcommuterrailstudy.com. Questions and comments may be submitted during the virtual Public Information Meeting orally or in writing using the virtual chat feature on the GoToWebinar Control Panel.

Notices are being sent to all property owners and tenants located within at least 300 feet on either side of the proposed alignment and to other public officials, regulatory agencies, organizations, and individuals interested in the project. Attached is a copy of the Public Notice for the Public Information Meeting.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should make this request to the FDOT Project Manager at least seven days prior to the meeting.

If you require further information, please contact the Broward County Transit (BCT) Project Manager, Jie Bian, at 954-357-8532, or via email at BCRSouth@broward.org, or the FDOT Project Manager, Phil Schwab, P.E., at 954-777-4524; toll free at 866-336-8435 extension 4524.

Sincerely,

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Transit Director
Capital Planning and Project Development
Broward County Transit

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Phil Schwab, P.E.
Project Manager
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Attachment: Public Notice



BROWARD COUNTY TRANSIT AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INVITE YOU TO A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY

Broward Commuter Rail (BCR) South

Broward and Miami-Dade Counties, Florida

Financial Project ID: 452240-1

Broward County Transit (BCT) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will host a Public Information Meeting regarding the above referenced project. This Public Information Meeting will be offered in two different formats: in-person and virtual. The public meeting will begin with a presentation followed by a question-and-answer period. Attendees can ask questions and/or make comments online or in-person for project representatives to answer. Questions and comments can be submitted prior to the meeting through the project website or by emailing the project manager. Project information can be viewed on the project website: www.browardcommuterrailstudy.com.

PD&E STUDY PURPOSE

A PD&E Study is FDOT's process to evaluate the social, economic, and environmental impacts associated with a planned transportation improvement project.

The purpose of the BCR South project is to extend commuter rail service on the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway corridor from the passenger station in the City of Aventura northward to the City of Fort Lauderdale, a distance of 11.5 miles. The stations are recommended in the City of Hollywood, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, and South Fort Lauderdale. Please note this project is independent and south of the New River in Fort Lauderdale. This Public Information Meeting offers everyone in the community, and any interested person, the opportunity to have meaningful participation in the PD&E Study, to review project information, to ask questions, and to provide comments concerning the proposed commuter passenger rail service.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Jie Bian - Broward County Transit Director

Phone: (954) 357-8532

Email: BCRSouth@broward.org

Phil Schwab, P.E. - FDOT Project Manager

Phone: (954) 777-4524

Toll free: (866) 336-8435, ext. 4524

Email: BCRSouth@broward.org

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: www.browardcommuterrailstudy.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/MyFDOTSEFL/

Instagram/Twitter: @MyFDOT_SEFL

JOIN US AT THE PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

In-Person Meeting: Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 6 p.m.

Location: City of Hollywood City Hall

2600 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida, 33020

Virtual: Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 6 p.m.

Please register using the following link or QR code:

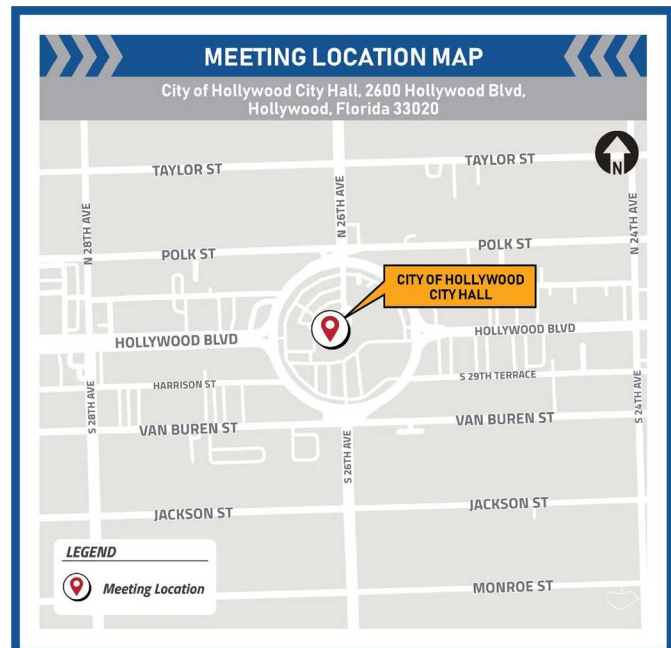
<https://bit.ly/BCRSouth-PublicMtg>

Attendees can ask questions and make comments via the chat function and project representatives will provide answers during the meeting.

To join **by phone** during the virtual meeting:

Dial: +1 (562) 247-8422

Access Code: 153-015-917



Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services (free of charge), should contact Broward County Transit (BCT) Project Manager, Jie Bian, at 954-357-8532 or by email at: BCRSouth@broward.org at least seven (7) days prior to the public meeting.

Creole, Spanish, and Portuguese translations are available upon request for all public documents.



EL CONDADO DE BROWARD Y EL DEPARTAMENTO DE TRANSPORTE DE LA FLORIDA LES INVITA A UNA REUNIÓN DE INFORMACIÓN PÚBLICA

ESTUDIO AMBIENTAL Y DE DESARROLLO DEL PROYECTO (PD&E)

Servicios Ferroviarios de Broward (BCR) Sur

Condados de Broward y Miami-Dade, Florida
Número de identificación del Proyecto: 452240-1

El Condado de Broward y el Departamento de Transporte de la Florida (FDOT, por sus siglas en inglés) organizarán una Reunión de Información Pública sobre el proyecto mencionado anteriormente. Esta Reunión de Información Pública se ofrecerá en dos formatos diferentes: en persona y virtual. La reunión pública comenzará con una presentación seguida de un período de preguntas y respuestas. Los asistentes pueden hacer preguntas y/o comentarios en línea o en persona para que los representantes del proyecto respondan. Se pueden enviar preguntas y comentarios antes de la reunión a través del sitio web del proyecto o enviando un correo electrónico al gerente del proyecto. La información del proyecto se puede ver en el sitio web del proyecto: www.browardcommuterrailstudy.com.

PROPÓSITO DEL ESTUDIO PD&E

El estudio de PD&E es el proceso del FDOT para evaluar los impactos sociales, económicos y ambientales asociados con un proyecto planificado de mejora del transporte.

El propósito del proyecto BCR Sur es extender el servicio de trenes de cercanías en el corredor ferroviario de la Costa Este de Florida (FEC) desde la estación de pasajeros en la Ciudad de Aventura hacia el norte hasta la Ciudad de Fort Lauderdale, una distancia de 11,5 millas. Las estaciones se recomiendan en la ciudad de Hollywood, el Aeropuerto Internacional de Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood y el sur de Fort Lauderdale. Tenga en cuenta que este es un proyecto independiente y está al sur del New River en Fort Lauderdale. Esta Reunión de Información Pública ofrece a todos los miembros de la comunidad, y a cualquier persona interesada, la oportunidad de tener una participación significativa en el Estudio PD&E, revisar la información del proyecto, hacer preguntas y proporcionar comentarios sobre el servicio de transporte ferroviario de pasajeros propuesto.

INFORMACION DE CONTACTO

Jie Bian, Director de Tránsito del Condado de Broward

Teléfono: (954) 357-8532

Correo electrónico: BCRSouth@broward.org

Phil Schwab, P.E., FDOT Gerente de Proyecto

Teléfono: (954) 777-4524

Llame gratis: (866) 336-8435 extensión 4524

Correo electrónico: BCRSouth@broward.org

WEB Y REDES SOCIALES

Sitio web: www.browardcommuterrailstudy.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/MyFDOTSEFL/

Instagram/Twitter: @MyFDOT_SEFL

ÚNASE A LA REUNIÓN DE INFORMACIÓN PÚBLICA

Reunión en persona: Miércoles, 22 de Mayo de 2024, a las 6 p.m.

Ubicación: City Hall (Alcaldía) de la Ciudad de Hollywood
2600 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida, 33020

Virtual: Jueves, 23 de Mayo de 2024, a las 6 p.m.

Regístrese utilizando el siguiente enlace o código QR:

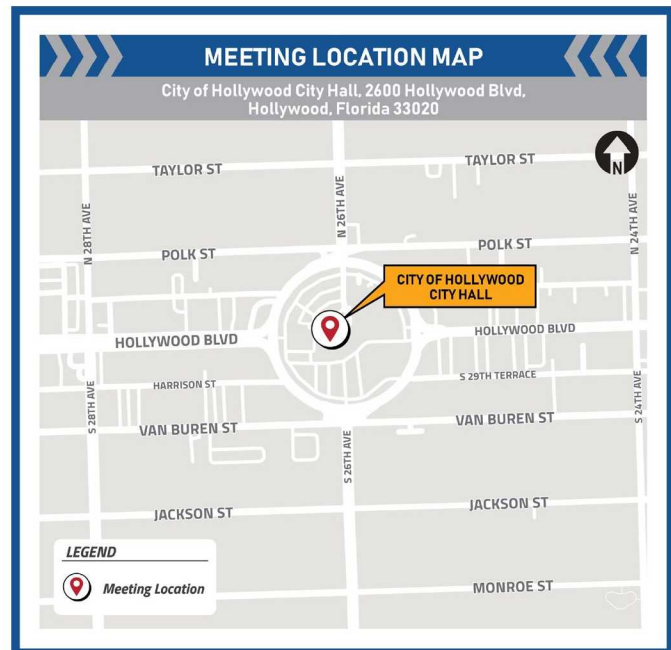
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Los asistentes pueden hacer preguntas y comentarios a través de la función de chat y los representantes del proyecto proporcionarán respuestas durante la reunión.

Para unirse por **teléfono** a la reunión virtual,

marque: **+1 (562) 247-8422**

Código de acceso: **153-015-917**



Se solicita la participación del público sin distinción de raza, color, origen nacional, edad, sexo, religión, discapacidad o situación familiar. Las personas que necesitan asistencia especial de conformidad con la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades (ADA) o requieran servicios de traducción (gratis) deben comunicarse con Jie Bian, Gerente de Proyecto del Departamento de Transporte del Condado de Broward, al (954) 357-8532 o al correo electrónico BCRSouth@broward.org al menos siete (7) días antes de la reunión pública.

Las traducciones al creole, portugués y al inglés están disponibles bajo petición para todos los documentos públicos.