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Updates are reflected in **yellow**.

### **Alpha 250/Solid Waste & Recycling Authority:**

The Board of County Commissioners and 28 municipalities entered an interlocal agreement establishing the Solid Waste Disposal and Recyclable Materials Processing Authority of Broward County (the "Authority"). The first meeting of the Authority's Governing Board was held on October 11, 2023, during which members of the Authority's Executive Committee were appointed. After the formation of the Governing Board and Executive Committee, Cooper City Mayor Greg Ross and Commissioner Furr were selected as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, of both the Governing Board and Executive Committee. The Executive Committee's first meeting was held on October 27, 2023, to discuss the hiring of an executive director and a scope of work for a master plan. Subsequently, Todd Storti was hired as the new Executive Director for the Authority and started in his new role on April 22, 2024. On May 10, 2024, the Executive Committee formally approved the SCS Team (a consulting group comprised of four firms: SCS Engineers, Arcadis, Resource Recycling Systems, and Mercury) to provide consulting services for the preparation of a Regional Solid Waste and Recycling Master Plan.

On December 20, 2024, Mayor Mike Ryan, of Sunrise, was selected as the new Chair of the Governing Board and Executive Committee. Mayor Furr remains Vice Chair of both the Governing Board and Executive Committee. On January 17, 2025, the Authority approved an extension of the SCS Team's consulting services through August 3, 2025. This will support the finalization of the Master Plan, including workshops and white paper reviews.

In June, the Authority plans to hold several meetings primarily focused on the review of, or seeking feedback on the Draft Solid Waste and Recycling Master Plan:

- June 11, 2025 - Broward League of Cities – Elected Officials and City Staff Focused Meeting @ Broward Center of Performing Arts
- June 16, 2025 - Public Outreach Meeting @ Tree Tops Park
- June 17, 2025 - Public Outreach Meeting @ FTL Downtown Event Center
- June 17, 2025 - C&D Subcommittee Meeting @ Broward County Government Center West
- June 18, 2025 - SWA Executive Committee Meeting @ Broward County Government Center West
- June 23, 2025 - Public Outreach and Education Subcommittee Meeting (via Zoom).

### **C & SF Flood Resilience Study:**

- A public meeting was held at the Broward County governmental center on April 29, 2025, to discuss findings on the initial array of alternatives, with presentations by the SFWMD. The public comments period closed May 14, 2025 with only one comment received.
- Environmental Site Assessments, Historical/Cultural Resource Assessments and Geotechnical Investigations, and Initial Concept Design is anticipated to be completed by June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- Initial modeling results of the Final Array of Alternatives are scheduled for June 13, 2025. Alternative A is complete. Alternatives B and C are on track.



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- Initial comprehensive benefits analysis for the Final Array of Alternatives is under development, scheduled for completion by June 30, 2025.
- South Florida Water Management District submitted Draft Chapters 1 (Introduction), 2 (Existing and Future Without Project Conditions), and Appendix B (Environmental Resources) to USACE on May 16, 2025, for review. Comments have been received and are being addressed.
- Initial coordination on cost reviews initiated, including required O&M estimates.
- Final determination of Real Estate needs beyond the district's right of way is underway.

### Coastal Link Corridor:

- **South (BCR South)** – The Broward Commuter Rail South project has reached another important milestone. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formally approved the conclusion of Broward County Transit's (BCT) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process issuing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) report on September 5, 2024. This approval came almost a month ahead of schedule and according to the FTA, it may have been one of the fastest completions in the region. With this approval, the County may begin formal negotiations with Brightline and Florida East Coast Railway (FECR) for track access and discussions on the next phase for development of commuter rail north. BCT will continue to advance project design, develop reliable cost and schedule estimates, and meet all project readiness requirements of the FTA. In early November, Broward County Transit requested a switch from the FTA Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Small Starts program to the New Starts program as the recent capital cost estimate for the project has exceeded the Small Starts cap of \$400 million. 30% design for the project was completed in November 2024. The project team held a successful Risk Workshop with the FTA team from February 25-27, 2025. The FTA shared preliminary risk assessment results with BCT. The project team is working with the FTA to refine the preliminary results regarding the cost and schedule of the project. The project team is also working on the development of all the project management subplans and project rating packages required by the FTA in preparation for the project readiness review and request to enter the Engineering phase of the FTA New Starts program later this year. The team intends to submit the subplans and project rating package by early July 2025.
- **North (BCR-North)** – "The Analysis and Technical Review of the Bridge Options for Passenger Rail to cross the New River" has been completed and distributed to Commissioners. The County continues its efforts to inform the public of the bridge concepts and collect the public's feedback. The analysis concluded that two bridges could be constructed and that the work could occur within the existing right of way. One bridge, which will be at the same elevation (about four feet above the current water level) of the existing bridge, will be dedicated to freight service. While the higher bridge, which will be roughly 40 feet high, will support passenger service only. This passenger bridge is intended to include both Brightline and the new Broward Commuter Rail North service.

The County continues its efforts to inform the public of the bridge concepts and collect the public's feedback. The County initiated public outreach efforts in January 2025 and has presented to the cities and communities along the entire BCR north corridor with updates on the status of the New River Crossing and BCR North project. Public outreach activities will continue



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through February. Two public meetings were held on February 19<sup>th</sup> (in-person) and February 20<sup>th</sup> (virtual), both with great public attendance. Additional meetings were held with civic associations near the proposed station areas in each municipality the week of February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025. BCT continues to promote the BCR North project through social media posts.

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, a letter was transmitted from Mayor Furr to Mayor Trantalis regarding Mayor Furr's intent to request a resolution by the Board of County Commissioners naming Broward Commuter Rail North as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) in April. The City of Fort Lauderdale discussed the letter from Mayor Furr at its March 18, 2025, City Commission Conference. Subsequently, the City and County staff worked together to clarify several requirements included in Mayor Furr's letter and to prepare a draft resolution for the City's Commission to consider.

On April 15, 2025, the City Commission approved a resolution which acknowledges Mayor Furr's letter dated March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, and reaffirms the City's position that a tunnel under the New River is the City's preferred alternative for the New River Crossing.

The Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolution to designate the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for certain elements of BCR North project including alignment, mode/technology, and recommended station locations during the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting. The Board also authorized BCT to conduct a Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) study for the BCR North project. BCT is currently working on developing the scope for the PD&E study. City and County staff also plan to have monthly coordination meetings on New River Crossing starting in June.

The FTA issued the NEPA clearance on the railroad right-of-way under the provision of Corridor Preservation.

- **Grant in support of Rail Crossing Safety Measures** – The Broward MPO was awarded \$15.4M Railroad Crossing Elimination Program (RCEP) grant from the Federal Rail Administration (FRA) to implement safety upgrades at 21 grade crossings, along Florida East Coast Railway corridor. County staff are working with MPO and others to finalize associated implementation agreements. Official Board of County Commissioners approval will be required for County's portion of local match requirements (\$2.365 million).

### **Film Office:**

The template Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for the one-stop film permitting process has been provided to all 31 municipalities. Fort Lauderdale, Deerfield Beach, Wilton Manors, Pompano Beach, Cooper City, Weston, Davie, Tamarac, Pembroke Pines, Lauderhill, Lauderdale Lakes, Southwest Ranches, Hillsboro Beach, North Lauderdale, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Parkland, Dania Beach, Lighthouse Point, Pembroke Park, Sunrise, Miramar, Margate, and Coconut Creek have approved the ILA. Oakland Park, Coral Springs, and Hollywood are in the process of reviewing drafts for the upcoming City Commission meetings. Others are in regular communication with the Film Commission during the review process with their City Attorneys.



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### **Courthouse Parking Garage:**

Table 1 - Commencement of construction activities for the new 500-car parking garage and plaza are contingent on the completion of the enabling projects listed below:

<i>Estimated Completion Date (Month/Year)</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>
*November 2025 (Projects are now running concurrently)	Asbestos Abatement of Existing Central and West Wings
	Structural Reinforcement of Exterior West Wall of East Wing
	Retrofit of Exterior West Façade of East Wing
	Decommissioning of Existing Elevators in East Wing
	Demolition of Existing Central and West Wings
*December 2026	Construction of 500-car Parking Garage
Summer 2027	Construction of Plaza

- \*Construction Delays are attributable to the following:
  - Environmental remediation: This scope was dramatically changed from the 2010 asbestos report. Environmental remediation work has started. Estimated completion is the last quarter of 2025.
  - Jurisdictional requirements: Limits placed on abatement and interior demolition require a sequential work process, (not concurrent), extending abatement and demolition durations.
  - Structural findings: Destructive exploration uncovered findings requiring revisions to drawings and re-permitting while adding complexity and duration to construction.
- The Courthouse Task Force Advisory Committee Meeting was held on September 20, 2024. The date and time for the next meeting is to be determined.