



Board of County Commissioners’ “Parking Garage” updates as of 4/16/2024

Updates are reflected in **green**.

Alpha 250/Solid Waste & Recycling Authority:

The Board of County Commissioners and over 20 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. 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. Cooper City Mayor Greg Ross and Commissioner Furr were selected as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, of both the Governing Board and Executive Committee. Commissioner Furr was selected as the Committee’s liaison on budget development and master plan consultant recruitment. Mayor Ross was selected to lead recruitment of the executive director.

On March 8, 2024, the Authority’s Executive Committee interviewed four finalists for the position of Executive Director. The Executive Committee authorized the Interim Authority Counsel, Jamie Cole, to offer the position to, and start negotiations with, one candidate: Todd Storti from California.

On March 22, 2024 and April 12, 2024, the Executive Committee discussed the responses to the RFP for Consulting Services for the Preparation of a Regional Solid Waste and Recycling Master Plan. There was one respondent to the RFP, SCS Team (comprised of four different consulting groups: SCS Engineers, Arcadis, Resource Recycling Systems, and Mercury). The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be April 30th, 2024.

New Supervisor of Elections Facility (Spectrum Building):

- Construction continues to progress on schedule. The following work is currently in progress: **ceiling grid and tile are being installed**, installation of light fixtures throughout, painting the exterior of the warehouse, cabinets are being installed, and installation of flooring continues. **Coordination of the audio and visual system and furniture installation has begun in the office building.**
- Site work continues. **The first lift of paving in the north parking lot is complete, the concrete paving at the loading dock is complete, final grading of the other parking areas is near completion, and final inspection of the underground fuel tank is complete.**

C & SF Flood Resilience Study:

- On July 6, 2023, the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) South Atlantic Division submitted a project scope and deliverable schedule (4 years) for a study requiring a \$11.3M budget and targeting the 2026 Water Resources Development Act for authorization.
- Staff was advised in the fall of 2023 of a new USACE requirement to include 30% of project design within the study scope.
- On January 8, 2024, USACE leadership presented an alternative scope for \$19.2 million that would provide Phase 3 engineering to 4-5 structures but delay authorization to WRDA 2028.
- On January 10, 2024, County staff met with the USACE and South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) project leads to discuss options to complete and expedite the full scope of study, including local cost share to satisfy the engineering requirements.



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- Staff learned the Deputy Chief of Engineers may have the authority (within WRDA) to increase the study budget from \$3M to \$6M, a request was submitted by USACE staff. If approved, these funds would be available in FY '25.
- On March 14, 2024, staff joined SFWMD and USACE project managers in the field to brief Lieutenant General Spellmon on the urgency of this project, the community support, the lack of progress, and the absence of an approved scope of work and budget by the USACE.
- On April 4, 2024, Governor Ron DeSantis signed Senate Bill (SB) 1638, Funding for Environmental Resource Management, which provides \$150 million for necessary repairs and upgrades to the Central and South Florida Water Management systems. Staff is coordinating with the SFWMD to learn how these funds might help meet Phase 3 engineering requirements.

Coastal Link Corridor:

- **South (BCR South)** – The Broward Commuter Rail South project continues to progress on schedule with an anticipated National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) completion of Summer 2024. In January 2024, the team hosted a value engineering workshop that encompassed a systematic review of current design documents. Participants in the workshop included FDOT-District 4, Broward County Transit, Broward County Public Works, and Brightline. Although the final report is under development, initial results suggest that there are several opportunities to add value to the project while at the same time reducing risk. The final report is anticipated to be completed in **May 2024**. Currently, the project team is in the process of submitting critical NEPA documents to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The draft Environmental Assessment (EA) with the remaining critical NEPA documents were submitted in early March 2024. **The draft Natural Resources Evaluation Report (NRE) was transmitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in early April. The draft Cultural Resources Assessment Survey (CRAS) is anticipated to be transmitted to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) later in April.** The next public meeting for the project is planned to be held in Spring 2024. Design is anticipated to be completed by late summer or early fall of 2024.
- **North (BCR-North)** – Broward County Transit issued the first work authorization under the General Engineering Consulting (GEC) Services-Rail contract, “Analysis and Technical Review of Bridge Options for Passenger Rail to Cross the New River”. The selected consultant (TYLin) has begun work, with deliverables due before the end of May 2024. Fort Lauderdale’s consultants (BDO) presented their progress on a revised version of their new “short tunnel” alternative during the March 5th City Commission meeting. **A final report has been released and a meeting to provide an update/report summary between City staff and the consultants (BDO) is scheduled for April 16, 2024, at 1:30pm. The County is having an external consultant (Jacobs) review this latest report and anticipates completion in June.**
- **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).



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Film Office:

- The template Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for the one-stop film permitting process has been provided to all 31 municipalities. **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. Fort Lauderdale, Davie, Tamarac, **Wilton Manors, Pembroke Pines, and Pompano** are in the process of reviewing drafts for upcoming City Commission meetings. Others are in regular communication with the Film Commission during the review process with their City Attorneys.
- The Film Commission’s latest specialty trade transferable skills training course will cover **Production Assistants (June 22-23) and Wardrobe (tailors/seamstresses) on June 29th**. **Previous courses covered Production Accounting and Construction skills (for set building and prop making).**

Rental Assistance:

As of **April 11, 2024**, the county has spent \$53,068,791 or 100.00% of Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) 1 and **\$46,694,800** or **99.96%** of ERAP 2 for a total of **\$99,763,591** in ERAP (1 & 2) Funding, plus **\$52,481,032** in other rental and utility assistance as well, for a total of **\$152,244,623**.

* The percent above is calculated using \$53,068,928 (ERAP 1 award minus 10% Admin).

** The percent above is calculated using \$46,713,322 (ERAP 2 award minus 15% plus increase due to additional funds received from Treasury).

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>
Completed	Clerk of Courts Felony Unit Relocation to the North Wing
*August 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
*June 2026	Demolition of Existing Central and West Wings
	Construction of 500-car Parking Garage and Plaza

- *Construction Delays are attributable to the following:
 - Environmental remediation: This scope was dramatically changed from 2010 asbestos report. 3 additional surveys conducted, describing increased scope.



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- 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 April 12, 2024. The next meeting has not yet been determined.