

The 2014–2023 Transit Development Plan (TDP), known as *BCT Connected*, for Broward County Transit (BCT) serves as the strategic guide for public transportation in Broward County over the next 10 years. Development of the TDP includes a number of activities: documentation of study area conditions and demographic characteristics, evaluation of existing transit services in Broward County, market research and public involvement efforts, development of a situation appraisal and needs assessment, and preparation of a 10-year TDP document that provides guidance during the 10-year planning horizon.

### ORGANIZATION OF REPORT

The report is broken into eight sections, including this one. Detailed supporting documentation is provided in appendices.

**Section 2, Baseline Conditions**, analyzes demographic data for BCT’s service area. **Section 3, Evaluation of Existing Transit System**, examines changes to BCT’s operating statistics over time and compares those statistics to other transit systems. **Section 4, Public Involvement**, presents the results of public outreach for this project. **Section 5, Situation Appraisal**, examines the environment in which BCT operates. **Section 6, Goals and Objectives**, presents the goals, objectives, and measures for BCT. **Section 7, Alternatives**, presents the improvements to be implemented over the 10-year timeframe. **Section 8, Financial Plan**, analyzes the financial impacts of implementing these improvements and resources available to pay for the improvements.

### TDP REQUIREMENTS

*BCT Connected* is consistent with the requirements for the State of Florida Public Transit Block Grant (PTBG) program, a program enacted by the Florida Legislature to provide a stable source of funding for public transit. The Block Grant program requires public transit service providers to develop and adopt a 10-Year TDP using the requirements formally adopted by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on February 20, 2007 (Rule 14-73.001 – Public Transit). Chief requirements of the rule include the following:

- Major updates must be completed every five years, covering a 10-year planning horizon.
- A public involvement plan must be developed and approved by FDOT or be consistent with the approved Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) public involvement plan.
- FDOT, the Regional Workforce Development Board, and the MPO must be advised of all public meetings where the TDP is presented and discussed, and these entities must be given the

opportunity to review and comment on the TDP during the development of the mission, goals, objectives, alternatives, and 10-year implementation program.

- Estimation of the community’s demand for transit service (10-year annual projections) must be made using the planning tools provided by FDOT or a demand estimation technique approved by FDOT.
- Consistency with the approved local government comprehensive plans and the MPO’s Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTP) is required.

An additional requirement for the TDP was added by the Florida Legislature in 2007 when it adopted House Bill 985. This legislation amended Section 341.071 of the Florida Statutes (FS), requiring transit agencies to “... specifically address potential enhancements to productivity and performance which would have the effect of increasing farebox recovery ratio.” FDOT subsequently issued guidance requiring the TDP and each annual update to include a one- to two-page summary report on the farebox recovery ratio, and strategies implemented and planned to improve it (provided in Appendix A of this plan).

#### **TDP CHECKLIST**

This 10-year plan meets the requirement for a major TDP update in accordance with Rule 14-73.001 – Public Transit, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). Table 1-1 is a list of TDP requirements from Rule 14-73.001. The table serves as a checklist that all requirements are addressed in the BCT *Connected* plan documentation. The plan was officially adopted by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners on September 24, 2013, and officially accepted by FDOT on October 24, 2013.

**Table 1-1**  
**TDP Checklist**

<b>Public Involvement Process</b>		<b>TDP Section</b>
✓	Public Involvement Plan (PIP)	Appendix D
✓	PIP approved by FDOT	Section 4
✓	TDP includes description of Public Involvement Process	Section 4
✓	Provide notification to FDOT	Section 4
✓	Provide notification to Regional Workforce Board	Section 4
<b>Situation Appraisal</b>		
✓	Land use	Section 5
✓	State and local transportation plans	Section 5
✓	Other governmental actions and policies	Section 5
✓	Socioeconomic trends	Section 5
✓	Organizational issues	Section 5
✓	Technology	Section 5
✓	10-year annual projections of transit ridership using approved methodology	Section 7
✓	Assessment of whether land uses and urban design patterns support transit service provision	Section 5
✓	Calculate farebox recovery	Appendix A
<b>Mission and Goals</b>		
✓	Provider's vision	Section 6
✓	Provider's mission	Section 6
✓	Provider's goals	Section 6
✓	Provider's objectives	Section 6
<b>Alternative Courses of Action</b>		
✓	Develop and evaluate alternative strategies and actions	Section 7
✓	Benefits and costs of each alternative	Section 7
✓	Financial alternatives examined	Section 8
<b>Implementation Program</b>		
✓	10-year implementation program	Section 8
✓	Maps indicating areas to be served	Section 8
✓	Maps indicating types and levels of service	Section 8
✓	Monitoring program to track performance measures	Section 6
✓	10-year financial plan listing operating and capital expenses	Section 8
✓	Capital acquisition or construction schedule	Section 8
✓	Anticipated revenues by source	Section 8
<b>Relationship to Other Plans</b>		
✓	Consistent with Florida Transportation Plan	Section 5
✓	Consistent with local government comprehensive plans	Section 5
✓	Consistent with MPO long-range transportation plans	Section 5
✓	Consistent with regional transportation goals and objectives	Section 5
<b>Submission</b>		
✓	Adopted by BCT Governing Board	N/A
✓	Submitted to FDOT by September 1, 2013	N/A
✓	Official acceptance by FDOT	N/A

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