



Board of County Commissioners’ “Parking Garage” updates as of 02/25/2025

Updates are reflected in **yellow**.

Alpha 250/Solid Waste & Recycling Authority:

The Board of County Commissioners and over 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. 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.

The Solid Waste & Recycling Authority workshop is scheduled for March 14, 2025.

C & SF Flood Resilience Study:

- The Army Corps of Engineers headquarters executed Memorandums of Agreement for technical assistance and federal activities and delegated approval of the respective scopes of work (SOW) to the South Atlantic Division. The South Atlantic Division (SAD) executed an initial Federal Activity SOW supporting the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The final drafts of the first SOW for Technical Assistance and the second SOW for Federal Activities have been reviewed by the SAD. Execution by the Jacksonville District Commander is anticipated in **March**.
- Environmental Site Assessments and Cultural and Historic Resource Assessments are underway for structures S33, S36, S37A, and G57 with no anomalies.
- Geotechnical investigations **will start Monday**, February **24**, 2025. **Conceptual** Engineering Site Plans are **complete**.
- Screening analyses for Nature Based Features and Non-Structural elements of adaptation alternatives remain underway, **with quantification of benefits nearly 80% complete**.

Coastal Link Corridor:

- **South (BCR South)** – The Broward Commuter Rail South project have reached another important milestone. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formally approved the conclusion of Broward County Transit’s 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



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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 is working with the FTA team to prepare for the risk assessment workshop scheduled for February 25-27, 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 through February. **Two public meetings were held on February 19th (in-person) and February 20th (virtual), both with great public attendance.** 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. Deerfield Beach, Wilton Manors, Pompano Beach, Cooper City, Weston, Davie, Tamarac, Pembroke Pines, 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, Fort Lauderdale, Coral Springs, and Hollywood 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.



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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 and Plaza

- *Construction Delays are attributable to the following:
 - Environmental remediation: This scope was dramatically changed from 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.