

August 2015 SCTPO eNews

ITS MASTER PLAN – USING TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW



Over the past 18 months, the SCTPO has been working with local agencies and Metric Engineering to develop an **Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Master Plan** for Brevard. Intelligent Transportation Systems use technology to improve traffic flow, safety, air quality and fuel efficiency. The Master Plan outlines a strategy for development and maintenance of Brevard County's ITS network.

The **Draft Master Plan** is now available for review. Comments should be made to Steven Bostel by calling 321-690-6890 or emailing steven.bostel@brevardcounty.us. The plan will be presented to the TPO board for adoption consideration in September.

<http://spacecoasttpo.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/SCTPO-ITS-Master-Plan-Final-Report-FINAL-DRAFT.pdf>

Key Findings/Recommendations:

- Proposed consortium to provide structure and regional partnerships for ITS decisions
- Additional funding needed for operations and maintenance of existing system
- Prioritized list of future ITS capital improvements
- Benefit/cost ratio of ten year plan is 8.08 to 1
- Opportunity cost if not implemented is \$90 million per year
- Adequate staffing recommendations

TELL US WHERE YOU ARE RIDING AND RUNNING



The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is purchasing data from Strava - a free app for iPhone and Android that lets bicyclists and runners record trips with GPS to keep track of performance. FDOT will use the data to highlight trends and routes.

Download the app: <https://www.strava.com/mobile>

Read more about how Strava data is helping cities build better bike lanes:

<http://www.wired.com/2014/06/strava-sells-cycling-data/>

ADA CELEBRATES 25 YEARS!

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on July 26, 1990 by President George H.W. Bush. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, about 1 in 5 Americans has a disability, with 40% of people 65 or older reporting having one or more disability.

Read "In Helping Those with Disabilities, ADA Improves Access for All" from NPR:

<http://www.npr.org/2015/07/24/423230927/-a-gift-to-the-non-disabled-at-25-the-ada-improves-access-for-all>

UPCOMING MEETINGS

There are no board or committee meetings in August

Thursday, August 20, 7 pm SCTPO Presentation to Palm Bay City Council:

<http://spacecoasttpo.com/event/sctpo-presentation-to-palm-bay-city-council/>

Wednesday, August 26, 9 am Community Traffic Safety Team Meeting:
<http://spacecoasttpo.com/event/community-traffic-safety-team-6/>

PUBLIC SCHOOL STARTS AUGUST 12!



A new school year is just around the corner and drivers are reminded to **make school zones safe zones.**

- Slow down.
- Be alert and ready to stop.
- Watch for children walking in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks.
- Do not pass other vehicles in a school zone.
- Yield right-of-way to students in crosswalks.
- Be respectful to School Crossing Guards.