

## Transportation Planning for the Palm Beaches

## Agenda Item 1.G Executive Director's Report – December 12, 2016

- 1. MPO Funding Programs Workshop: A workshop for potential applicants to the MPO's annual Local Initiatives and Transportation Alternatives funding programs will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. The workshop will be held at the MPO Conference Room (4E-12) at 2300 N. Jog Road, West Palm Beach. Applications will be due to the MPO by March 3, 2017. Our strategic plan target is \$35M in funding requests for LI and \$6M for TA so be sure to apply. For more information, go to www.PalmBeachMPO.org/Funding
- 2. **South FL Public Transit Day:** Public Transit Day was last Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. I had the opportunity to ride on Palm Tran route 40 from Wellington to WPB with MPO Transit Coordinator Valerie Neilson, Palm Tran Director Clinton Forbes and PB Post reporter Kristina Webb.
- 3. **Operation Lifesaver:** Brightline staff made Operation Lifesaver presentations to our TAC and CAC last week. Operation Lifesaver is a nationwide, nonprofit public information program dedicated to reducing collisions, injuries and fatalities at highway-rail crossings and on railroads.
- 4. Safe Streets Summit: Registration is now open for the 2017 Safe Streets Summit, hosted by the Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organizations on Thursday and Friday, January 26-27, 2017 in Sunrise. This event will focus on the building blocks to successfully fund, implement, and evaluate Complete Streets. Register online at <a href="https://www.safeStreetsSummit.org">www.safeStreetsSummit.org</a>.
  - a. Help us celebrate the work underway go to the website to nominate an outstanding community and/or individual for their work to advance safe streets in South Florida.
- 5. **FHWA Road Diet Workshop:** The MPO and TCRPC are sponsoring an FHWA road diet workshop on February 3rd at 8 a.m. at Tequesta Village Hall, 345 Tequesta Drive. We were chosen for this workshop because of the upcoming lane elimination project on US 1 in the Village. Register online at https://goo.gl/t62zz7
- 6. **MPOAC Weekend Institute:** The 2017 MPOAC Weekend Institute for Elected Officials will be held on April 21-23 in Orlando and May 19-21 in Tampa. Our strategic plan target is to send one of you to each of these two opportunities so please check your calendars and let me know if you are interested in attending. A flyer is on the dais with more information.

## What Happened in October?

- Submitted objection to proposed federal rule to require MPO consolidation
- Approved I-95 Express TIP Amendment
- Approved Congestion Management Plan

## What's Coming in January and February?

- January MPO Board Active Retreat
- Select a new Trans. Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board chair
- LRTP Amendments Turnpike Express Lanes and I-95 at Northlake, I-95 at Glades Road interchanges
- Bike/Ped Safety Plan