

Executive Director's Report - May 17, 2018

- 1. FEC Supplemental Safety Measures (SSM) and Quiet Zone Status: Brightline has completed construction of the TPA-funded SSMs and installed and covered the required "No Train Horn" signs in all cities except Boynton Beach. The quiet zone in West Palm Beach became effective on May 14, Lake Worth will become effective on May 21, Boca Raton on May 30, and Delray Beach on June 7. The TPA is actively working with Lantana staff to support their filing of notices of establishment (NOEs). The four additional SSMs in Boynton Beach should be constructed in 2-3 months, at which time Boynton Beach will also be able to file their NOE.
- 2. **Brightline Service Update:** Brightline will commence service to Miami on Saturday May 19. I had the opportunity to experience the Miami station last Friday May 11 along with Commissioners Valeche and Abrams and Mayor Grant the elevated approach to the downtown is inspiring.
- 3. **TPA Staff Update:** We are excited to welcome Navael Fontus to the TPA as a summer intern. Navael is an FSU graduate student working toward a master's degree in urban and regional planning and will be with us through August. We have also extended offers to two individuals to fill our planning position vacancies and look forward to introducing those individuals to the TPA Board at an upcoming meeting.
- 4. **NARC Conference:** I will be attending the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Annual Conference will be in Orlando, Florida from June 3-6. This event is co-hosted by two Florida MPOs MetroPlan Orlando and the Broward MPO, and features a diverse slate of expert panels, educational sessions, and keynote presentations.
- 5. West Palm Beach Downtown Mobility Plan: City staff will present the draft downtown mobility plan, citywide bicycle masterplan, downtown parking plan, transportation demand management study and Okeechobee Blvd. study at its Monday May 21 commission meeting.

What Happened in April

- Approved a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to advance SR7 project from 60th Street to Northlake Boulevard
- Adopted a Policy for TPA Subsidy Awards of Transportation Related Activities
- Received a Palm Tran Route Performance Maximization (RPM) Update
- Received a TPA Transition Steering Committee Update
- Presented updated TPA Board Handbook and Member Profiles

What's Coming in June

- Final FY 19-23 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Countywide Mobility Fee Follow Up
- Turnpike Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendments (tent.)
- Draft 2045 SIS Cost Feasible Plan (tent.)
- Updates to TPA Board and Committee Bylaws