

MPO'S BICYCLE, GREENWAYS AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BGPAC) LOOKS AFTER THE INTERESTS OF BICYCLISTS AND WALKERS

One of the main priorities of the MPO is to ensure that key decision-making reflects all modes of transportation. Non-motorized transportation, which is comprised of walking and biking, continues to garner increased attention both locally and nationally as a viable means of personal mobility, and a positive factor in improving quality of life in our communities.

The MPO's BGPAC make certain that this aspect of the MPO's efforts is carried forward. The 15-member panel, comprised municipal representatives, bicycle advocacy and riding groups, environmental enthusiasts, as well as technical engineering interests, provide support to MPO staff, and provide recommendations to the MPO Board on specific non-motorized transportation issues.

Over the years, the BGPAC has expanded its role in directing bicycle and pedestrian initiatives throughout Palm Beach County and beyond. The MPO is fortunate to have members serving on the Committee who have a very spirited passion for improving the conditions for those who desire to utilize a mode other than the automobile for travel.

Some of the primary functions of the BGPAC include the following:

- Guidance on the development of the Palm Beach County Bicycle Transportation Master Plan.
- Review and ranking of applications submitted for the annual federal Transportation Enhancement Program for bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
- Assist staff in making recommendations on items that should be included in State and County roadway plans, to ensure bicyclists and pedestrians are accommodated to the best extent feasible
- Help in the formulation of events for Bicycle Month, celebrated every March in Palm Beach County, and as the State.
- Provide technical assistance to municipalities on the implementation of non-motorized transportation facilities.
- Assist staff in certain public outreach and educational efforts that promote bicycling and walking.

These are just a few of the many roles the Committee plays throughout the year.

The BGPAC meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of every month, at 9:00 A.M., in the MPO Conference Room. The meetings are open to the public. Anyone interested in learning more about improving bicycling and walking in Palm Beach County is encouraged to attend. Questions and comments regarding the BGPAC or any other issues related to bicycling and walking can be directed to Bret Baronak, Senior Planner – Bicycle, Greenways and Pedestrian Coordinator.

Technical Advisory Committee



The MPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is composed of engineers, technicians and planners from the local municipalities, county departments and state agencies involved in transportation and land use planning and services. The TAC provides a technical viewpoint and makes recommendations to the MPO on the technical aspects of transportation projects and programs. Members and alternates are approved by the MPO Board.

Several of the largest municipalities in Palm Beach County are represented on the TAC along with Florida Department of Transportation, County Department of Airports, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Port of Palm Beach, Palm Tran, Florida Department of Health, the School District, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and several County agencies.

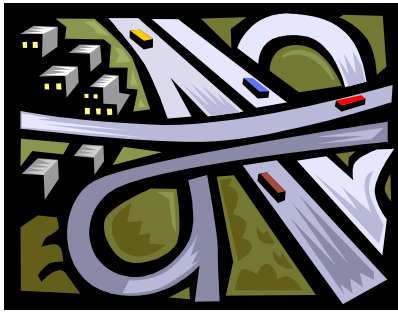
In addition to other duties assigned to it by the MPO or by state or federal law, the TAC is responsible for identifying projects contained in the long-range plan or transportation improvement program which deserve to be classified as a school safety concern. The recommendation then goes to the MPO Board for a vote on whether to classify a particular project as a school safety concern.

PBC TD Coordinating Board Wins Award



*Palm Tran Connection Director, Ron Jones,
accepts award for PBC*

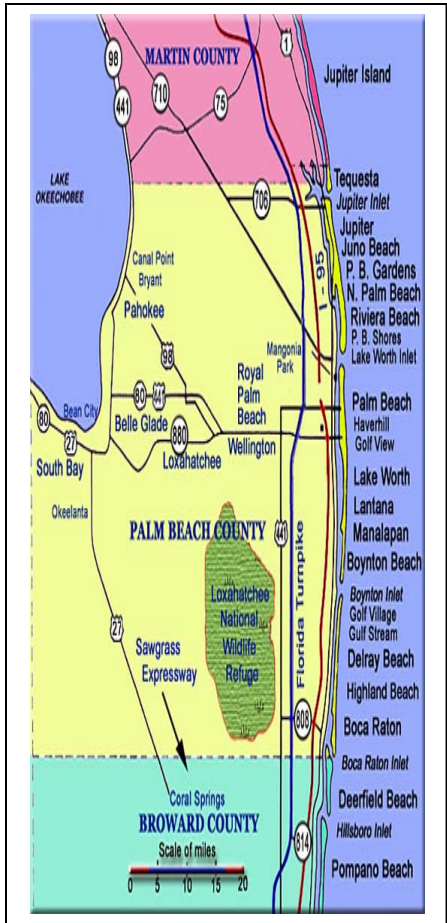
The Palm Beach County Local Coordinating Board was awarded the Outstanding Coordinating Board of the Year in the state by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. The Annual Conference held in Orlando addressed a myriad of issues affecting the Transportation Disadvantaged throughout the State. The TD Board is comprised of individuals that truly care about the community and the Transportation Disadvantaged. This Board's focus has always been to advocate for and encourage the coordination of transportation. Coordination in its true sense where all parties are involved and focused on the same goal – creating alliances with all transportation providers while ensuring the delivery of reliable, compassionate, high-quality and on-time services to the transportation disadvantaged population. They have been an integral part of shaping the face of transportation in Palm Beach County. Ron Jones, Palm Tran Connection's Director accepted the award for the county.



MPO ADOPTS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Each year, the MPO updates the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Palm Beach County. The document is based on the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Five-Year Work Program and includes federal, state and local funding for transportation projects for all modes. The document includes information from the FDOT District programs and Turnpike. A public hearing took place prior to the Board action adopting the TIP on July 15, 2010.

Transportation System Priorities For FY 2011/2015 (In ranking order)



- Port of Palm Beach
Port Connectivity Study from Military Trail to Broadway (US 1)
- Interstate 95
Construction of Auxiliary Lanes, Interchange - Glades Rd to Yamato Rd
- State Road 7
Construct roadway from Okeechobee Blvd to Northlake Blvd
- Federal Highway (US 1)
PD & E Study from Broward Co line to Glades Rd
- State Road 7
PD & E Study to add lanes for Transit - Broward Co line to Glades Rd
- Glades Road
PACE Study recommendations from SR 7 to 10th St
- Southern Boulevard
Additional lanes from Big Blue Trace to Crestwood Blvd
- Transit Bus Priority
*Bus Signal Priority System along SR 7 and Okeechobee Blvd
From Wellington to West Palm Beach*
- Congestion Management
*Congestion Reduction Funding- \$1.5M annually for State Roads
Countywide*
- Tri Rail
Extend commuter rail service from West Palm Beach to Jupiter

These projects are all consistent with the policies and priorities of the MPO adopted long-range plan. The TIP attempts to not only address current problems but to construct the needed facilities for the long-range transportation plan, which is currently the 2035 Cost Feasible Transportation System Plan. The TIP is available on the MPO website at www.pbcgov.com/mpo

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