



# Transportation Planning for the Palm Beaches



## Executive Director's Report – April 20, 2017

1. **I-95 Interchange Projects at Northlake Blvd and at 45<sup>th</sup> Street:** Normally, projects are added to the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) before performing project development and environmental (PD&E) evaluations or proposing funding in the 5-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). However, FDOT is currently conducting PD&E studies proposing additional funding for two interchange projects that are not in the LRTP. At the December 12, 2016 MPO Board meeting, the Board directed FDOT to bring requested amendments forward for these two projects. When FDOT presented the requested amendments to the TAC at the April 5, 2017 meeting, the TAC tabled the requests to allow additional time for the City of Palm Beach Gardens and the City of West Palm Beach to work with FDOT to address concerns and refine alternatives. The requested amendments are expected to come to the MPO Board at the June or July meeting.
2. **Turnpike Widening Project Meeting:** Florida's Turnpike will be holding a design public information meeting at the West Boynton Recreation Center on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will provide information regarding improvements on Florida's Turnpike from Boynton Beach Boulevard to north of Lake Worth Road that are funded for construction in FY 2018.
3. **Smart Growth America Complete Streets Consortium:** The Palm Beach MPO, together with the Broward MPO and Miami-Dade TPO, was one of seven finalists for a national award of technical support to advance complete streets in South Florida. We just learned that the cities of Knoxville, Nashville and Chattanooga were selected for the award. We will monitor the program to consider whether a similar outcome could be established as a joint MPO initiative.
4. **Road Impact Fee Workshop:** The MPO is working to schedule the requested road impact fee workshop in early May and will use that workshop to refine the desired path forward, and then formulate an appropriate question for an attorney general opinion regarding charter amendment authority and flexibility.
5. **New MPO Brand:** Strategic Plan objective 2.A directed the MPO to create and consistently apply a new brand. A work order has been issued to Roar Media to facilitate that process. Draft content will be presented to the MPO Board at the June and July meetings.
6. **MPO 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** The first meeting of the Palm Beach MPO occurred on November 10, 1977. To commemorate 40 years of transportation planning, the MPO will be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Governing Board meeting on December 14, 2017. Please mark your calendars for this special event.

### What Happened in March?

- Florida Bike Month Proclamation – Concluded with a Bike to Work Ride in WPB on Friday March 31<sup>st</sup>
- Requested a workshop with MPO Board Members and Technical Staff regarding road impact fee alternatives

### What's Coming in May?

- Draft FY 18-22 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Regional Commuter Challenge