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## PALM BEACH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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### **Bicycle, Trailways and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Liaison Report – April 6, 2017**

1. **Staff Update:** Andrew Uhler has joined the staff of the Palm Beach MPO as a Senior Planner, and will serve as the Coordinator for the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).
2. **“Battle of the Counties” Travel Challenge:** The [Southeast Florida Transportation Council \(SEFTC\)](#) has launched the “Battle of the Counties” Travel Challenge – a friendly, data-collecting contest between the residents of Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties – in an effort to improve the local transportation system. Travel information shared by participants will offer insight and a new perspective to making our region more economically vibrant. Whether the traveling occurs by car, transit, bicycle or any other mode, participation in this study will influence important transportation decisions for our future.
3. **Route Condition Tool Webinar:** The University of Florida Transportation Institute is offering a webinar on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 10 a.m. regarding the new Route Condition Tool. This tool is a master Geographic Information Systems (GIS) transportation database that aims to improve walk-ability and safety by providing urban planners and engineers with a comprehensive and never-before-seen view of their transportation systems.
4. **Safe Routes to School Workshop:** This workshop is mandatory for anyone submitting a Safe Routes to School application beginning September 1, 2017. The workshop will explain the program, provide tips on how to complete the application, and improve the chances of being selected for a portion of the \$7 million in Florida's funding for this cycle.
5. **MPO Funding Applications:** Applications for the MPO's annual Local Initiatives (LI) and Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding programs have been submitted. We are scheduling applicant presentations for April 10-14, for LI projects. TA projects will be presented and re-ranked today. There were 8 Local Initiatives and 6 Transportation Alternatives applications.
6. **Turnpike Widening Project Meeting:** Florida's Turnpike will be holding a design public information meeting at the West Boynton Recreation Center on Tuesday, May 16<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.
7. **Smart Growth America Complete Streets Consortium:** The Palm Beach MPO, together with the Broward MPO and Miami Dade TPO, is one of seven finalists for a national award of technical support to advance complete streets in South Florida. Our interview is scheduled for March 29<sup>th</sup> and the award announcement is anticipated in mid-April.