Celebrating 40 years of collaboratively planning, prioritizing and funding our transportation system

December 2017
Decades of Decisions that Matter

1977 - 1997 - 2017 - 2037
Pre-1977
The Early Years

“It is always necessary to evaluate where you are and how you arrived before you project where you are going.”

-1964 MOA between Palm Beach County & State Road Department
In the early 1900’s, only the rich had cars but everyone had a horse...

And bicycles were competing for space in early complete street projects.
Early Planners Conducted a 42-mile US 1 Study

Photo Courtesy of: www.floridamemory.com
Transportation was Safe, Efficient, Connected and Multimodal

Movable Bridge in Lake Worth

Bus to West Palm Beach
And We Were Focused on Passenger Trains on the FEC

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Jupiter

West Palm Beach

Lake Worth

Boynton Beach

Belle Glade

FEC Engine in S Florida

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1977-1997

A time of Rapid Growth
First MPO Board Meeting – November 10, 1977

7 Member Governing Board:

- County (3)
- West Palm Beach (2)
- Boca Raton
- Boynton Beach

Chair: County Commissioner Lake Lytal
Population: 576,863

1977

Population Density Increasing
63 Buses Ready To Roll

The routes and their general locations are:

Route 1 — South County, Lantana, Hypoluxo, Boynton Beach, Delray Beach, Boca Raton via U.S. 1 and Seacrest Boulevard.

Route 1 — Central County, Riviera Beach, North Palm Beach, Lake Park, West Palm Beach, Lake Worth and Lantana via U.S. 1.

Route 1A, 11, 1P — Serving North County, Tequesta, Jupiter, Palm Beach Gardens.

Route 2 — West Palm Beach via Lake Worth and West Palm Beach.

Route 3 — Lake Worth-West Palm Beach-Riviera Beach-Singer Island.

Route 4 — Crosstown West Palm Beach to downtown.

Route 5 — West Palm Beach — Palm Beach 21-connector.

Route 5 — West Palm Beach — Palm Beach Shuttles to downtown.

Route 6 — Crosstown Lake Worth.

Route 7 — Delray Beach, North, South and Crosstown.

Route 8, 12 and 14 — Boca Raton.

Route 9 — Boynton Crosstown.

Route 10 and 11 — Belle Glade and cross county to West Palm Beach.

Route 20 — Lake Worth-West Palm Beach via Military Trail.

Today's the day CoTran, Palm Beach County's improved transit system, goes into full operation on all 21 routes.

For the first time, all 49 of the recently purchased air-conditioned buses as well as 25 of the larger, late model coaches will be in service to the county inaugurate its program of full accessibility for the handicapped and elderly.

In order to get residents better acquainted with the new program, the county will provide free rides anywhere in the system today and tomorrow.

The 40 new buses provide space for one wheelchair, while the 23 re-coded coaches can serve two wheelchairs passengers.

Cost of the 49 new buses is $3.1 million with 80 percent financing from federal funds and 15 percent each from the state and county.

The 21-passenger buses operate on diesel fuel and are economical, highly maneuverable heavy-duty coaches with roomy seats, large window panels and excellent lighting and ventilation.

The improvement program is expected to make the county's bus system one of the best in the nation.

All 63 buses will operate on the 21 routes that cover Palm Beach County from Boca Raton in the north, Tequesta to the south and west into the Glades.

New schedules offering better service are now available from all bus drivers.
First Year 2000 Transportation Plan in Florida

Major Projects Built from the Plan

- I-95: PGA to Martin County
- Tri-Rail Service Commenced
- Jog: Yamato to Hypoluxo, SR 80 to Okeechobee
- Yamato: Powerline to A1A
- Forest Hill: SR 7 to SR 80

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1980's: Connecting the Region

I-95 Missing Link: 12/19/1987

I-95 now goes the extra miles, cheaper and faster

By HAROLD MAASS
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

Arthur LeBeau was towing 7,000 gallons of liquid nitrogen.
“I kind of like to avoid traffic,” the diminutive Union Carbide trucker said.

Today’s opening of Florida’s last unfinished leg of Interstate 95 will allow him and his chemical cargo to do just that, said as he poked a screwdriver the size of his forearm under the hood of his 18-wheel tanker.

LeBeau and most of the dozen other truckers jam-packed in the McDonald’s parking lot on State Road 70 in Fort Pierce had stopped Friday before or after lumbering along Florida’s Turnpike to bypass the unopened stretch of I-95.

When he returns to Titusville from South Miami tonight, LeBeau will avoid the road switch and congested SR 70 and take the completed freeway all the way, saving his company $4.90 in turnpike tolls.

The opening of I-95’s so-called

Please see I-95/11A

A Department of Transportation truck paints the last

Tri-Rail Starts: 1/9/1989

All aboard! Tri-Rail rolls today

By AMY DRISCOLL
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

When the 67-mile Tri-Rail system opens today — the first regional commuter train network ever to run in South Florida — planners of the $112 million experiment are betting they will have a winner on their hands.

“We’ve covered every possible contingency,” said Tri-Rail executive director Bill Howard. “This day has been literally years in the planning.”

Although the line initially was designed to serve as a temporary alternative for commuters during the three years when Interstate 95 was to be widened, planners hope it will become a permanent mass transit system.

The West Palm Beach-to-Miami system will run trains only during morning and evening rush hours on weekdays. No weekend or midday service is planned.

Between 5:15 a.m. and 9:13 a.m., five trains will run south, and four will run north. Between 3:50 p.m. and 8:45 p.m., four trains will run south, and five will run north.

Twelve of the 15 planned stations will be open during the first few months of operation. The remaining three — at Northwest 22nd Avenue in Boynton Beach, Cypress Creek Road in Fort Lauderdale and Griffin Road south of Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport — are expected to open in the spring.

No fares will be charged for riding the train until May 1, when a one-way trip of any length will cost $2. Weekly passes for unlimited

Please see TRI-RAIL/10A
1997-2017

A time of Growth Management
1997 MPO Brand and Board

- 17 Member Governing Board
  - County (5)
  - West Palm Beach (2)
  - Boca Raton (2)
  - Boynton Beach
  - Delray Beach
  - Lake Worth
  - Riviera Beach
  - Palm Beach Gardens
  - Jupiter
  - Belle Glade
  - Port of Palm Beach

- Chair: Commissioner Jeff Koons
Population: 1,131,184

Population Density Increasing
1996-2017 Bus Service – Palm Tran

2006

2016
Major Projects Built from the Plan

- SR 80 Flyovers
- I-95 to PBIA Connection
- Lyons: Clint Moore to Hypoluxo, Stribling to Southern
- Woolbright: Jog to Hagen Ranch
- Jog: Beeline to Northlake, PGA to Donald Ross
- Hypoluxo: SR 7 to Hagen Ranch
Final flyover from I-95 to PBIA to open Wednesday

Cost: $200 million, quadruple the original estimate
Time it took to build: Slightly more than four years
How it works: A diagram of how to get on and off. 8A

By CHUCK MAGNENESS Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

WEST PALM BEACH — After more than four years of anxiety, snarls, mind-numbing gridlock, and overnight shutdowns of two lanes, the Palm Beach County’s largest construction project is now in full swing.

The last major road work in the county’s construction project will be completed by Thursday. The flyover will be open to traffic on Wednesday morning.

By the time commuters hit the road on Wednesday morning, the southbound traffic will be reduced to one lane and the southbound lanes of the flyover will be open.

A lot has happened since the first shovel of dirt was turned.

See F15
2017-2037

A time of Multimodal Growth
2017 MPO Brand and Board

• 21 Member Governing Board
  • County (5)
  • West Palm Beach (2)
  • Boca Raton (2)
  • Boynton Beach
  • Delray Beach
  • Lake Worth
  • Riviera Beach
  • Palm Beach Gardens

• Chair: Mayor Susan Haynie
  • Jupiter
  • Belle Glade
  • Port of Palm Beach
  • Wellington
  • Royal Palm Beach
  • Greenacres
  • Palm Springs
Population: 1,443,810
Population: 1,678,000

Population Density Increasing
2017-2037 New Transit Service
2017 Trans. Plan

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Major Projects Underway from the Plan

- Local Initiatives Program
- I-95 Managed Lanes, Interchanges
- Turnpike Widening
- Tri-Rail Extension
- US 1 Multimodal Corridor
- Atlantic Ave Widening
Brightline Commences Service, Cities Establish Continuous Quiet Zone on FEC

Tri-Rail Commences Service in North Palm Beach County

Countywide Mobility Fee Established

Palm Beach County Chosen as Most Bike-Friendly County in FL
Let’s Build the Future Together
How Can We Build the Future?

- Implement Complete Streets
- Use Resources - Design Guidelines & Community Profiles
- Apply for Funding Opportunities
- Attend the Safe Streets Summit
Complete Streets Design Guidelines

- National Best Practices
- Land Use + Street Type Maps
- Roadway Design Tables
- Complete Streets Opportunities
Street Type and Land Context Maps
## Roadway Design Tables

### Major Corridor

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Complete Streets Opportunities Maps

www.palmbeachtpa.org/complete-streets
Community Profiles

- Roadway Ownership
- Pedestrian & Bicycle Facilities
- Transit Stops & Ridership
- Roadway lanes
- Upcoming TIP Projects

www.palmbeachtpa.org/board
Funding Opportunities – Apply!

**TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM**

- Total Funds: ~$3M
- Requests: $250K - $4M
- Funds Available: ~3 Years
- Project Examples:
  - Pedestrian & Bicycle Facilities
  - Safe Routes to School

*Minimum funding request per project is subject to TPA Governing Board approval

**LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM**

- Total Funds: ~$10M
- Requests: $250K - $5M
- Funds Available: ~5 Years
- Project Examples:
  - Complete Streets
  - Transit Capital
  - Freight Efficiency
  - Non-motorized Infrastructure

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**Workshop for Potential Applicants of TPA Funding Programs:**

Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 9:00 AM

Location: Okeeheelee Room, 4E-12, 2300 N. Jog Rd., West Palm Beach, FL 33411

Applications Due: March 2, 2018

[www.PalmBeachTPA.org/Funding](http://www.PalmBeachTPA.org/Funding)
2018 Safe Streets Summit

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FEBRUARY 1-2, 2018
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