



Transportation Planning for the Palm Beaches



Executive Director's Report – January 19, 2017

- Brightline Test Track and Quiet Zone:** Brightline will begin testing passenger service this week on the new track from south of Okeechobee Blvd. in West Palm Beach to the southern municipal border of Lantana. MPO and TCRPC staff will be working with municipal staff at West Palm Beach, Lake Worth and Lantana to file the required Notice of Establishment (NOE) for a quiet zone throughout the test track, with the goal to file the NOE late next week. There is a required 21-day notice period so the test track quiet zone would become effective in mid-February.
 - Note that the quiet zone for the remainder of phase 1 of the Brightline project (15th Street in West Palm Beach south to Broward County) is still on track to be established concurrent with the new Brightline service in summer of 2017.
- Safe Streets Summit:** The 2017 Safe Streets Summit, hosted by the Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organizations, will be held next Thursday and Friday, January 26-27, 2017 in Sunrise. This event will focus on the building blocks to successfully fund, implement, and evaluate Complete Streets. Register online at www.SafeStreetsSummit.org.
- FHWA Road Diet Workshop:** The MPO and TCRPC are sponsoring an FHWA road diet workshop on February 3rd at 8 a.m. at Tequesta Village Hall, 345 Tequesta Drive. We were chosen for this workshop because of the upcoming lane elimination project on US 1 in the Village. Register online at <https://goo.gl/t62zz7>
- MPO Funding Applications:** Applications for the MPO's annual Local Initiatives and Transportation Alternatives funding programs will be due to the MPO by March 3, 2017. Our strategic plan target is \$35M in funding requests for LI and \$6M for TA so be sure to apply. For more information, go to www.PalmBeachMPO.org/Funding
- MPOAC Weekend Institute:** We have one remaining spot for the 2017 MPOAC Weekend Institute for Elected Officials that will be held on May 19-21 in Tampa. Our strategic plan target is to send one MPO representative or alternate to each of these opportunities so please check your calendars and let me know if you are interested in attending.

What Happened in December?

- Elected Susan Haynie as Chair and Hal Valeche as Vice Chair for 2017
- Elected Susan Haynie as Representative and Keith James as Alternate for SEFTC
- Elected Susan Haynie as Representative and Melissa McKinlay as Alternate for MPOAC
- Approved the FDOT FY 18-22 Tentative Work Program with Comments
- Approved the 2017 Local Initiative and Transportation Alternative Program Guidelines and Scoring System
- Endorsed the US-1 Bridge Preferred Alternative in the Town of Jupiter

What's Coming in February?

- Select a new Trans. Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board chair
- LRTP Amendments – Turnpike Express Lanes and I-95 at Glades Road
- Bike/Ped Safety Plan