



Transportation Planning for the Palm Beaches



Executive Director's Report – June 15, 2017

1. **New FDOT Secretary Announced:** On June 5th Mike Dew was announced as the new FDOT Secretary. Prior to being selected as the FDOT Secretary Mike served as FDOT's chief of staff.
2. **New County Engineer Ratified:** On June 13th David Ricks was ratified as the new County Engineer. Mr. Ricks currently serves as Public Works Director for Norfolk, VA and has previously served as Director of Facilities and Transportation Services for Fulton County, GA and Director of Public Works for Montgomery County, OH in addition to a distinguished career as a naval officer. His anticipated start date is July 17th.
3. **Road Impact Fee Alternatives Workshop:** The MPO conducted a road impact fee workshop on May 30th. It was noted that to retain a countywide system with modified zone boundaries and/or more flexible multimodal uses for impact fee revenue, the County Commission would need to direct county staff to prepare amendments to the impact fee ordinance for future consideration by the BCC. It was also noted that two cities (West Palm Beach and Palm Beach Gardens) are preparing citywide mobility plans, that they will consider adoption of citywide mobility fees, and that payment of these fees may be a substitute for or a credit against any countywide road impact fee obligations.
4. **FDOT Public Workshop:** FDOT staff will be holding a public information workshop for a proposed project along SR 710/Beeline Highway, from Northlake Blvd. to Blue Heron Blvd. on Wednesday, June 28th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Homewood Suites, 2455 Metrocentre Blvd, West Palm Beach. A formal presentation will be given at 6:30 p.m.
5. **Okeechobee Boulevard Corridor Public Meetings:** The City of West Palm Beach has been conducting public meetings for the Okeechobee Blvd. corridor from I-95 to Flagler Drive all week. A public presentation to summarize ideas and design concepts developed will be held tonight, June 15th, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Palm Beach County Convention Center.
6. **US 1 Multimodal Corridor Study Public Meetings:** Public outreach meetings were completed in Boca Raton in May. The project team will be heading to Delray Beach and Boynton Beach in June and then to Hypoluxo, Lantana and Lake Worth in July. Please visit the project website, <http://www.us1pbcorridorstudy.com/>, for more information. Below is a summary of the upcoming June meetings:
 - June 24th Workshop from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Boynton Beach Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach
 - June 26th-28th Open Studio/Charrettes from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Boynton Beach Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Highway
7. **MPO Board Training Opportunity:** Strategic Plan objective 1.A directs the MPO to provide training opportunities to Board Members. The Institute of Transportation Engineers 2017 Annual Meeting and Exhibit will be in Toronto, Ontario July 29-August 2 and the MPO budget accommodates travel by one board member to an event like this. Toronto has established a multimodal approach to creating vibrant, healthy and livable communities and the conference will promote awareness of their efforts.

What Happened in May?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopted resolution to receive sponsorships for special events hosted and endorsed by the MPO • Established a Governance Committee comprised of 9 Board Representatives • Established a Strategic Plan Committee comprised of 5 Board Representatives

What's Coming in July?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LRTP Amendments for Turnpike widening and I-95 at 45th Street (tent.) • FY 19-23 Project Priorities List • FDOT Recommendation at I-95 and SR 80 • MPO Branding Draft • MPO Strategic Plan Updates