



# Transportation Planning for the Palm Beaches



## Executive Director's Report – May 18, 2017

1. **Road Impact Fee Workshop:** The MPO has scheduled the requested road impact fee workshop for May 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Vista Center 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Hearing Chambers, 2300 N Jog Road, West Palm Beach. The workshop's goal is to refine the desired path forward, and then formulate an appropriate question for an attorney general opinion regarding charter amendment authority and flexibility.
2. **Brightline:** Flyers for the 1<sup>st</sup> Responder workshop are provided at the sign-in table.
3. **FDOT Secretary:** The Florida Transportation Commission interviewed five candidates and on May 17<sup>th</sup> voted to recommend Ronald Howse, Michael Dew, and Richard Biter for final selection by the governor and confirmation by the Senate.
4. **MPO Coordination and Planning Area Reform Rule:** On Friday, May 12, 2017, the President signed into law U.S. Senate bill 496, which nullifies the rule issued by FHWA and FTA in December 2016. The rule would have required Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach to consolidate into a single MPO or to create a single long range plan, transportation improvement program, and performance measures. All three MPOs submitted comments in October 2016 opposing the rule and requesting that it be withdrawn.
5. **Legislative Update:** The following transportation bills were passed in this session:
  - a. **HB 221** – Establishes regulations for Transportation Network Companies
  - b. **SB 596** – Establishes regulations for wireless facilities collocated in public rights-of-way
  - c. **HB 695** – Authorizes SFRTA to assume indemnification and insurance obligations, regulates how state funds are provided to SFRTA
  - d. **HB 865** – Creates Florida Smart City Challenge Grant Program, establishes Florida highway beautification grants, regulates how state funds are provided to SFRTA
6. **South Florida Commuter Challenge:** Just past the halfway point, the region has logged nearly 20,000 trips for over 270,000 miles commuted by walking, biking, transit or carpooling. It is not too late to join – the challenge ends May 31<sup>st</sup>. Go to [www.SFLCommutes.com](http://www.SFLCommutes.com) to join.
7. **US 1 Multimodal Study:** We completed activities in Boca Raton and will be heading to Delray and Boynton in June.
8. **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.

What Happened in April?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted LRTP amendments to add Interchange improvements at I-95/Woolbright and at I-95/Glades Rd to the cost feasible plan</li> <li>Received an overview of Palm Tran from Executive Director Clinton Forbes and a Brightline update from Public Affairs Director Ali Soule</li> <li>Reviewed the Strategic Intermodal System Unfunded Needs Plan and provided a letter to FDOT based on Board discussion</li> </ul>

What's Coming in June?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final FY 18-22 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)</li> <li>LRTP Amendment for I-95 at Northlake</li> <li>2045 LRTP Update Scope of Services</li> <li>Road Impact Fee Alternative (tent.)</li> </ul>