



# Transportation Planning for the Palm Beaches



## Executive Director's Report – September 21, 2017

- US 1 Multimodal Corridor Study Public Meetings:** Public outreach meetings have been continuing and this month the project team will be heading to the Riviera Beach, Lake Park and North Palm Beach section of the corridor. Below is a summary of the upcoming September meetings:
  - September 23<sup>rd</sup> Workshop from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Village of North Palm Beach Council Chambers, 501 US 1
  - September 25-27<sup>th</sup> Open Studio/Charrettes from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Marina Event Center, 190 E 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Riviera Beach

Please visit the project website, <http://www.us1pbcorridorstudy.com/>, for more information.

- I-95 at Northlake Project Meeting:** FDOT staff will be holding a public hearing to discuss the Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study for the I-95/Northlake Boulevard interchange in Palm Beach Gardens. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel at 4000 RCA Boulevard. A formal presentation will be given at 6 p.m.
- Safe Streets Summit:** Save the date for the 2018 Safe Streets Summit, being held on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. The Summit will be held in downtown West Palm Beach and stay tuned for upcoming announcements of pre-conference workshops and activities for February 1<sup>st</sup>. Because the MPO is hosting this event, we will not be conducting an MPO Board retreat in January.
- International Walk to School Day:** International Walk to School Day, occurring on October 4<sup>th</sup> this year, is a global event that involves communities from more than 40 countries walking and biking to school on the same day. Since 1977, this annual event has become part of a movement for year-round safe routes to school. Please visit the Walk to School Day website to plan an event: <http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>.
- Personnel Updates:** We are pleased to welcome Alyssa Frank as a new planner on the MPO's Multimodal Team. She will be leading the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan update to ensure state funding for Palm Tran Connection is being used optimally. Also, Lisa Dykstra is no longer with FDOT District IV. Mayur Patel is their planning administrator and will be hiring her replacement soon.
- MPOAC/FDOT Meeting:** I'm travelling to Tallahassee next week together with Carl Mikyska (MPOAC), Greg Stuart (Broward MPO), and Peter Buchwald (St Lucie TPO) to meet with senior FDOT staff to improve coordination between our MPO planning efforts and FDOT initiatives.
- Florida MPOAC:** The Florida MPOAC is our statewide trade group representing MPO interests to the central office of FDOT, to the legislature, to FHWA offices both in Tallahassee and Washington DC. It's my pleasure to introduce Carl Mikyska, the Executive Director for the MPOAC, who is here with us today.

What Happened in July?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved the FY 19-23 Priority Project List</li> <li>Approved an LRTP Amendment for improvements at I-95 and 45<sup>th</sup> Street</li> <li>Approved annual updates to the MPO Strategic Plan</li> </ul>

What's Coming in October?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FDOT Draft FY 19-23 Work Program</li> <li>MPO Complete Street Design Guidelines</li> <li>Final Public Participation Plan</li> <li>Final MPO Branding for Approval</li> </ul>