



# PALM BEACH Transportation Planning Agency

## Executive Director's Report - June 20, 2019

1. **June is National Safety Month:** Observed annually in June, National Safety Month focuses on reducing leading causes of injury and death at work, on the road and in our homes and communities. Downloadable resources are available at [www.nsc.org/work-safety/get-involved/national-safety-month](http://www.nsc.org/work-safety/get-involved/national-safety-month).
2. **Wireless Communications While Driving:** The prohibition as a primary offense is effective July 1, but warnings will be issued during a grace period to educate drivers.
3. **Virgin Trains USA Phase 2 Groundbreaking:** Virgin Trains USA will celebrate a groundbreaking of Phase 2 construction on June 24 at 11:00 a.m. at the Orlando International Airport, Terminal C, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor. Please RSVP today to [communications@gobrightline.com](mailto:communications@gobrightline.com) if you plan to attend.
4. **Bicycle Friendly Community Designations:** The TPA encourages municipalities and the County to pursue Bicycle Friendly Community designations. The deadline to submit a Bicycle Friendly Community application is August 8. For more information visit [bikeleague.org/community](http://bikeleague.org/community).
5. **Upcoming Project Meetings:**
  - a. **US-1 Resurfacing in Lantana, Delray Beach and Boynton Beach:** FDOT will conduct an open house on Thursday, June 20 at the Town of Hypoluxo Council Chambers, 7580 S Federal Hwy, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. to review US-1 modifications from Hypoluxo Rd to Waterway Drive in the Town of Lantana and from George Bush Blvd in the City of Delray Beach to Murano Bay Drive in the City of Boynton Beach.
  - b. **Blue Heron Blvd Intracoastal Bridge Fender Replacement:** FDOT will conduct an open house on Tuesday, June 25 at the City of Riviera Beach Council Chambers, 600 Blue Heron Blvd, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. to review bridge modifications including replacing the bridge fender system, replacing the navigational lighting system, and removing all platforms and ladders.
  - c. **US 27 Modifications from Broward County Line to mile post 16.6:** FDOT will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 27 at the South Bay City Hall, 335 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, at 2:00 p.m. to present modifications to extend the roadway pavement's service life and improve safety: resurface the existing pavement, widen the shoulder pavement, close unused median openings, close abandoned driveways along southbound US 27, modify driveways to better accommodate truck turning movements, replace guardrail, modify the drainage system, upgrade highway signs, and install edge line rumble striping.

### Recap of May 16, 2019 TPA Board Meeting

- Created a Strategic Plan Steering Committee comprised of TPA Chair Valeché, TPA Vice Chair Marino, Mayors Pinto and Triolo, Commissioner Weiss and Council Member Thomson.
- Received a Virgin Trains/Brightline Phase 2 Update from Ali Soule, Brightline Chief of Staff
- Reviewed the Draft Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Desires Plan
- Reviewed the Draft FY 20-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Received an update on Palm Tran's fleet electrification initiative and an upcoming July 23 County workshop