Bicycle-Trailways-Pedestrian Advisory Committee Liaison’s Report - May 2, 2019

1. **House Bill 107 Wireless Communications While Driving:** On Monday, April 29, House Bill 107, which makes texting while driving a primary offense, was passed and moved forward to the Governor’s office. This bill supports Policy Related Action 3.b in the TPA’s Vision Zero Action Plan to regulate distracted driving as a primary offense. The bill also prohibits a person from operating a motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device in a handheld manner in a designated school crossing, school zone, or work zone.

2. **National Bike to School Day:** The TPA encourages local schools and municipalities to celebrate and participate in National Bike to School Day on Wednesday, May 8. For more information and to register visit walkbiketoschool.org.

3. **Walk Friendly and Bicycle Friendly Community Designations:** The TPA encourages municipalities to pursue Walk Friendly and Bicycle Friendly Community designations. The deadline to submit a Walk Friendly Community application is June 15. For more information visit walkfriendly.org. The deadline to submit a Bicycle Friendly Community application is August 8. For more information visit bikeleague.org/community.

4. **George Bush Boulevard Mobility Project:** The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will be conducting a Public Information Workshop regarding the proposed mobility improvements for George Bush Boulevard from NE 2nd Avenue to SR A1A on Wednesday, May 15 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 West Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444. Note this project was prioritized and funded in part by the TPA.

5. **I-95 at Woolbright Road PD&E Kick-Off Meeting:** FDOT will be holding a kick-off meeting regarding a Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study of I-95 from S of Woolbright Road to N of Woolbright Road on Thursday, May 16 from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Inn at Boynton Beach, 480 Boynton Beach Boulevard, Boynton Beach, FL 33435.

6. **2019 FHWA Joint TMA Certification Site Visit:** FHWA staff conducted a Joint Federal Transportation Management Area (TMA) Certification site visit with the Palm Beach TPA on April 10-11. Public comment period ends May 10 at PalmBeachTPA.org/FederalCertification.

7. **Bicycle-Pedestrian-Trailways Advisory Committee (BTPAC) Seeking Disability Community Representative:** TPA staff encourages members of the committee to recommend a new member to the BTPAC who can represent the disabled community that is aware of the challenges faced by mobility-impaired users of our transportation system.

8. **May TPA Governing Board Meeting:** The next TPA Governing Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16 at 9:00 a.m. at Riviera Beach’s Marina Village Event Center, 200 E 13th Street, Riviera Beach, FL 33404.

9. **Upcoming Conferences:** The TPA has updated their ‘Conferences’ page to provide information about upcoming conferences that are of interest for transportation planners, engineers, officials and advocates at PalmBeachTPA.org/Conferences.