



Bicycle, Trailways, Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BTPAC) Liaison's Report - May 7, 2020

1. **Boynton Beach Vision Zero:** The TPA congratulates the City of Boynton Beach for adopting a Vision Zero resolution on February 4 to establish the goal of zero traffic related fatalities on the City's roadways.
2. **Southern Boulevard (SR 80) Widening in Central PBC Accelerated:** At the direction of Governor Ron DeSantis, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is accelerating critical infrastructure projects throughout Florida due to a reduction in traffic during the fight against COVID-19. One of the projects selected to be accelerated is the 7.2 mile widening of Southern Boulevard from four (4) lanes to six (6) lanes from west of Lion Country Safari Road to Forest Hill /Crestwood Boulevard. The \$47.9 million project began construction in July 2018 with an initial completion date of Summer 2021. It has now been accelerated by nearly 3 months.
3. **South Dixie Highway Corridor Lane Elimination - Status Update:** FDOT District 4 has decided to repeal their 2019 approval of the lane elimination project for South Dixie Highway from Albemarle Road to Okeechobee Boulevard in West Palm Beach (FM 440042-1). This project was TPA Board Priority 16-2 for Local Initiatives Funding with \$7.3M for construction and CEI services in FY 21.
4. **Emergency Temporary Roundabout Pilot Project:** The intersection of S.R. 704/Okeechobee Boulevard & Jog Road will temporarily switch to a one-lane roundabout from 6 a.m. to 12 p.m on Saturday, May 16, as part of a joint Palm Beach County and FDOT hurricane preparedness exercise. During this time the traffic lights will be turned off and the temporary roundabout will control traffic.
5. **AARP Community Challenge Grants:** AARP provides Community Challenge grants to fund "quick-action" projects that help create livable communities for people of all ages. The deadline to apply has been extended to May 15. For more information, visit [AARP.org/CommunityChallenge](https://www.aarp.org/CommunityChallenge).
6. **May TPA Governing Board Meeting:** The next TPA Governing Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21 at 9:00 a.m. Final notice of the meeting location will be made available with the distribution of the Board Agenda a week prior to the meeting. To view the agenda packet and meeting details, visit PalmBeachTPA.org/Board.