



Executive Director's Report - September 17, 2020

- 1. Federal Funding Update:** The most recent multiyear federal funding authorization, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, is set to expire on September 30, 2020 unless a new authorization or a stop-gap funding bill is enacted by Congress. The TPA is working with our congressional delegation and our national and statewide coalitions to support a new authorization that provides maximum funding and flexibility for TPA priority projects.
- 2. Bicycle Friendly Business Designation:** Item 3.C of the TPA's FY 21 Strategic Plan directed staff to pursue distinguished workplace designations. This month, the TPA was awarded a Bicycle Friendly Business Silver designation by the League of American Bicyclists. The TPA is excited to provide a bicycle friendly workplace for employees and visitors and encourages local governments, businesses, and universities to pursue Bicycle Friendly designations. The next deadline to apply is October 1, 2020. For more information, visit BikeLeague.org/BFA
- 3. Rail Safety Week:** Join us in observing Rail Safety Week September 21-27, 2020 to promote rail safety education and encourage the public to stay safe near highway-rail grade crossings and railroad rights-of-way. For more information, visit FDOT.gov/rail/programs.
- 4. FDOT TransPlex Web Series:** The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is hosting a series of webinars on Friday mornings in October, including Transportation and Land use Planning on October 2 and Broadband Infrastructure on October 9. For more information, visit FDOT.gov/planning/transplex.
- 5. Walk to School Day:** National Walk to School Day is October 7, 2020. Communities are welcome to celebrate any day in October that works best for their schedules and that fits with local public health guidance. For more information, visit WalkBiketoSchool.org
- 6. Safe Routes to School:** FDOT has created a statewide Safe Routes to School Program using federal safety funds and has issued an annual call for applications through December 31, 2020. Florida's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program can help communities address their school transportation needs and encourage more students to walk or cycle to school. For more information, visit: SRTSFL.org
- 7. FDOT High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) funds for Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety:** FDOT has funding available for law enforcement agencies to conduct HVE operations to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety. Requests for Contract Proposals will continue to be accepted until funds are exhausted. For more information, visit AlertTodayFlorida.com/HVE.
- 8. FDOT Lane Repurposing Guidebook 2020:** FDOT has updated their lane repurposing guidebook. Lane repurposing projects, also known as "Road Diets", are a successful way to utilize existing space within a roadway which has excess capacity or changing transportation demands. The document can be found at FDOT.gov/planning/systems/documents/sm/
- 9. Safe Streets Summit:** Save the date for the 2021 Safe Streets Summit that will be held virtually on January 28 and 29, 2021. For more information, visit SafeStreetsSummit.org.