



Executive Director's Report - June 17, 2021

1. **TPA Staff Update:** We are excited to welcome Cassidy Sparks as our new Public Relations Specialist. We look forward to her contributions as we work collaboratively to advance the TPA's mission and vision.
2. **Lake Worth Rd Public Meeting:** To implement this Priority Project, the TPA has worked with FDOT to incorporate separated bicycle facilities, wider sidewalks and a new mid-block pedestrian crossing as part of an upcoming resurfacing project FM# 4411632 along Lake Worth Rd. from west of Military Trail to east of Congress Avenue. The project is scheduled to begin construction in Spring 2022. There will be a public meeting on June 23 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. To register visit: <http://bit.ly/FDOT-meeting-LakeWorth>
3. **Brightline Signal Testing:** Brightline is installing Positive Train Control (PTC) from 15th St. in West Palm Beach to downtown Miami prior to restarting operations before the end of the year. Note that train horns are required within these construction zones so residents may hear train horns. Once construction activity has ceased and outside of construction zones, the quiet zones remain in effect.

Additionally, Brightline contractors are working to install a second track, PTC, and supplemental safety measures at roadway crossings from north of 15th St. in West Palm Beach to Martin County as part of Phase 2. Cities will be able to designate quiet zones in this section around the time that Brightline launches service to Orlando.
4. **FY 21 RAISE Grants:** The USDOT issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE, formerly BUILD and TIGER) with applications due July 12, 2021. The FY 21 appropriations act included \$1B for RAISE Grants, with a \$25M cap per project.
5. **High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) Funding:** FDOT offers local enforcement agencies funding contracts for HVE to improve pedestrians and bicycle safety. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. For more information, visit AlertTodayFlorida.com/HVE.
6. **Transportation Conferences:** Pursuant to its Strategic Plan and travel policy, the TPA reimburses board member costs to attend transportation conferences. To register, visit PalmBeachTPA.org/Conferences.
7. **National Bicycle Month Recap:** To celebrate National Bicycle Month in May, TPA staff participated in the Love to Ride Challenge and rode a total of 724 miles, joining 1,165 participants from 71 other workplaces statewide. Throughout the month of May, participants rode 266,236 miles and mitigated 4,962 pounds of Carbon Dioxide emissions.