



**PALM BEACH**  
Transportation  
Planning Agency

# **FY 2021 Annual Report**

**Fiscal Year 2021  
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021**



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The Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) is an independent government agency that provides long-range and short-term transportation planning and State and Federal funding allocations for projects of all transportation modes in Palm Beach County, Florida.



# Message from the TPA Chair

As Chair of the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency Governing Board, it is my honor to serve alongside 20 fellow elected officials, dozens of community members on our advisory committees and our 15 TPA staff members. Together, we navigated through uncertain times while fulfilling our mission and keeping our vision at the forefront.

In the past year, I grew in my understanding of ways to improve our transportation system through the 2021 Safe Streets Summit hosted by the TPA and additional partnerships and events. We refined our focus on Vision Zero safety efforts and Complete Streets as connect our communities and position Palm Beach County as a continued leader in transportation. These concepts will guide us as we collaboratively plan, prioritize and fund the transportation system. Our Federal, State, regional and local agencies work in partnership with our transportation service providers - from transit to railways and seaports to airports. The TPA staff guides us all, highlighting key decision points to advance a safe, efficient, connected and multimodal transportation system each and every day.

Looking ahead to Fiscal Year 2022, we are in a unique position to learn from the challenges of the past year and turn them into opportunities. Biking, walking and other forms of non-motorized travel have renewed interest and I am excited by this shift in our communities. I look forward to hearing more voices from the public, seeing key projects to completion and accelerating other TPA priorities to commencement, all the while working for the collective good of those who live, work, and play within the paradise of Palm Beach County.

Sincerely,

Mayor Fred Pinto



Village of Royal Palm Beach  
Palm Beach TPA Board Chair



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The TPA Governing Board is comprised of **21 local elected officials**:

- 5 County Commissioners
- 15 City Officials
- 1 Port Commissioner

The TPA is supported by the following **advisory committees**:

- 24 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members
- 16 Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) members
- 17 Bicycle-Trailways-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BTPAC) members
- 18 Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB) members



# Message from the Executive Director

As I reflect on the past year, I am proud of all the TPA has accomplished through steadfast collaboration. Whether it is staff members planning projects that can improve multimodal transportation in Palm Beach County, Governing Board and Committee members giving of their time to prioritize the implementation of these projects, or local, state and federal entities working with us to fund the transportation system, each piece is an integral part of the TPA's success.

The pandemic has forced us to think differently about transportation in all aspects – how do we keep projects moving, what modes of transportation are seeing increased demands and which investments will position Palm Beach County for continued prosperity in the coming years and even decades. During Fiscal Year 2021, the TPA started three separate studies on transit plan corridors, began examining the impact of the pandemic on current and future travel plans, found ways to engage the public virtually and refined numerous FDOT, County and City projects to advance the TPA vision and priorities while considering local preferences.

As we look ahead to Fiscal Year 2022 and slowly return to normal, I am more optimistic than ever with a full staff, an engaged and visionary Governing Board and Advisory Committees that are ready for the future. I look forward to the next year as Palm Beach TPA Executive Director, building on the successes of the past to shape the future with a safe, efficient, connected and multimodal transportation system for all of Palm Beach County.

Sincerely,

Nick Uhren, P.E.



Palm Beach TPA Executive Director



The TPA staff is comprised of **15 individuals**. In Fiscal Year 2021, the TPA filled seven positions to become fully staffed.

The TPA also received two prestigious designations, including:

- 2021 Best Workplaces for Commuters
- 2020-2024 Bicycle Friendly Business, Silver Level



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# Who We Are

## Mission

Collaboratively plan, prioritize and fund the transportation system.

## Vision

A safe, efficient, connected and multimodal transportation system.

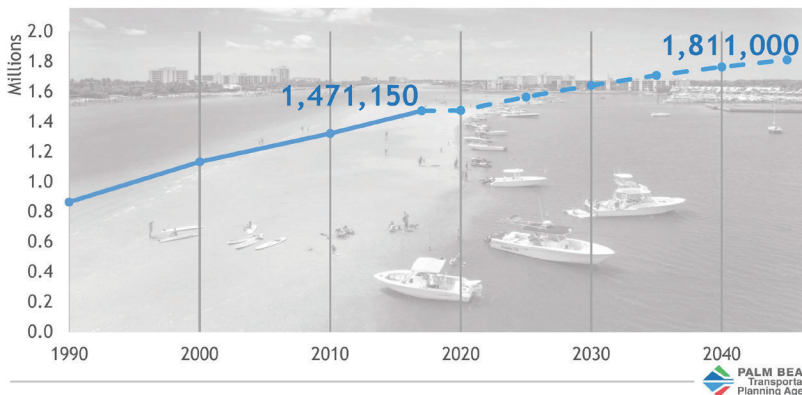
**Six goals** support our mission and vision:

- Engage the Public
- Plan the System
- Prioritize Funding
- Implement Projects
- Collaborate with Partners
- Administer the Agency



## We serve all of Palm Beach County

### Countywide Population Growth



**550 THOUSAND**

PEOPLE WORK IN PALM BEACH COUNTY



**48.7%**  
OF RESIDENTS ARE  
MINORITY



**25.4%**  
OF RESIDENTS ARE  
FOREIGN  
BORN



**32.1%**  
OF RESIDENTS SPEAK  
A LANGUAGE  
OTHER THAN  
ENGLISH  
AT HOME



**6.5%**  
OF RESIDENTS WITH  
LIMITED  
ENGLISH  
PROFICIENCY



**19%**  
OF RESIDENTS ARE  
UNDER 18



**24.4%**  
OF RESIDENTS ARE  
OVER 65

Source: United States Census Bureau

# We Engage the Public

To create a system that serves all of Palm Beach County, transportation planning must include input from the public. We partner with local organizations, governments and agencies to hold virtual and in-person outreach opportunities each year.

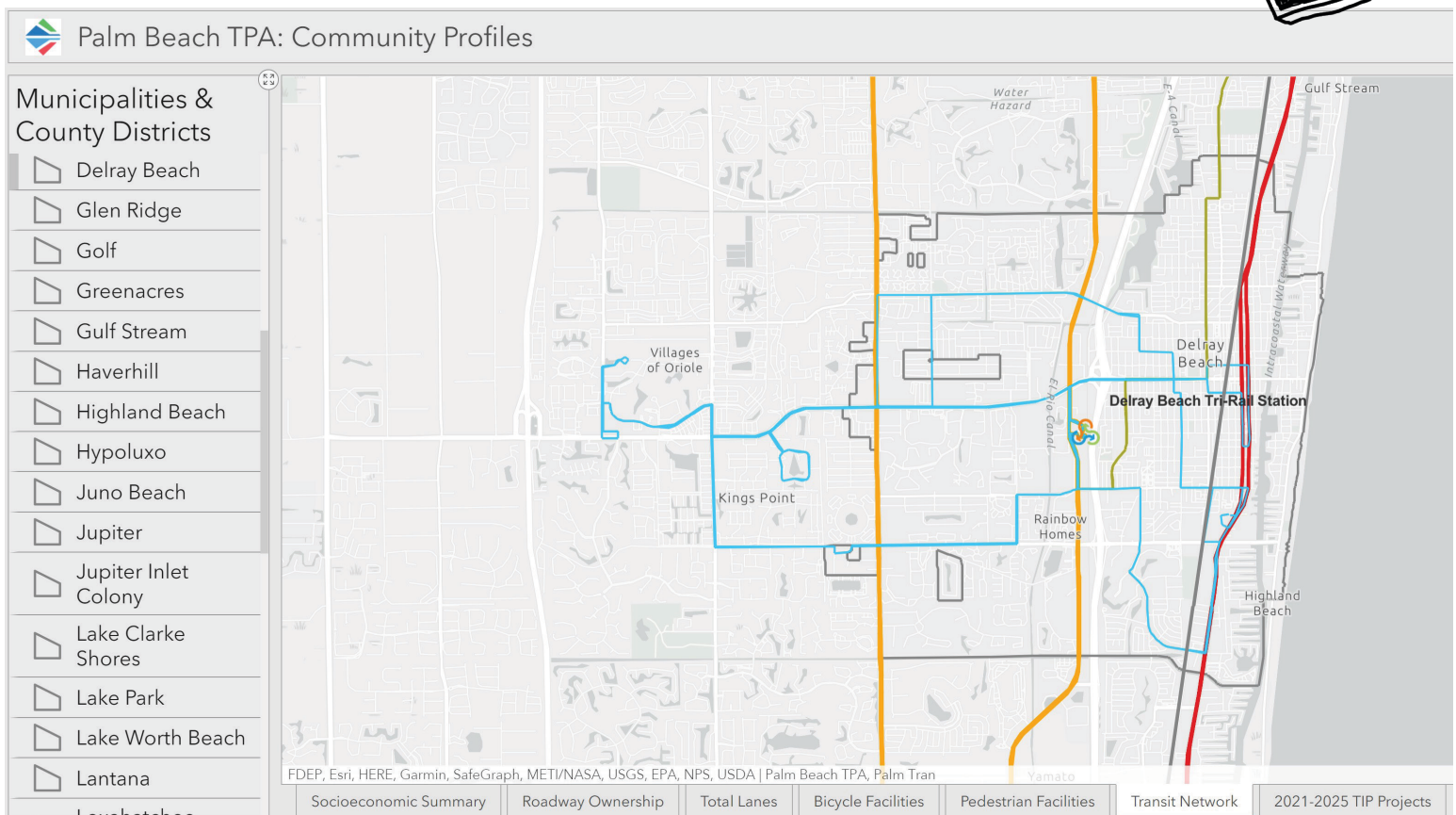
## FY 2021 Public Engagement Highlights

*In addition to providing live online access to Board and Committee meetings, we accomplished:*

**2,120** virtual and in-person conference and event attendees

**46** New online Community Profiles for all municipalities and districts in Palm Beach County

## Community Profile: Delray Beach





# We Plan the System

The TPA's adopted 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) maps out priorities and investments for the coming decades. We continue planning in accordance with our LRTP and moving projects forward towards implementation in the near term by conducting corridor studies such as US-1 in Boca Raton and Okeechobee Blvd. and SR-7 in central Palm Beach County. In addition, we are performing walking and bicycling safety reviews in Delray Beach, Palm Beach Gardens and Jupiter. Looking ahead, we are planning for optimization of current conditions by developing better ways to share data via a Smart Palm Beach website.

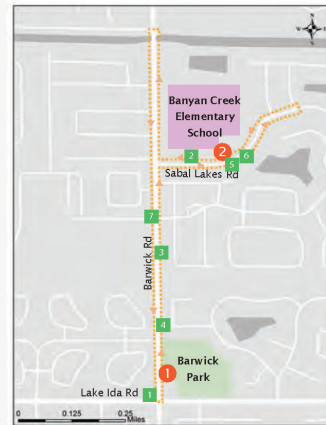


## WALKING SAFETY AUDIT Banyan Creek Elementary School

**Date Conducted:** April 9, 2021

The Palm Beach TPA coordinated a Walk Bike Safety Audit for Banyan Creek Elementary School in Delray Beach to identify pedestrian and bicycle safety issues and recommendations to increase safety and access for people of all ages and abilities.

**Next Steps:** TPA, City of Delray Beach, and School District work on evaluating design feasibility and prioritizing funds to implement roadway safety modifications.



### Potential Actions



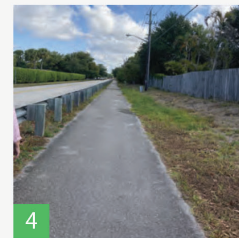
1 Upgrade pedestrian signal head to have a countdown



2 Widen sidewalk to shared use path or plant grass



3 Add Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB)



4 Cut back overgrown landscaping on pathway



5 Add Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB)



6 Widen sidewalk to shared use path



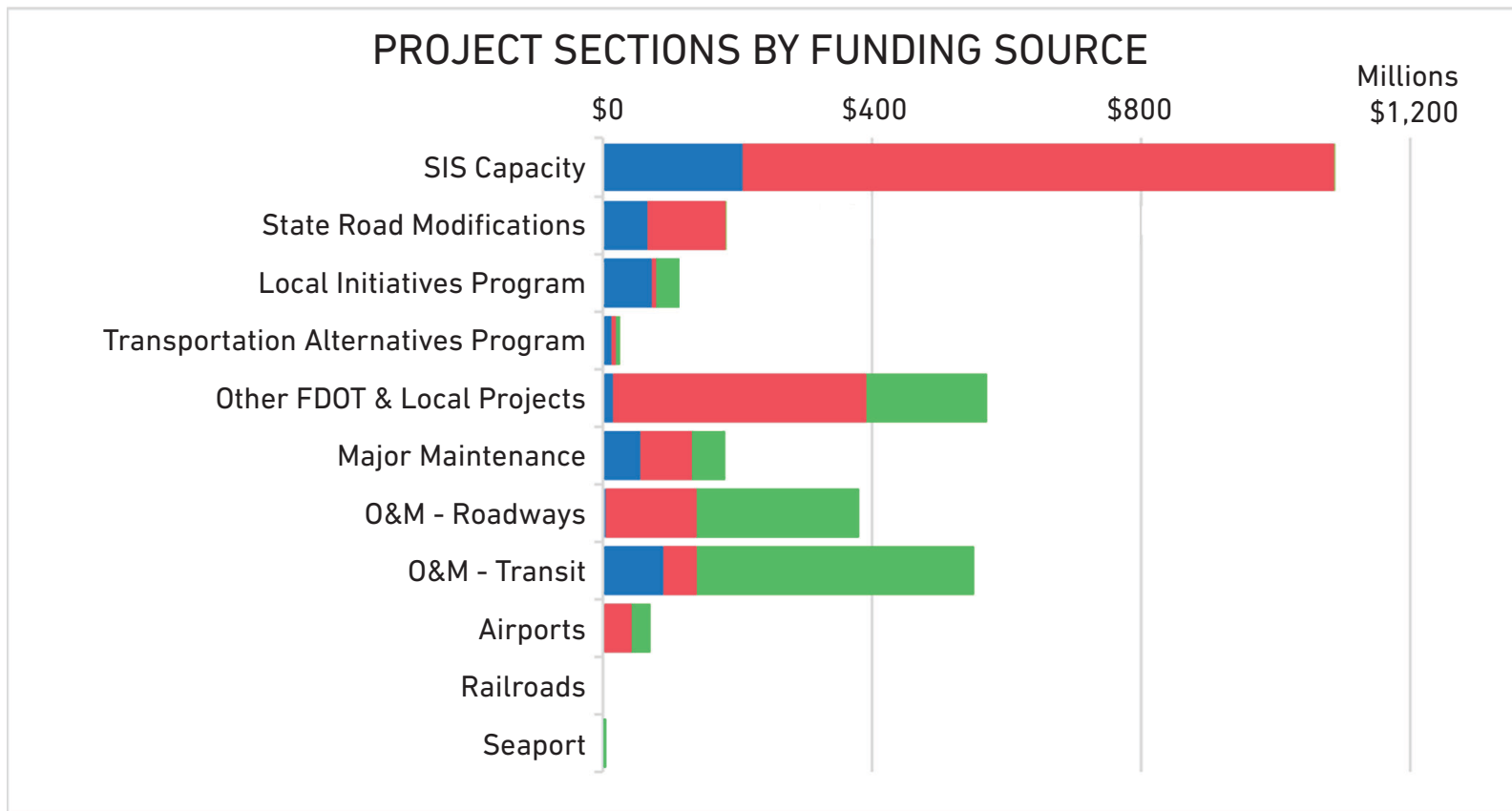
7 Mark crosswalk to west side of road & add sidewalk

See interactive map of walking audit and findings at: [PalmBeachTPA.org/WalkBikeAudits](https://PalmBeachTPA.org/WalkBikeAudits)  
For more information, contact Alyssa Frank: [AFrank@PalmBeachTPA.org](mailto:AFrank@PalmBeachTPA.org) or (561) 725-0806

# We Prioritize Funding

Our FY 22-26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) allocates approximately \$3.15 billion to more than 460 projects across all modes of transportation in Palm Beach County.

## Proposed FY 22-26 TIP Projects



## Summary of FY 22-26 TIP Projects

**466** projects, totaling **\$3.15B** over **5** years

**239 FDOT Work Program projects at \$2.19B, which includes:**

- Projects with federal and state funding sources

**227 local projects at \$960M, which includes:**

- Palm Beach County Surtax Projects - Resurfacing and Bridge
- Palm Beach County 5-Year Road Program
- Local Capital Improvement Programs



# We Implement Projects

Although we do not construct projects, we follow our priority projects in our State Road Modifications, Local Initiatives and Transportation Alternatives through implementation.

## State Road Modifications

\$152M for 31 projects  
in FY 21-25

## Local Initiatives

\$139M for 74 projects  
in FY 21-25

## Transportation Alternatives

\$21M for 20 projects  
in FY 21-25

	Applicant	New Project	TPA Funding
State Road Modifications	Palm Tran	Enhanced Transit Shelters on US 1 from Palmetto Park Rd. to Northlake Blvd.	\$5,000,000
	Palm Beach County	Hardening and Technology Upgrade for 19 Traffic Signals	\$2,183,158
	Boca Raton	Traffic Signal Upgrade and Turn Lane Modification for US 1 at Spanish River Blvd	\$1,672,000
	West Palm Beach	US 1 Lane Repurposing from 25th St. to 45th St.	\$1,500,000
	Palm Beach County	Sidewalks on SR-715 from Hatcher Rd. to Paul Rardin Park and Airport Rd. to SW 11th St.	\$261,000
	Palm Beach TPA	Buffered Bike Lanes, Sidewalks, Lighting on SR-715 from SR-80 to Canal St. South	\$1,160,000
	Lake Worth Beach	Stamped Crosswalks and Sidewalk Pavers on Lake Ave. and Lucerne Ave.	\$200,000
TOTAL			\$11,976,000

Local	Palm Beach TPA	SR-80 Roadway Lighting	\$14,600,000
	Tri-Rail	New Passenger Rail Car (\$2.5M in regional fund match)	\$5,000,000
TOTAL			\$19,600,000

Trans. Alternatives	Lake Worth Beach	ADA Curb Ramps and Sidewalks	\$1,000,000
	Palm Beach Gardens	Bike Lanes and Pathway on Kyoto Gardens Dr. from Military Trl. to Alt. A1A	\$1,000,000
	West Palm Beach	Shared Use Pathway and Lighting on Cherry Rd. from Military Trl. to Quail Dr.	\$1,000,000
	Palm Tran	Sidewalk and ADA bus stop connections	\$280,655
TOTAL			\$3,280,655



# FY21 Construction Highlights



New Palm Tran Facility, Delray Beach  
March 2, 2021



Seacrest Ave. Ribbon Cutting, Delray Beach  
March 30, 2021



Seminole Dr. Bridge Replacement, Palm Beach Co.  
Completed: April 2021



Credit: FDOT

Belle Glade Sidewalk Improvements  
Completed: March 2021



Credit: FDOT

State Road 80/Southern Blvd. Widening  
Under Construction



# We Collaborate with Partners

We coordinate and conducts workshops on topics of interest for our partners and stakeholders, encourage and facilitate designations for our municipalities and continue to work with peer agencies.



Beep Demonstration  
January 11, 2021



Safe Streets Summit Bicycle Tour  
January 28, 2021



Town of Lake Park  
Bicycle Month Proclamation  
March 3, 2021



TPA Florida Bicycle Month Proclamation  
March 18, 2021



TPA Florida Bicycle Month Ride  
March 26, 2021



Future of Public Transportation Author Event  
with Paul Comfort - March 23, 2021



# TPA Workshops & Events

The TPA hosted several virtual workshops and events during FY21, including a Bicycling Safety Basics Webinar, Future of Transit Workshop with industry leaders from across the country and participation in the SEFTC Coastal Link Workshop.

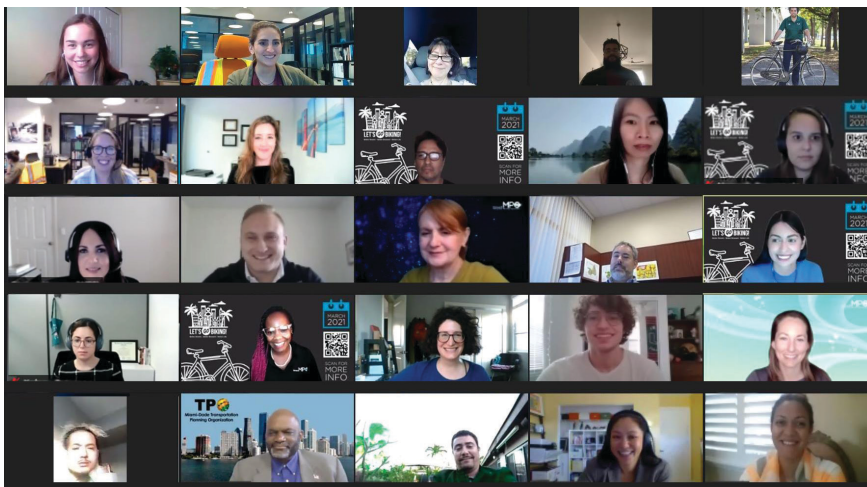
In addition, the TPA successfully led this year's Safe Streets Summit (SSS) in partnership with Broward MPO and Miami-Dade TPO, which connected hundreds of participants in a virtual format.

## Safe Streets Summit January 28-29, 2021

*As the COVID-19 pandemic continued through this year, virtual interaction did too. During this conference, we saw:*

**405** registered virtual  
conference attendees

**72** Post-event survey  
respondents



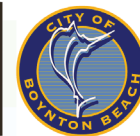
**Safe Streets Summit session**



**Palm Beach County**

Complete Streets Community Award **WINNER**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



**City of Boynton  
Beach**



**Palm Beach County**

Complete Streets Champion Award **WINNER**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



**Andy Thomson**

Council Member, City of Boca  
Raton

*A collaborative effort between:*





# We Administer the Agency



## FY 21 STRATEGIC PLAN REPORT CARD

### Goals, Actions and Outcomes



GOAL 1

#### ENGAGE THE PUBLIC

Action	Outcome(s)	Status
A. Promote interactive comment map	Received <50 comments	✗
B. Expand social media outreach	Posted ~50 items per month	✓
C. Conduct or support outreach events and campaigns	>2,000 event participants <150 respondents	✓
D. Update video explaining role of the TPA	Finalized video in June 2021	✓
E. Provide live online access to Board meetings	Provided access in January 2021	✓



GOAL 2

#### PLAN THE SYSTEM

Action	Outcome(s)	Status
A. Commence multimodal studies on transit plan corridors	Okeechobee Blvd / SR-7 & US-1	✓
B. Conduct pedestrian and bicycle safety field reviews	Delray, RPB, PBG, & Jupiter	✓
C. Publish Long Range Transportation Plan implementation report	Published in FY 21-25 TIP adopted in July 2020	✓
D. Create Smart Palm Beach website to improve existing data, add new data, and share data	<a href="http://PalmBeachTPA.org/Data">PalmBeachTPA.org/Data</a> website created in June 2021	✓
E. Create Complete Streets Opportunities Plan	Draft plan completed June 2021	ⓘ
F. Analyze impacts of pandemic on current and future travel patterns	Draft analysis coming Fall 2021	ⓘ



GOAL 3

#### PRIORITIZE FUNDING

Action	Outcome(s)	Status
A. Notify partners of funding opportunities	Notified via website, reports, social media, e-news	✓
B. Update LI/TA Scoring System to ensure projects advance TPA Priorities	Updated scoring system in October 2020 and March 2021	✓
C. Support applications for discretionary grants	Supported 5 discretionary grant applications supported	✓
D. Identify safety projects within TPA priority list	TPA staff is working on application process with FDOT	ⓘ
E. Advocate for law and policy changes to allow multimodal projects to compete evenly with road capacity projects	Fed reauthorization underway, some State changes passed	ⓘ



GOAL 4

#### IMPLEMENT PROJECTS

Action	Outcome(s)	Status
A. Engage stakeholders in FDOT, County and City project reviews to promote TPA vision and priorities and consider local preferences	Engaged with stakeholders and reviewed >60 projects	✓
B. Publish annual system report card	Presented report card in February and March 2021	✓
C. Provide TPA Priority Projects status report	Provided monthly as of February 2021	✓
D. Support accelerated project delivery by partner agencies	Advanced Palm Beach signal interconnect to FY 22 and Kyoto Gardens Dr to FY 23	✓
E. Monitor the collection and use of SCETS tax revenue, managed lane revenue, and MCORES project impacts on TPA Priority Projects	Reported in TIP document adopted in June 2021	✓



GOAL 5

#### COLLABORATE WITH PARTNERS

Action	Outcome(s)	Status
A. Collect ped/bike activity counts	9 sites active in June 2021	ⓘ
B. Assist local governments with transportation studies & plans	Assisted with 7 local studies	✓
C. Conduct workshops on topics of interest	Conducted 9 workshops	✓
D. Create Complete Streets project video	Draft video in June 2021	ⓘ
E. Facilitate discussion of LRTP projects and their inclusion in local comprehensive plans	Draft report coming in Fall 2021	ⓘ



GOAL 6

#### ADMINISTER THE AGENCY

Action	Outcome(s)	Status
A. Provide board member training (MPOAC Institute, national conferences, local workshops)	Provided 19 trainings	✓
B. Provide TPA Staff Training	Provided >40 trainings	✓
C. Pursue distinguished workplace designations	Achieved 2 designations	✓
D. Provide quarterly and comprehensive annual financial reports	Provided reports & draft CAFR	ⓘ
E. Provide Strategic Plan report	Provided annual report card	✓

# Fiscal Year 2021 Timeline

SEFTC adopts 2045 Regional Transportation Plan

**SOUTHEAST FLORIDA**  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN **2045**  
Miami-Dade • Broward • Palm Beach

TPA Governing Board adopts resolution supporting  
SEFTC Regional Transportation Plan

TPA re-elects Mayor Fred Pinto  
as Governing Board Chair

TPA co-hosts Transportation Summit with  
South Florida Business Council & SE Florida MPOs



TPA renews commitment to Vision Zero efforts

**VISION ZERO NETWORK**

SEFTC hosts Coastal Link Workshop



TPA adopts FY22-26 TIP

2020

JUL

TPA approves FY 22-26 Project Priorities

AUG



SEP

Palm Beach County proclaims  
Rail Safety Week for Sept. 21-27

American League of Bicyclists certifies  
the TPA as a Bicycle Friendly Business

OCT

NOV

TPA hosts FHWA Lane Repurposing Workshop

DEC



2021

JAN

TPA hosts 2021 Safe Streets Summit

Best Workplaces for Commuters names  
TPA to 2021 List of Members

Palm Beach County hosts Mobility Summit

FEB

MAR

Florida Bicycle Association hosts  
Florida Bicycle Month

Palm Tran unveils new Headquarters

APR



MAY

TPA hosts Future of Transit Workshop

JUN



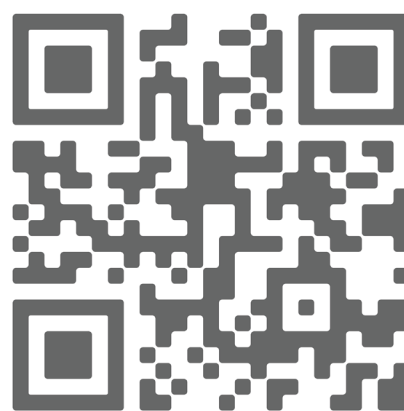
# Connect With Us



## The Palm Beach TPA's Digital Channels



## *Connecting Communities*



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# TPA Governing Board Members & Staff

**Fred Pinto**  
Chair  
Royal Palm Beach

**Robert S. Weinroth**  
Vice Chair  
Palm Beach County

**Steve B. Wilson**  
Belle Glade

**Yvette Drucker**  
Boca Raton

**Andy Thomson**  
Boca Raton

**Steven B. Grant**  
Boynton Beach

**Shelly Petrolia**  
Delray Beach

**Joel Flores**  
Greenacres

**Jim Kuretski**  
Jupiter

**Christopher McVoy**  
Lake Worth Beach

**Maria Marino**  
Palm Beach County

**Melissa McKinlay**  
Palm Beach County

**Maria Sachs**  
Palm Beach County

**Gregg K. Weiss**  
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Palm Beach Gardens

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Palm Springs

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Port of Palm Beach

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Riviera Beach

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Wellington

**Christina Lambert**  
West Palm Beach

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West Palm Beach

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Executive Director

**Melissa Murray**  
Public Relations  
Director

**Andrew Uhlir**  
Deputy Director  
Program Development

**Valerie Neilson**  
Deputy Director  
Multimodal Development

**Matthew Komma**  
Chief Financial  
Officer

**Margarita Pierce**  
Executive  
Administrator

**Cassidy Sparks**  
Public Relations  
Specialist

**Jason Price**  
Lead Planner  
TIP Coordinator

**Alyssa Frank**  
Lead Planner  
Ped/Bike Coordinator

**Alaura Farr**  
Procurement  
Coordinator

**Robin Pribramsky**  
Executive  
Secretary

**Conor Campobasso**  
Lead Planner  
LRTP Coordinator

**James Rinehart**  
Lead Planner  
Transit Coordinator

**Gregory Gabriel**  
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Planner II

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Planner I