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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.



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PALM BEACH COUNTY HAS SEEN RECORD-**BREAKING GROWTH** OVER THE PAST YEAR AS OUR POPULATION GROWS, OUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MUST EXPAND AND ADAPT.

and we put into action this year.





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TPA Board Chair & Interim Executive Director Letter



The Palm Beach TPA continues to rise to the challenge, funding and implementing new projects to create a safe, efficient connected multimodal transportation system for users of all ages and abilities. One of the most significant ways the TPA has continued its vision is through our partnerships. Our mission is to collaboratively plan, prioritize and fund the transportation system - a goal

with the county and its 39 roadways (with scheduled for economic development municipalities, we also work groundbreaking later this closely with South Florida year). While much more needs regional stakeholders. These to be done, it is a good start in partnerships provide regional creating safer roadways for connectivity for our growing all economy.

The TPA and Governing Board working with elected officials. Plan with the members have embraced the county, municipalities and Southeast the growing partnership with the public to identify how to Florida our economic development implement similar projects by Transportation community. Through forums, sharing educational resources Council public workshops and other and funding opportunities. (SEFTC) and discussions, we are working This includes collaboratively our own 2050 together on innovative and creating action plans and Long Range efficient solutions to embrace analyzing the accidents in Transportation the latest technology, paying high-crash corridors. The TPA Plan. particular attention to first remains focused on educating and last-mile connections, the public on our county's Mobility and technology are enhanced transit vision while working together in ways we working with our regional and we must be up for the Mobility Vision plan further. The challenge.

The TPA continues to support Vision Zero, with an ultimate goal of eliminating trafficrelated deaths and serious injuries. To support this goal, the TPA will establish separated bicycle lanes on

and

TPA staff is committed to Transportation

state-owned efforts will enhance Palm Beach County's attractiveness

As we look ahead. we are excited to launch our 2050 Regional



We will continue to tackle the safety of our transportation system while creating an efficient and connected multimodal transportation system for all.

have never experienced before partners to refine the county's - Robert S. Weinroth, TPA Chair & Palm Beach County Mayor Valerie Neilson, TPA Interim Executive Director

> "Mobility and technology are working together in ways we have never experienced before."



MISSION TO COLLABORATIVELY PLAN, PRIORITIZE, AND FUND THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

VISION A SAFE, EFFICIENT, AND CONNECTED MULTIOMODAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Engage the Public 7



REACHING THE PUBLIC IN NEW WAYS.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, the TPA made a concerted effort to share more about the agency's work through local and national media stories. This was previously an underutilized way to reach the public but this year, the TPA was able to share information about planning studies, funded projects, TPA intiatives like Vision Zero and our collaboration with transportation and economic development partners through more than 40 media stories.

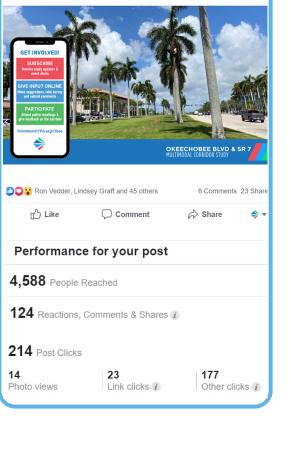
EXPANDING OUR SOCIAL MEDIA FOOTPRINT.

Social media is an important tool to engage the public. Whether a post is about an upcoming public meeting, a relevant news article, photos of the TPA's work or sharing resources with our partners, everything we share has the power to encourage individuals, organizations, elected officials and others to get involved.

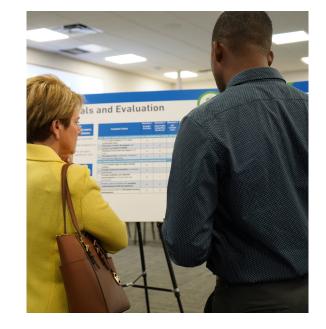
This year, the TPA focused on growing its followers across all social media platforms and increasing its engagement. Achieving these new goals means reaching more people, educating more residents and successfully sharing more resources.

Palm Beach TPA Published by Hootsuite [?] · August 11, 2021 · ③ The TPA is conducting a multimodal corridor study along Okeechobee Blvd

& SR 7 from the Mall at Wellington Green to Rosemary Square to evaluate safe, efficient and connected multimodal transportation alternatives. With public input, this will quide the TPA in selecting a recommended alternative Join our first public workshop on Aug. 19 and provide feedback on issues and opportunities along the corridor! PalmBeachTPA.org/Okee







Transportation Tuesday November 16, 2021

How the Infrastructure Deal will Impact **Palm Beach County**

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal will offer opportunities for increased funding for transportation projects in Palm Beach County, as well as expediting project timelines Palm Beach County spends about \$20 million for transportation projects each year. With this new infrastructure deal, there should be \$6-7 million more to go around. We look

TRANSPORTATION TUESDAY NEWSLETTER

To increase public awareness of agency and partner news and activities, the TPA sends a biweekly newsletter to more than 1.600 subscribers. Over the past year, we have increased our newsletter's average open rate 32% over the industry average of 22%. The newsletter shares public input opportunities, meeting notices, funding opportunities and project highlights to keep the public and board and committee members informed. Sign up at PalmBeachTPA.org/ newsletter.



TPA'S DIGITAL CHANNELS IN FY 2022



,698 Facebook Followers 6,517 Total Impressions



866 LinkedIn Followers 102.749 Total Impressions



30 Instagram Followers 1,605 Total Impressions



1,074 Twitter Followers 113,567 Total Impressions



3,076 YouTube Channel Views 634 Hours of Watch Time

*The above numbers are as of June 23, 2022

SHARING OUR MISSION AND VISION WITH NEW PARTNERS.

The TPA had a goal of delivering 15 presentations this year to community groups and partner agencies. We surpassed our original goal, with 24 presentations - sharing how we plan to achieve a safe, efficient and connected multimodal transportation system in Palm Beach County.

Plan the System



PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE FIELD SAFETY REVIEWS

Safety field reviews are an important part of identifying pedestrian and bicycle issues by being on the ground and experiencing the built environment first hand. This vear. staff led five of these audits, including:

- Indiantown Rd. in Jupiter
- Donald Ross Rd. and US 1 in Juno Beach
- Pine Gardens South neighborhood in Jupiter
- Limestone Creek neighborhood in Jupiter
- Rosenwald Elementary School in South Bay

To plan an audit in your area. visit PalmBeachTPA.org/ **WalkBikeAudits**



OKEECHOBEE BLVD. & SR 7 CORRIDOR STUDY

The TPA conducted multimodal corridor study to find ways to create a safe, efficient and connected transportation system along Okeechobee Blvd. and State Road 7. The study included a roadway/transit alternatives analysis, Health Impact Assessment and Land Use & Economic Development Center-Platform Analysis. Dedicated-Lane Liaht Rail Transit was named the preferred alternative. Next steps include refining our Mobility Vision. pursuina fundina opportunities and with Florida complying Department of Transportation (FDOT) requirements.



VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN

In 2018, the Palm Beach TPA adopted a Vision Zero commitment to eliminate traffic-related deaths and serious injuries on our roadways. The TPA released an updated Action Plan this year on how we plan to achieve this goal. which includes:

- enhancing our policies, processes, programming
- promoting safe speeds
- fostering a safe streets culture
- expanding and improving data
- promoting transparency, responsibility and accountability



COVID-19 IMPACTS ON TRANSPORTATION

This Board-requested report examines the transportation, safety and economic trends during the pandemic, citing data from February 2020 to February 2021. In the first month of the pandemic, daily travel, measured in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). shrank by more than 40% nationwide. TPA staff administered a survev via social media. asking residents about their travel habits. The report recommendations includes resiliencv about and mitigation planning, transit efficiency improvements and telecommuting benefits.







Vision Zero Communities

As part of our Vision Zero Action Plan, we encourage municipalities across Palm Beach County to adopt their own Vision Zero resolutions. This action commits communities to prioritizing the goals of Vision Zero, creating a safer transportation system for everyone. This year, four municipalities adopted these resolutions - the Village of Palm Springs, City of Delray Beach, City of Belle Glade and Town of Jupiter. They join the cities of West Palm Beach and Boynton Beach who each adopted Vision Zero resolutions in 2018 and 2020 respectively.



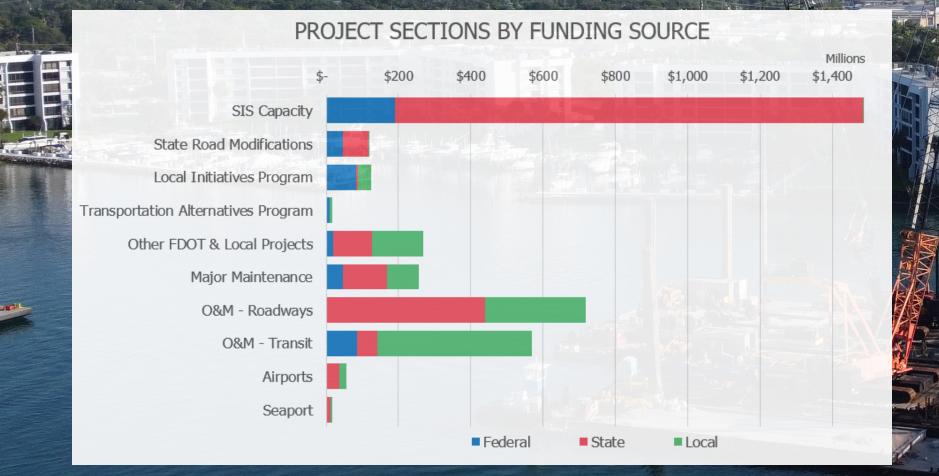


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Our FY 2023 - 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) allocates approximately \$3.63 billion to more than 420 projects across all modes of transportation in Palm Beach County

With the passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the TPA also prioritized supporting transportation projects with federal funding, as well as those with state and local funding opportunities.

Proposed FY 23 - 27 TIP Projects



years

including:

FY 23 - 27 TIP Project Summary

439 projects, totaling \$3.63 billion over 5

293 FDOT Work Program projects at \$2.93 billion, including:

• \$2.62 billion in federal and state funding • \$311 million in local funding

146 local projects at \$700 million,

• All local funding projects

Supported applications for discretionary grants

3 grant applications targeted as FY22 goal

10 grant applications supported

TPA supported projects included:

- Safety funding
- Bridge replacement
- Pedestrian safety improvements
- Traffic calming
- Road reconstruction and resurfacing
- Alternative fuel technology
- Multimodal improvements

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NEW PROJECTS FUNDED IN FY 23 - 27 TIP

LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM		
APPLICANT/LEAD AGENCY	PROJECT	TPA FUNDING
City of Lake Worth Beach	S East Coast St. and S H St.	\$4,656,395
Village of Wellington	Greenbriar Blvd. Bike Lane	\$1,390,588
Village of Wellington	C-2 Canal Multi-Use Pathway	\$458,123
Village of Royal Palm Beach	ADA Curb Ramps and Sidewalks	\$556,853
SFRTA	New Rolling Stock	\$2,500,000
Palm Beach County	Prosperity Farms Rd. from Northlake Blvd. to Donald Ross Rd 4' designated bike lanes	\$4,923,999
	TOTAL PROGRAMMED	\$14,485,958

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM APPLICANT/LEAD AGENCY PROJECT

Curb Ramps and Sidewalks	\$554,429
view Blvd. and Key Lime Blvd. shared use paths	\$999,984
Trail Lighting	\$1,010,001
Rd. Cycle Track	\$894,606
	Trail Lighting

STATE ROAD MODIFICATIONS PROGRAM

APPLICANT/LEAD AGENCY	PROJECT	TPA FUNDING
TPA/FDOT	Forest Hill Blvd. from W of Jog Rd. to Haverhill Rd crosswalks, lighting and bus layover bay	\$700,000 design
TPA/FDOT	Congress Ave. from Lake Worth Rd. to Forest Hill Blvd midblock crossing, crosswalks, lighting	\$463,923 design
City of Boca Raton/FDOT	Federal Hwy, Yamato Rd., Glades Rd., Congress Ave. and A1A - Signal Upgrades	\$880,442 design
TPA/FDOT	SR 7 from Glades Rd. to Bridgebrook Dr shared use path and lighting on resurfacing project	\$3,832,000
	TOTAL PROGRAMMED	\$5,876,365

ALL USERS.



TPA FUNDING

In 2016, the TPA contributed \$3.58 million to reconstruct the Brant Bridge in the City of Delray Beach with a shared use path. A connector project from Lindell Blvd. to the bridge will also include sidewalks and separated bike lanes. The project is nearing completion (shown above in June 2022) and is expected to finish ahead of schedule by Fall 2022.

AS PALM BEACH COUNTY GROWS. WE'RE ADAPTING TO OFFER SAFE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION FOR

Through our three Funding Programs, we follows priority projects in State Road Modifications, Local Initiatives and Transportation Alternatives through implementation. We also routinely highlight upcoming projects from our transportation partners including local municipalities, Palm Beach County, Brightline, Tri-Rail and Palm Tran.

BRANT BRIDGE REPLACEMENT



NEW BRIGHTLINE STATIONS

Brightline re-launched at the beginning of 2022 after being shut down due to COVID-19 for nearly two years. The Boca Raton and Aventura stations are expected to be completed in Fall 2022. The Orlando extension will feature a station (pictured above) at Orlando International Airport with service expected to begin in Spring 2023. The TPA is proud to partner with Brightline and local municipalities on funding safety improvements and establishing Quiet Zones along the corridor.



GLADES RD. DIVERGING DIAMOND INTERCHANGE

As part of the I-95 Express Project, Phase 3B-2 includes reconfiguration of the Glades Rd. segment to a Diverging Diamond Interchange. This concept allows the two directions of traffic on the crossroad to temporarily divide and cross to the opposite side of the road, providing easier left turns to and from I-95. FDOT construction is expected to be completed in Fall 2022.



LAKE WORTH RD. **RESURFACING PROJECT**

The first separated bicycle lanes on a Palm Beach County and FDOT-owned roadway are set to break ground later this year! Lake Worth Rd. from Raulerson Dr. to Palm Beach State College will also feature signalized pedestrian and median crossings, widened sidewalks, lighting upgrades and level transit boarding. Construction is expected to be finished in 2025.





BACKPLATES ON INDIANTOWN RD.

Backplates were installed along Indiantown Road in the Town of Jupiter. This came after the TPA presented its first quarterly pedestrian-bicycle fatal crash analysis report. The report noted sun glare as a potential factor for a fatal crash.



FPL PATHWAY LIGHTING

LED lighting was installed adjacent to the FPL Pathway from La Mancha Ave. south to Lamstein Ln. in the Village of Royal Palm Beach. This route connects residents to Palm Tran, schools, parks, restaurants, offices and more. The TPA's Transportation Alternatives (TA) program helped fund these safety improvements.





SHARED USE PATH LOWSON BLVD.

A shared use path is being constructed along Lowson Blvd. between Dover Rd. and SE 5th Ave. in the City of Delray Beach. The paths will improve bicycle and pedestrian mobility and safety. The TPA's Local Initiatives (LI) program is partially funding this project and is expected to be completed by Summer 2023.



NORTH SHORE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS

ADA compliant ramps, sidewalks, enhanced crosswalks and school speed limit signs with flashing beacons and radar speed signs were constructed in the North Shore neighborhood in the City of West Palm Beach. The project area includes two schools, a city park and a connection to the Mangonia Park Tri-Rail station. The TA program partially funded this project.





AERO CLUB DR. SHARED USE PATH

A more than four mile long shared use path was constructed along Aero Club Dr. from Greenbriar Blvd. to Binks Forest Dr. in the Village of Wellington. With a width of 10 feet, the path provides a safe way for pedestrians and bicyclists to travel in the area. This project was funded through the TA program.



SOUTHERN BLVD. (SR 80) WIDENING

Completed in early 2022, the roadway was widened from four to six lanes with a 12foot shared use path, bike lanes, lighting, signalization and resurfacing improvements. The project is more than seven miles in length, from west of Lion Country Safari Rd. to Forest Hill Blvd./Crestwood Blvd.

BOCA RATON BRIGHTLINE STATION

Construction for the Boca Raton Brightline station started in January 2022. The station will offer southern Palm Beach County and northern Broward County commuters a way to go car-free. The station is expected to be completed in Fall 2022, with service beginning in early 2023.

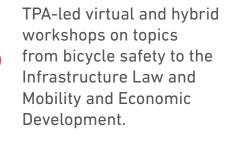


I-95 EXPRESS PHASE 3B-1

Tolled express lanes arrived in southern Palm Beach County this year, with the completion of Phase 3B-1 of the I-95 Express Project. Toll lanes are now extended from south of SW 10th St. to south of Glades Rd. in Broward and Palm Beach counties. The next phase of this project includes the Diverging Diamond Interchange.

¹⁷ Collaborate with Partners

IN FY 2022, WE PLACED A LARGE EMPHASIS ON COLLABORATING WITH PARTNERS - FROM MUNICIPALITIES TO RESIDENTS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STAKEHOLDERS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, WE CONDUCTED NEARLY A DOZEN IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL EVENTS.



Representatives from across our county who participated in a Peer Exchange with Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) to learn about transportation funding practices.

Participants in our first Mobility and Economic Development Panel at the TPA, which focused on the growing partnerships between business and transportation entities.

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In order to achieve any goals, collaboration must be included in our plans. Whether that be with our 39 local municipalities, Palm Beach County, transportation and mobility partners, residents, businesses or others.

This year, we focused heavily on these efforts. Through several in-person panels and workshops, we were able to educate our partners not only about the TPA's mission, vision and work, but how they can become involved in the transportation planning process.

Our Economic Development and Mobility Panel brought together partners including the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County,



Circuit, Brightline, West Palm Beach Downtown Development Authority and Related Southeast. Panel participants learned how we plan to work together to create mobility options for those living in and moving to Palm Beach County. We held our annual Florida

Bicycle Month Ride in

downtown West Palm Beach, allowing elected officials, transportation planners and residents to experience the bicycle network first-hand, even testing out BrightBike's new bicycles!

We look forward to building on these partnerships in the coming year, while cultivating new ones.















We tripled our goal of 4 TPA-led events for a total of 12.







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TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS. WE MUST OFFER WAYS FOR OUR STAFF. GOVERNING BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO FLOURISH. THE TPA ENCOURAGES PARTICIPATION IN TRAININGS. CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS TO REFINE SKILLS. LEARN NEW INDUSTRY PRACTICES AND INCORPORATE CREATIVE IDEAS TO SOLVE LOCAL CHALLENGES. WE CONTINUE TO PURSUE DISTINGUISHED WORKPLACE DESIGNATIONS - THIS YEAR BEING NAMED A 2022 BEST WORKPLACE FOR COMMUTERS AND THE FLORIDA BICYCLE ASSOCIATION'S **BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESS OF THE YEAR.**

> This year, we made it a goal to modify our committees to support TPA initiatives where necessary. We established an Executive Committee, which supports the agency in discussing

"The TPA advocates for ongoing training for staff and Board members to strengthen understanding, improve engagement and incorporate new solutions to plar the best transportation network for Palm Beach County."

> - Valerie Neilson **Interim Executive** Director

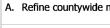
the Strategic Plan as well as agency initiatives like the 561 Plan and Vision Zero. We also evaluated how our Bicycle-Trailways-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BTPAC) could better reflect our ongoing focus on making safety a top priority for our roadways and users in the county. In

February, we renamed BTPAC to

become the Vision Zero Advisory Committee (VZAC). This group will continue its work to make Palm Beach County a safe place for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and drivers.

FOR THE FUTURE.

ADMINISTERING THE AGENCY GOES BEYOND OUR STAFF - IT INCLUDES EVERY BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBER. TRANSPORTATION PARTNER AND RESIDENT WHO HOLDS AN IMPORTANT STAKE IN PLANNING OUR TRANSPORTATION



Action

- B. Commence multimod
- C. Conduct pedestrian a
- D. Implement and upda
- E. Update Complete Str
- F. Analyze impacts of pa patterns



- A. Create State Road
- B. Support applications
- C. Establish application
- D. Advocate for TPA ad



FY 22 Strategic Plan Report Card Goals, Actions and Outcomes

GOAL 1	ENGAGE THE PUBLIC		
Action		Outcome(s)	Statu
A. Promote interactive	comment map	Received 186 comments	
B. Expand social media	following	4,067 followers as of 6/22/22 Avg. 31,763 impressions/month	
C. Conduct or support of	outreach events and campaigns	632 respondents 3,198 participants	
D. Increase public awar	reness of the TPA	44 TPA-related media stories	V
E. Present TPA initiative	es to partner agencies and groups	23 presentations	V

PLAN THE SYSTEM			
	Outcome(s)	Statu	
nobility vision and funding plan	Refining transit projects Drafting LRTP scope		
dal studies on transit plan corridors	Tri-Rail Coastal Link, Okeechobee Blvd. & SR 7, US 1 & Lake Worth Beach CS	V	
and bicycle safety field reviews	5 locations	V	
ate Vision Zero Action Plan	Updated Action Plan adopted	\checkmark	
reets Design Guidelines	Work order issued 12/21		
pandemic on current and future travel	Report published 12/21	V	

PRIORITIZE FUNDING				
	Outcome(s)	Statu		
Modifications (SRM) scoring system	Board adopted policy 11/21	\checkmark		
ns for discretionary grants	Supported 12 applications	V		
on process for safety projects	Integrated safety scoring in SRM			
adopted legislative and policy positions	MPOAC Leg. Priorities and Policy Positions adopted May 2022	V		

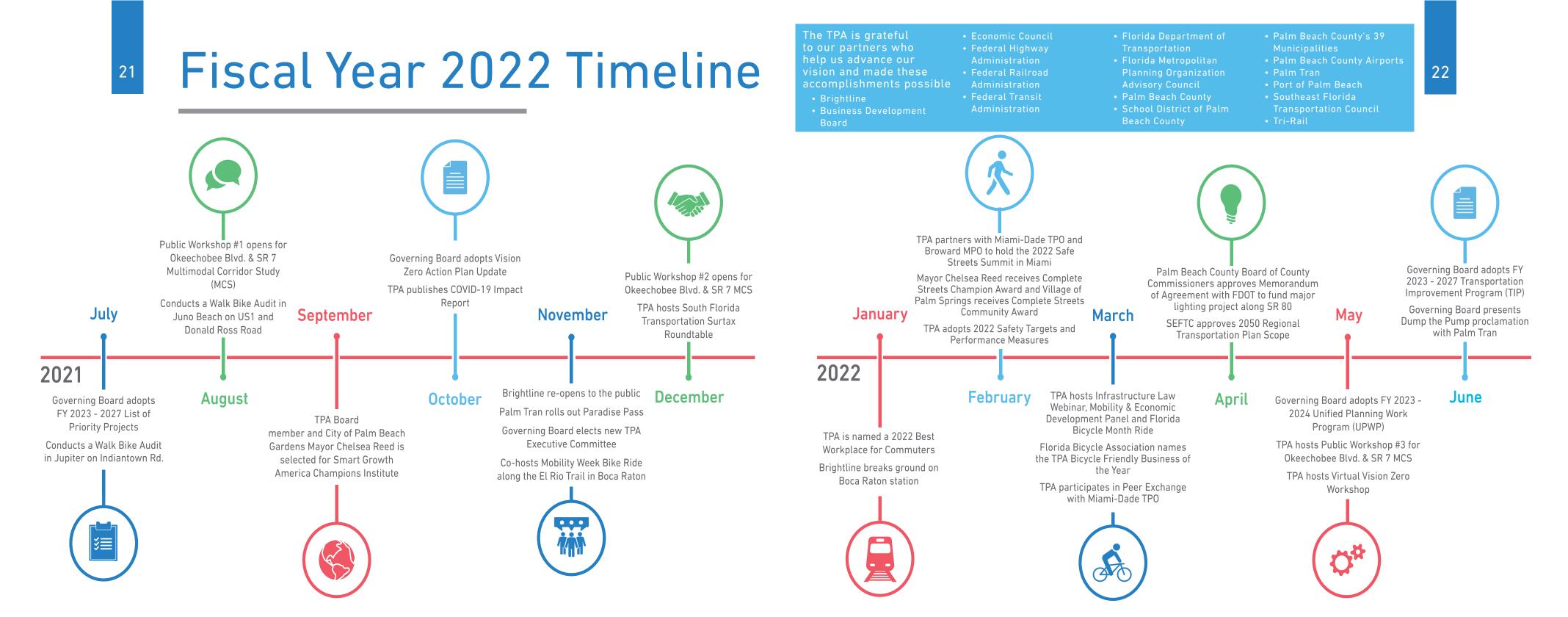
Action		Outcome(s)	Status
 Engage stakeholders in FDC reviews to promote TPA vis local preferences 	DT, County and City project ion and priorities and consider	Engaged stakeholders and reviewed 64 projects	V
B. Publish annual system repo	rt card	Presented report card in February and March 2021	\checkmark
C. Support accelerated project	delivery by partner agencies	I-95 at PGA Blvd. and private local bus operating assistance	\checkmark
D. Monitor the collection and u managed lane revenue, and plant materials per s. 334.0	l construction funds allocated for	Report in TIP document to be adopted June 2022	V

GOAL 5	COLLABORATE	WITH PARTNERS	
Action		Outcome(s)	Status
A. Assist local governm studies & plans	ents with transportation and mobility	Assisted with 3 active local studies	\checkmark
B. Conduct events on t	opics of interest	Conducted 11 events	\checkmark
C. Create mobility optic	ons video	Video completed June 2022	\checkmark
D. Facilitate discussion local comprehensive	of LRTP projects and their inclusion in plans	Collecting comprehensive plans and starting outreach for LRTP	

Image: Administer The Agency				
Actio	on		Outcome(s)	Status
	rovide board memb ational conferences	er and staff training (MPOAC Institute, , local workshops)	Provided >60 trainings	V
в. м	lodify TPA Committe	ees to support TPA initiatives	Vision Zero Advisory Committee approved in February 2022	V
C. Pu	ursue distinguished	workplace designations	1 designation	\checkmark
		ancial summaries and audited Jal Financial Report (CAFR)	Provided quarterly reports CAFR to be completed by 6/22	
E. Pi	rovide Strategic Pla	n report	Provided annual report card	\checkmark

	video completed Julie 2022	
f LRTP projects and their inclusion in plans	Collecting comprehensive plans and starting outreach for LRTP	(
ADMINICTED		

MET 🖌 | IN PROCESS 🖨 | NOT MET 🕅



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