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### **Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency recognized nationally as a 2022 Best Workplace for Commuters**

West Palm Beach, FL (January 27, 2022) – As part of its mission to collaboratively plan, prioritize and fund the transportation system, the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) has been named one of the 2022 Best Workplaces for Commuters for prioritizing alternative ways to get to work each day. This is the TPA's second year in a row receiving this designation. The TPA was recognized during a virtual ceremony on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

The TPA is among a select group of workplaces in the United States that have achieved the Best Workplaces for Commuters National Standard of Excellence by providing exceptional commuter benefits. The TPA offers employees several commuter benefits, including:

- On-site showers for individuals who walk and/or bike to work
- Bicycle racks, repairs kits and lockers for staff to store gear
- Partnerships with public and private transportation entities such as Palm Tran, Tri-Rail and Brightline

"We are so proud to be named a Best Workplace for Commuters for the second year in a row," said Valerie Neilson, Interim Executive Director. "As we work toward our vision of a safe, efficient and connected multimodal transportation system for Palm Beach County, we must be a model example of how to use various modes of transportation each day."

The Best Workplaces for Commuters program is one of the many ways TPA staff have been able to take advantage of various bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout Palm Beach County. This includes staff "wellness walks" and bike rides through downtown West Palm Beach as well as community events like Florida Bicycle Month rides.

"The Palm Beach TPA is one of the top employers in the nation offering high-level commuter benefits to their employees," said Julie Bond, Program Manager, Best Workplaces for Commuters. They give their employees the support they need to get to work and be at their best before, during and after their workday."

The Best Workplaces for Commuters program offers designated organizations access to a range of support services to assess and promote non-driving commuting of employees.



### **About the Palm Beach TPA**

The Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) serves as the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for Palm Beach County. The TPA's mission is to collaboratively plan, prioritize and fund the transportation system with a vision of a safe, efficient and connected multimodal transportation system.

### **About Best Workplaces for Commuters ([bestworkplaces.org/](http://bestworkplaces.org/))**

Best Workplaces for Commuters is the national authority on recognizing and assisting workplaces that provide exceptional commuter benefits to employees. The program provides support needed to create and sustain an employer-provided commuter benefit program, including online assessment tools, advisory services, case studies, tool-kits, web-based tools, webinars and training. Best Workplaces for Commuters represents over 500 workplaces with Best Workplaces for Commuters designation representing over 2-million employees. The Best Workplaces for Commuters program is managed by the [Center for Urban Transportation Research \(CUTR\)](http://Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR)) at the University of South Florida with support from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

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