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 **PALM BEACH**
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Planning Agency

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ABOUT THE TPA

The [Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency \(TPA\)](#) is a federally-mandated public agency that works with partners across Palm Beach County, Florida and the United States to plan, prioritize and fund the transportation system using federal and state funds. The TPA partners with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Palm Beach County and its 39 municipalities, Port of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County Airports, Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC), economic development community and others to plan for a network that is safe and efficient for all.



A LETTER FROM THE TPA BOARD CHAIR & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

If there is one word to describe Florida and Palm Beach County over the past year, development may best sum it up. It comes in many forms – in the economy, housing, and of course, transportation.

During Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, the agency held events, workshops, and a peer exchange to bring people together for important conversations about these topics. Two Downtown Intermodal Coordination Workshops shaped the footprint of what downtown West Palm Beach development will look like in the coming years. A Governing Board Peer Exchange in Austin, Texas with CapMetro sparked conversations about what enhanced transit could look like in Palm Beach County. Workshops on land use, Vision Zero and Complete Streets brought in world-renowned speakers to share insights on planning for a safe, efficient, and connected multimodal transportation system.

Tri-Rail, Brightline and several local municipalities received grants from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – many of which focus on safety. Six new municipalities adopted Vision Zero resolutions, committing to bringing the number of traffic-related deaths and serious injuries on our roadways to zero. Three of these municipalities also adopted Complete Streets policies, which will create safer and more accessible transportation facilities for users of all ages and abilities.

The Okeechobee Blvd. and State Road 7 Multimodal Corridor Study gained significant public interest through community presentations and media outreach. Enhanced transit in Palm Beach County is becoming increasingly closer to a reality as FDOT will study the possibility of light rail running from the Mall at Wellington Green to downtown West Palm Beach.

The 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) – or Vision 2050 – is underway and will shape how we plan transportation over the next 25 years. The LRTP will go hand-in-hand with the continued development of a countywide Mobility Vision and the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan with the Miami-Dade TPO and Broward MPO will connect Southeast Florida as three counties, one traveling public.

It is an exciting time to be in transportation planning and the TPA looks forward to continuing to strengthen existing partnerships while creating new ones.



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WHO WE ARE

 <p>\$4.1 BILLION DOLLARS OF FUNDING IN THE FY24-28 TIP</p>	 <p>16 PROCLAMATIONS FOR FLORIDA BICYCLE MONTH</p>	 <p>15 PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN FY23</p>
 <p>426 PROJECTS FUNDED IN THE FY 24-28 TIP</p>	 <p>6 MUNICIPALITIES ADOPTED VISION ZERO</p>	 <p>14 APPLICATIONS SUPPORTED FOR GRANT FUNDING</p>

THE PALM BEACH TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY (TPA)'S MISSION IS TO PLAN, PRIORITIZE AND FUND THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IN PALM BEACH COUNTY.

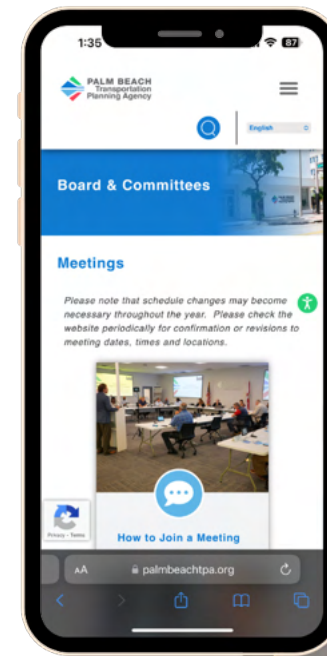
<p>PLAN</p> <p>The TPA looks at the entire transportation system to plan for the next 25 years - from resurfacing roads to creating bicycle lanes, replacing bridges and adding sidewalks.</p>	<p>PRIORITIZE</p> <p>The agency's Governing Board, with recommendations from the TPA's three advisory committees, prioritizes projects to be completed over the next five and 25 years in Palm Beach County.</p>	<p>FUND</p> <p>Projects are funded with local, state and federal transportation dollars. The TPA offers funding programs for local projects that are in line with the goals, values and objectives of the LRTP.</p>
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A SAFE, EFFICIENT AND CONNECTED MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM



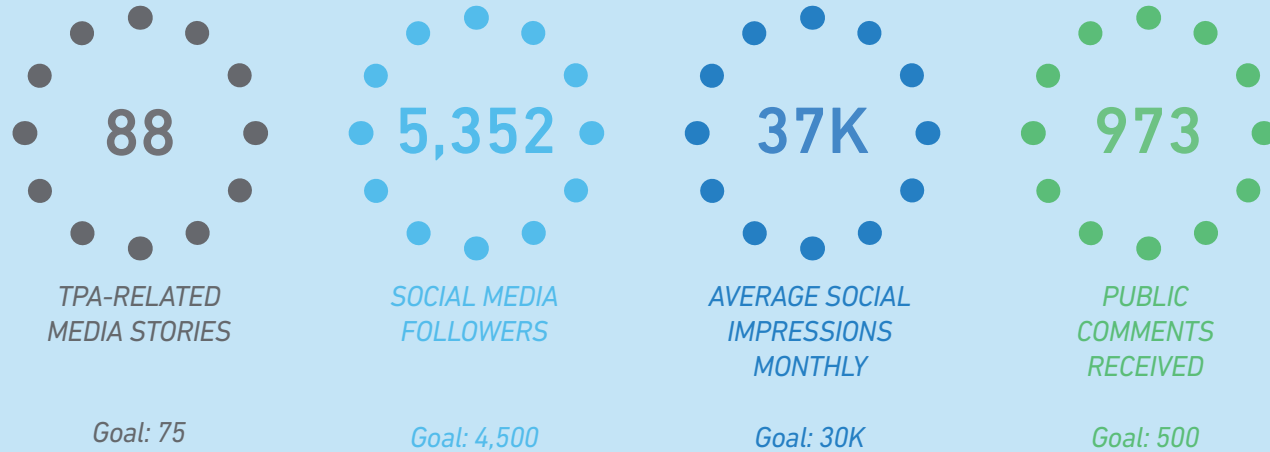
ENGAGE THE PUBLIC

In Fiscal Year 2023, the TPA made an effort to share more of the agency's work through media stories and digital channels, surpassing all of the goals assigned in the Strategic Plan. Achieving these goals means increasing awareness of the TPA, educating more residents on how to get involved with transportation planning and successfully sharing more resources. The TPA also updated its Public Participation Plan in 2023, which includes strategies for enhancing public involvement in the transportation planning process for Palm Beach County.

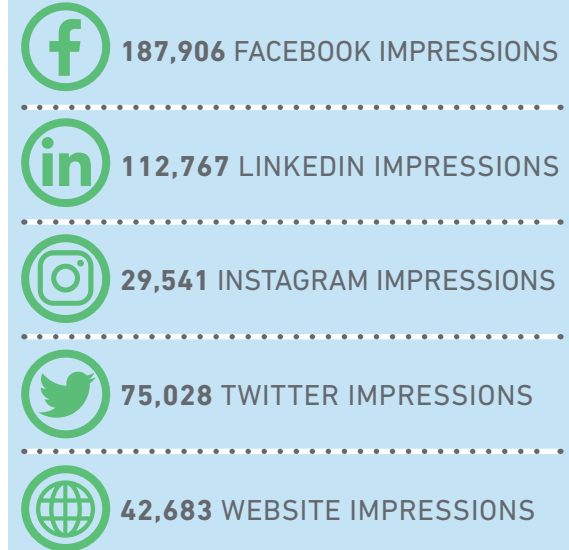


The TPA underwent a total website redesign in FY23, creating a better user experience for all. The new website prioritizes accessibility, allowing more people to find information quickly and easily.

A meeting portal, a funding programs application and a resources library were created to showcase TPA work products and allow the public to learn about upcoming projects and how to get involved.



DIGITAL CHANNELS IN FY 23



PLAN THE SYSTEM

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TIP)

As one of the TPA's most important documents, the TIP identifies projects for maintaining and improving the transportation system funded by Federal, State and local sources to assist local governments with their transportation planning efforts.



DOWNTOWN INTERMODAL COORDINATION

The TPA hosted two intermodal coordination workshops in 2022 to get a pulse of transportation and land use projects happening in downtown West Palm Beach. Partners and stakeholders shared potential solutions and next steps for key issues.



LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)

The TPA kicked off the 2050 LRTP, or Vision 2050, this year. This plan outlines transportation needs and desires for the next 25 years. Involvement from the public, stakeholders and key partners will shape the plan through December 2024.



VISION ZERO & COMPLETE STREETS

The Palm Beach TPA aims to achieve a safe, efficient and connected transportation system by implementing Complete Streets within our county's diverse communities. Complete Streets are facilities that are designed and operated to enable safe access for users of all ages and abilities, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders and motorists. Designing Complete Streets will ultimately help in the Vision Zero goal. Vision Zero is the foundation for ending traffic deaths on our streets and roadways, as no level of fatalities on our streets is acceptable.



- > The TPA held Vision Zero and a Complete Streets workshops for transportation partners to learn from local and national experts
- > 13 communities in Palm Beach County adopted a Vision Zero proclamation (six in FY23) and five communities adopted a Complete Streets Policy (three in FY23)
- > The Village of Wellington was named among the Top Ten Complete Streets Policies across the U.S. in 2023

PRIORITIZE FUNDING

The TPA consists of a 21-member Governing Board, which prioritizes more than \$600 million of federal, state and local transportation dollars to implement projects that advance our regional vision for the nearly 1.5 million Palm Beach County residents.

As one of the TPA's most important documents, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) identifies projects for maintaining and improving the transportation system and to assist local governments with their transportation planning efforts over the next five years.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING IN PALM BEACH COUNTY

\$1,026,209,337
Local Funding

\$2,434,094,846
State Funding

\$654,816,054
Federal Funding



TOTAL:
\$4,115,120,237
Source: TPA FY 24-28 TIP



As part its Strategic Plan, the TPA supported **14 applications** for discretionary grants. Many of these were awarded, including **five Safe Streets and Roads for All grants**, which will help municipalities implement Vision Zero Action Plans. Brightline was awarded **\$25 million** for safety improvements and Tri-Rail was also awarded **\$71 million** to replace 24 rail cars.



\$17.5M
SEAPORT



\$9M
ELECTRIC BUSES
& CHARGING



\$996M
MAINTENANCE



\$22.9M
TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING



\$84M
BICYCLE AND
PEDESTRIAN



\$7M
TRANSIT SHELTERS



\$13M
SFRTA NEW RAIL
CARS



\$103 M
ADDITIONAL ROADWAY
CAPACITY



\$76.5M
AIRPORTS

IMPLEMENT PROJECTS

UPCOMING FY 2024 PROJECTS

SECTION	PROJECT	TPA FUNDING
State Road Modifications (SRM)	Atlantic Ave. widening with sidewalks and buffered bicycle lanes	\$41,603,874
SRM	Boynton Beach Blvd. Complete Streets from I-95 to US-1	\$6,093,825
Transportation Alternatives (TA)	SE 1st St. shared use pathway from Boynton Beach Blvd. to Woolbright Rd.	\$1,000,000
TA	Cherry Rd. shared use pathways and pedestrian lighting	\$1,894,417
TA	North Shore pedestrian bridge	\$1,804,681
TA	Palm Tran shelters	\$280,655
Local Initiatives (LI)	Germantown Rd. sidewalks and separated bicycle lanes	\$5,000,000
LI	36th St. buffered bicycle lanes and pedestrian enhancements and bridge	\$9,809,474
LI	Palm Tran Electric Buses and charging stations	\$3,858,221
TOTAL PROGRAMMED		\$71,345,147

NEW PROJECTS IN THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

SECTION	YEAR	PROJECT	TPA FUNDING
LI	FY 26 & 27	Tri-Rail Rolling Stock	\$5,000,000
TA	FY 26	Indian Trail Improvement District: shared use pathways & sidewalk improvements	\$991,608
TA	FY 26	Palm Beach Gardens: Fairchild Ave. buffered bicycle lanes & pathways	\$1,048,283
TA	FY 26	West Palm Beach: 49th St. ADA curb ramps, sidewalks & traffic calming	\$353,702
TA	FY 26	Royal Palm Beach: local roads, pedestrian & bicycle wayfinding signage	\$738,149
TOTAL PROGRAMMED			\$8,131,742



> The **Brant Drive Bridge**, connecting the cities of Delray Beach and Boca Raton, was officially opened to traffic in February 2023 following a replacement project. The new bridge features a 10-foot shared-use path, new sidewalks and added lighting. The TPA funded \$1.74 million of the \$2.53 million project and held a ribbon cutting with both cities upon completion.



> **Lake Worth Road** is undergoing a major transformation from Raulerson Dr. to Palm Beach State College! The first separated bicycle lanes on a Palm Beach County and FDOT-installed roadway will be installed by Fall 2025. The TPA helped to fund this project, which will also include level transit boarding, signalized mid-block crosswalks and lighting upgrades.



> The TPA concluded its **Okeechobee Blvd. and State Road 7** Multimodal Corridor Study in 2023 with a preferred alternative of light rail from Wellington to downtown West Palm Beach. FDOT will conduct a feasibility study on these findings in 2025.



> The first **Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI)** opened in 2023 at Glades Rd. and I-95. This concept allows traffic to cross to the opposite side of the road for easier access to the interstate. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities along Glades Rd. were also constructed.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

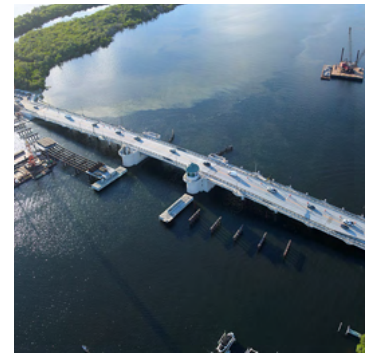


Photo: FDOT

Southern Blvd. Bridge Replacement

The bascule (draw) and tide relief bridges over the Intracoastal Waterway and Lake Worth Lagoon were replaced with new lighting, sidewalks and traffic signals. Reconstruction of Flager Dr. is expected to be complete in summer 2023.



Homewood Blvd. Bike Lanes & Sidewalks

Bicycle lanes and sidewalks were constructed along Homewood Blvd. from Germantown Rd. to Lawson Blvd. The TPA's Local Initiatives (LI) program helped fund this project.



Photo: FDOT

George Bush Blvd. Bike Lanes & Sidewalks

Bicycle lanes and sidewalks were constructed with widened travel lanes on George Bush Blvd. from NE 2nd Ave. to A1A in the City of Delray Beach. Street lighting, drainage and landscaping were added as part of this TPA-funded project in the LI program.



Photo: FDOT

U.S 1 Bridge Replacement

The bascule bridge at U.S.1 over the Intracoastal Waterway and Loxahatchee River in the Town of Jupiter is currently being replaced. The new bridge will also include sidewalks, bike lanes and a new observation deck. Construction is expected to be completed in 2025.



Lowson Blvd. Bike Lanes & Sidewalks

Sidewalks and a shared-use path are under construction on Lowson Blvd. in the City of Delray Beach. A pedestrian bridge is also being built. The TPA's LI program is helping to fund this project.



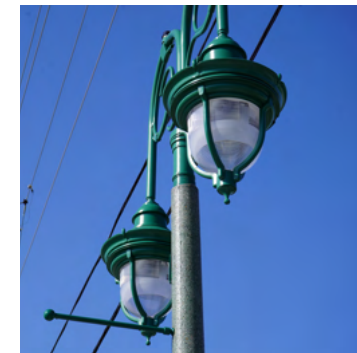
Boca Raton Brightline Station

In December 2022, the Boca Raton Brightline station opened to guests. The station is the second in Palm Beach County. The Orlando station is expected to open in Fall 2023.



Lyons Rd. Resurfacing & Bike Lanes

The first separated bicycle lanes on a Palm Beach County-owned roadway are under construction on Lyons Rd./Sansbury's Way from Forest Hill Blvd. to Okeechobee Blvd. This project is partially funded by the TPA's LI program and is expected to be completed in 2024.



Australian Ave. Lighting

Pedestrian-scale lighting was installed along Australian Ave. from 1st St. to Blue Heron Blvd. in the City of Riviera Beach. ADA improvements were also made on this LI-funded project.

COLLABORATE WITH PARTNERS

Collaboration across counties, organizations and municipalities is the key to creating a transportation system that works for all users. This year, the TPA visited peer agencies to learn their role in the transportation system - in Palm Beach County and beyond. From hosting workshops and events about topics of interest in transportation, to assisting municipalities with mobility studies and plans, these partnerships will play an important role in the upcoming development of the 2050 LRTP.



2023 Safe Streets Summit
Hollywood, FL | March 2 -3, 2023

Palm Beach County Complete Streets Champion - Natalie Crowley, TPA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) member and Director of Planning & Zoning at the City of Palm Beach Gardens

Palm Beach County Complete Streets Community Award - Village of Wellington, accepted by Michael Napoleone, Governing Board member and Vice Mayor of the Village of Wellington



ASSIST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY STUDIES AND PLANS

- 4/4 COMPLETED
- Royal Palm Beach
- Lake Worth Beach
- Juno Beach & Jupiter
- North Palm Beach



CONDUCTED TPA-RELATED EVENTS

- 6/4 COMPLETED
- Downtown Intermodal Workshops 1 & 2
- Complete Streets Workshop
- Vision Zero Workshop
- Bicycle Safety Webinar
- Austin Peer Exchange
- Transportation & Land Use Panel



CREATE HOW TO RIDE MOBILITY OPTIONS VIDEOS

- 5/5 COMPLETED
- Tri-Rail
- Palm Tran
- Brightline
- Local Circulators
- BrightBike



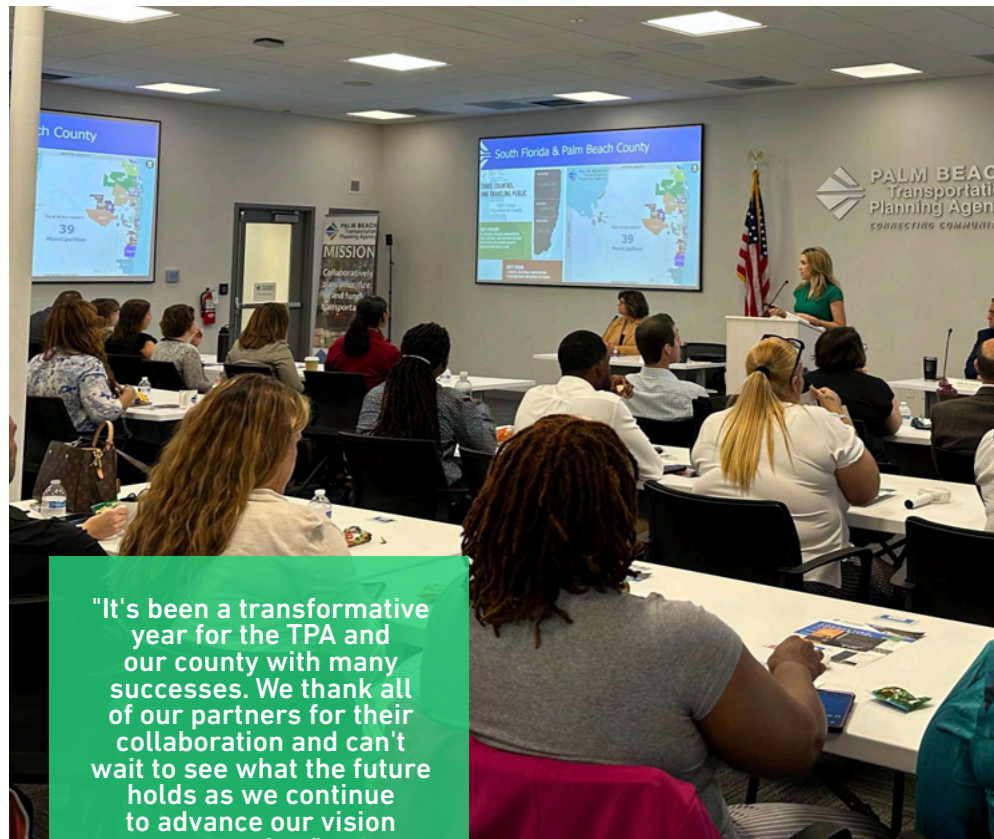
CONDUCT MOBILE TOURS WITH PARTNER AGENCIES

- 4/4 COMPLETED
- Port of Palm Beach
- Brightline
- Tri-Rail & Palm Tran
- Palm Beach International Airport

ADMINISTER THE AGENCY

This year, the TPA provided Governing Board member and staff trainings to improve engagement and encourage more participation within the agency. TPA staff and its Board members also participated in more than 40 trainings including attending conferences and workshops, throughout the year.

The TPA updated its Board and Committee Handbook where members have easy access to everything they should know about the agency. With this new update, staff also held a Board Member Training to explain the MPO process, the TPA's role and how to get more involved.



"It's been a transformative year for the TPA and our county with many successes. We thank all of our partners for their collaboration and can't wait to see what the future holds as we continue to advance our vision together."
 - Valerie Neilson
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