



2024 Annual Report

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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.

Our Partners

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), economical development community, and others to plan for a network that is safe and efficient for all.



A Letter from the Governing Board Chair & Executive Director

As Palm Beach County and Southeast Florida continues to grow, so does the work and outreach of the Palm Beach TPA. Over the past fiscal year, public and private partnerships were strengthened through workshops focused on safety, affordable housing, and transportation demand management, as well as peer exchanges and presentations about the TPA’s work to dozens of community groups.



A main focus over the past year has been, and will continue to be, the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), known as Vision 2050. This plan sets the framework for what transportation will look like in Palm Beach County over the next 25 years. Its development has fostered great relationships with our partners as we look ahead to a future with transportation options that are efficient, sustainable and connected. The TPA will gather input from the public and stakeholders through 2024 about how to implement proposed projects and develop a final plan.

The TPA continues to learn from other communities including Orlando and Miami about their transportation systems and how they are funded through peer exchanges with Governing Board members.

Vision Zero continues to make national headlines and the TPA partnered with municipalities, the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration to host a workshop about the Safe Streets and Roads for All federal grant, which funds Vision Zero planning and implementation. These efforts will bring us closer to achieving zero traffic-related serious injuries and fatalities in Palm Beach County.

As we look ahead to Fiscal Year 2025, we are excited to host the Safe Streets Summit in West Palm Beach alongside the Broward MPO and Miami-Dade TPO, focusing on why transportation is at the heart of it all – creating access to healthcare, education, employment and more. This year will also signify the adoption of a new LRTP and a renewed focus on creating a transportation system that is safe, efficient and connected for all users.

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Who We Are



**\$3.61 BILLION
DOLLARS**

OF STATE & FEDERAL
FUNDING IN THE
FY25-29 TIP



**28
PROCLAMATIONS**

FOR FLORIDA
BICYCLE MONTH



**28 PRIORITY
PROJECTS**

IN PROCUREMENT
OR CONSTRUCTION
IN FY24



366 PROJECTS

FUNDED IN THE
FY 25-29 TIP



52 MILES

OF NEW OR
IMPROVED BICYCLE
AND PEDESTRIAN
FACILITIES



14 APPLICATIONS

SUPPORTED FOR
GRANT FUNDING

PLAN

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.

PRIORITIZE

The agency's Governing Board, with recommendations from three advisory committees, prioritizes projects to be completed over the next five and 25 years in Palm Beach County.

FUND

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.



State Road 25 / US 27 Resurfacing & Restoration 9

Engage the Public

The TPA focused on reaching new audiences in Fiscal Year 2024 through social media, traditional news media and presentations to community groups. Each of the agency’s Strategic Plan goals were exceeded, allowing more people to share input on projects like the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the future of transportation funding in Palm Beach County and more.



Public Comments

Goal: 500 comments | Achieved: 617 comments

Through the TPA’s Public Input Map and Survey for the LRTP, traditional Comment Map, public comments for meetings, surveys for Palm Tran Connection and more, the TPA exceeded its goal once again for gathering public input.



Social Media Reach

Goal: 125,000 users reached | Achieved: 300,000+ users reached

This year, the TPA’s Public Involvement Team focused on social media “reach” after achieving goals in previous years of gaining followers and “impressions” across its social channels. Reach focuses on the number of unique individual users seeing content posted to the TPA’s social channels. The goal of reaching 125,000 users on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter (X), Instagram, LinkedIn and the TPA website was more than doubled.



Presentations to Partner Agencies & Groups

Goal: 20 presentations | Achieved: 29 presentations

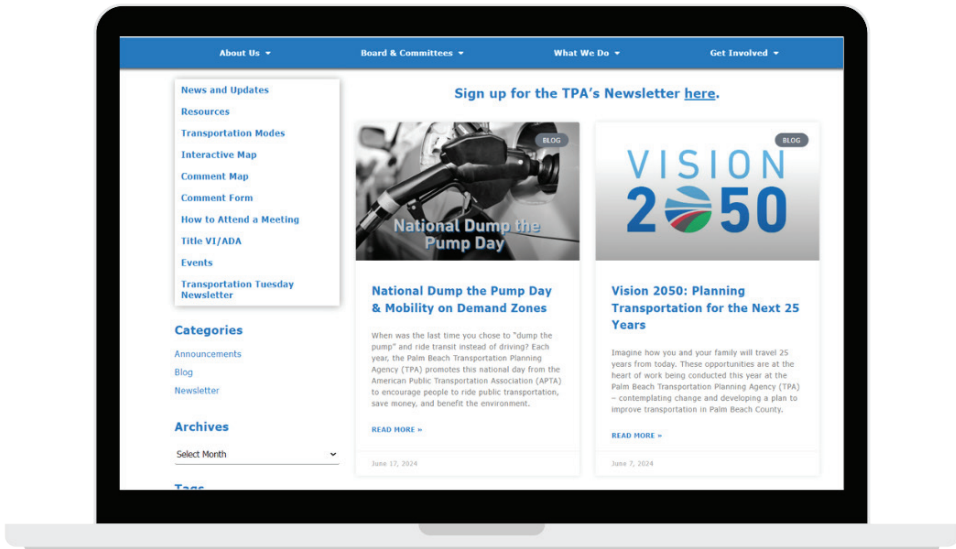
The agency reached audiences this year with presentations at national conferences about TPA best practices such as public involvement, long range planning and pedestrian & bicycle safety. Staff also presented to municipalities, professional organizations and students about current planning efforts and ways to get involved in the process.



TPA Blog

The TPA debuted its blog this year, featuring topics of interest like LRTP updates, the “Dump the Pump” campaign encouraging transit usage, a spotlight on Executive Committee members and a Florida Bicycle Month recap.

A new blog post will be shared each month, focusing on a new topic for social media followers and newsletter subscribers to learn about. Previous blog posts can be viewed at PalmBeachTPA.org/Blog.



News Media Outreach



Sharing information with news media partners such as local television stations, newspapers and radio stations continues to be an important way for the TPA to engage the public, share information about upcoming projects and encouraging public input.

The TPA conducted interviews with all major media outlets in Palm Beach County this year, reaching hundreds of thousands of people through published stories on topics like the agency’s Mobility Vision, projects that include the first separated bicycle lanes on FDOT and Palm Beach County-owned roadways, the LRTP and more.

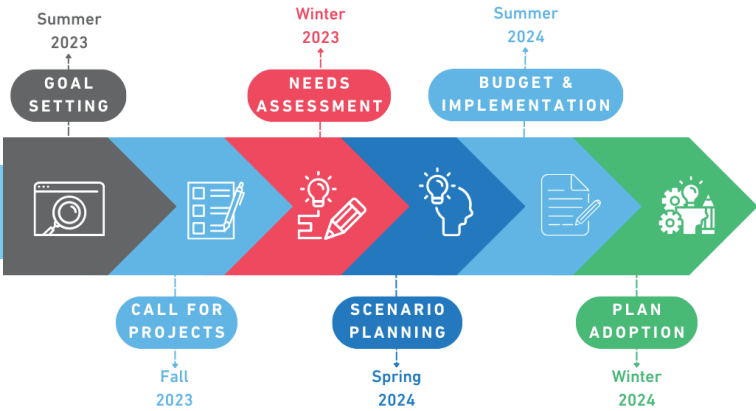
Plan the System

Long Range Transportation Plan

In December 2024, the TPA will adopt its next Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Known as Vision 2050, this plan is a 25-year vision for transportation in Palm Beach County. It forecasts where people will live and work, evaluating the existing transportation network, and identifies projects that will serve our needs in the future. Updated every five years, the LRTP provides the TPA with a blueprint to address shifting transportation needs over the next two decades.

The TPA has held workshops across Palm Beach County to gather input from the public, stakeholders, elected officials and transportation partners on what they'd like the transportation system to look like over the next two decades. The TPA's interactive comment map was upgraded to allow for project reviews, alongside traditional comments about transportation in the county. The TPA will continue LRTP development through project identification, budgeting and scenario planning always keeping a safe, efficient and connected transportation system top of mind to provide sustainable options for all residents and visitors.

The TPA also worked towards a Mobility Vision Plan that will inform bicycle, pedestrian and transit improvements across the county. High crash corridors were studied through site visits and workshops to speak with those who use these corridors each day.



Speed Management Action Plan

Speed is the primary factor in the severity of traffic crashes. Often, higher speeds result in more severe crashes, such as crashes with severe injuries or death. The TPA's Vision Zero Action Plan identified a need to find corridors where roadway design does not match the speed of vehicles. The TPA is studying the most severe crash-prone corridors to determine safety countermeasures to implement for safety of all roadway users. The Speed Management Action Plan will provide the top corridors to focus on over the next five years and inform where safety improvements are needed to better calm traffic.



Model Transit Demand Management (TDM) Policy

Palm Beach County's population dynamics, real estate development, new industries, tourism and even agriculture demand more than the county's infrastructure can handle. As such, our communities wrestle with mounting congestion and increasingly unpredictable travel patterns. In response to this, the TPA worked with Cityfi to create a Model TDM Policy Menu and Implementation Guide - a suite of tools aimed at changing travel behaviors, expanding travel options and managing congestion, while contributing benefits to air quality and resilience. This provides cities and their partners with a toolkit to manage transportation demand and encourage mobility options in the county.



Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Field Review Selection Process

The TPA hosts Walk Bike Safety Audits with municipalities, schools, transportation partners and the public to identify ways to improve walking and bicycling conditions throughout the county. As demand for these audits increased, the TPA created a Field Review Selection Process to identify the areas most in need of an on-the-ground assessment. Those interested in conducting one of these events can now fill out the questionnaire on the TPA website, allowing staff to review the area in need.



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 more than 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

\$687,843,009
Federal Funding

\$824,550,116
State Funding

\$2,102,447,213
Turnpike Funding

\$733,754,505
Local Funding



TOTAL:
\$4,348,594,843

Source: TPA FY 25-29 TIP

As part its Strategic Plan, the TPA supported **14 applications** for discretionary grants, more than twice the goal set for the year for the second year in a row. This included support for a **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant** for the City of Boca Raton which was ultimately awarded for \$4 million and will help the city implement a Vision Zero Action Plan. The City of Palm Beach Gardens, Village of Palm Springs, City of Delray Beach and Indian Trail Improvement District were awarded these grants in December 2023. This brings the number of Palm Beach County municipalities awarded a SS4A planning grant to nine!



\$23M
TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING



\$108M
AIRPORTS, SEAPORT
& RAIL



\$15M
SFRTA NEW RAIL CARS



\$5M
ELECTRIC BUSES
& CHARGING



\$89.5M
COMPLETE STREETS,
BICYCLE AND
PEDESTRIAN



\$210.8M
ADDITIONAL ROADWAY
CAPACITY



\$736M
ROADWAY OPERATIONS
& MAINTENANCE



\$16.8M
TRANSIT SHELTERS
& BUS STOP
IMPROVEMENTS



\$14M
LIGHTING

Implement Projects

UPCOMING FY 2025 PROJECTS		
SECTION	PROJECT	TPA FUNDING
Major Projects	U.S. 1 reconstruction with protected bicycle lanes from 59th St. to Northlake Blvd.	\$14,686,850
Major Projects	Okeechobee Blvd. and SR 7 FDOT feasibility study for enhanced transit corridor	\$2,000,000
Local Initiatives (LI)	Brant Bridge connector with sidewalks & bicycle lanes from Lindell Blvd. to Brant Bridge	\$2,540,068
LI	Cresthaven Blvd. from Jog Rd. to Military Trl. buffered bicycle lanes & intersection mods.	\$4,602,551
LI	Greenview Shores Blvd. pathways from Binks Forest Dr. to Wellington Tr.	\$1,258,120
LI	SFRTA - Tri-Rail service passenger rail cars	\$4,313,425
LI	Greenbriar Blvd. from Aero Club Dr. to Greenview Shores Blvd.	\$2,453,173
Transportation Alternatives (TA)	Burns Rd. separated bicycle track from Military Trl. to Alt. A1A	\$1,404,774
TA	El Rio Trail lighting from Glades Rd. to Yamato Rd.	\$1,274,186
TA	C-8 Canal shared use path from Forest Hill Blvd. to Stribling Way	\$738,523

NEW PROJECTS IN THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM			
SECTION	YEAR	PROJECT	TPA FUNDING
TA	FY 27	NW 6th Way shared use path & bicycle facilities from S of NW 28th Dr./Cir. to Spanish River Blvd.	\$969,221
TA	FY 27	Camino Real buffered bicycle lanes & sidewalks from Spanish River Rd. to S Ocean Blvd.	\$1,361,914
TA	FY 27	Spruce Ave. bicycle lanes & sidewalks from 36th St. to 40th St.	\$1,577,838
TA	FY 27	Lilac St. shared use paths from N Military Trl. to Plant Dr.	\$1,143,999
TA	FY 27	140th Ave. N & 61st St. N unpaved paths	\$526,481



Lake Worth Rd.

FDOT

The first separated bicycle lanes on a FDOT-owned roadway in Palm Beach County will soon be complete. The TPA worked with FDOT and the Village of Palm Springs to include bicycle and pedestrian improvements for the Lake Worth Rd. resurfacing from Raulerson Dr. to Palm Beach State College. This includes level transit boarding, mid-block crossings, and sidewalk and lighting upgrades. The project is expected to be complete in winter 2024.



Lyons Rd. /
Sansbury's Way

Palm Beach County

Separated bicycle lanes will also be installed on the first Palm Beach County-owned roadway in 2024. As part of the resurfacing from Forest Hill Blvd. to Okeechobee Blvd. As a frequently traveled route for bicyclists in western Palm Beach County, the protected lanes will offer an extra layer of safety for those traveling by bicycle. The project is expected to be complete in fall 2024.



U.S. 1 Bridge

FDOT

The replacement of the U.S. 1 Bridge in the Town of Jupiter is more than two thirds complete with new bicycle facilities on the bridge, improved clearance for boats and a new observation tower. Improvements are also being made at several nearby intersections. Traffic is expected to partially re-open in fall 2024 with the full project expected to be complete in spring 2026.



Southern Blvd.
Bridge

FDOT

2024 marked the completion of the Southern Blvd. Bridge replacement, a construction project nearly 7 years in the making. The new bridge includes sidewalks and bicycle lanes, a higher vertical clearance and a new tide relief bridge over the Lake Worth Lagoon. Intersection improvements were also made to Southern Blvd. & Washington Rd. as well as Southern Blvd. & Flagler Dr.

Project Highlights



Clear Lake Trail

A much anticipated shared use path and boardwalk along Clear Lake near downtown West Palm Beach is complete. Lighting and trees will soon be added to enhance the trail on the northwest side of Clear Lake from Okeechobee Blvd. to Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. An extension of this trail will be completed at a future date. The TPA's TA program funded this project.



Dillman Trail

A 3/4-mile shared use path now connects Forest Hill Blvd. & Dillman Rd. in the City of Greenacres. This pathway allows students at Cholee Lakes Elementary School a safe way to walk and bicycle to school as well as nearby destinations like Okeehelie Park. The TPA funded \$700k of this \$950k project through the Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding program.



Lake Worth Rd. Roundabout

Pedestrian enhancements and a traffic circle reconfiguration were constructed in the City of Lake Worth Beach at Lake Worth Rd. from Erie St. to A St. This project includes upgraded lighting, pedestrian signals and a six-foot sidewalk with a raised crosswalk and signalization. The TPA's LI program funded this \$1.12M project.



Seminole Blvd. Shared Use Paths

10 and 12 ft shared use paths were completed along Seminole Blvd. from Okeechobee Blvd. to Oswego Ave. in the Westgate CRA. Pedestrian lighting will be added along both trails. This \$1.7M project was almost completely funded by the TPA's TA program.



A1A Crossings: Donald Ross Rd. to Indiantown Rd.

Crosswalk enhancements are installed along A1A between Donald Ross Rd. and Indiantown Rd. in the Town of Juno Beach and the Town of Jupiter. Solar-powered flashing beacons are now featured on each crosswalk sign to alert drivers to pedestrians. This project was funded through the TPA's TA Funding Program.



Westgate CRA Sidewalks

New sidewalks and pedestrian lighting are under construction along Bridgeman Rd., Longwood Rd., and Wellington Rd., in the Westgate neighborhood. The TPA's TA program helped fund nearly \$1 million for this project.



Lowson Blvd. Bike Lanes & Sidewalks

Sidewalks and a shared-use path are nearly complete on Lowson Blvd. in the City of Delray Beach. A pedestrian bridge was also constructed as part of this project. The TPA's LI program helped to fund \$4.63M of this \$6.1M this project.



Holly Dr. Pedestrian Flashers

Pedestrian activated flashers were installed at 12 existing crossings along Holly Drive in Palm Beach Gardens. This project includes crossings near Palm Beach Gardens Elementary and High School and was nearly completely funded by the TPA's TA program.

Collaborate with Partners

Collaboration leads to invaluable partnerships that can help the TPA achieve its vision of a safe, efficient and connected multimodal transportation system. The agency’s Governing Board members continue to be engaged and eager to learn about transportation best practices within Palm Beach County, across the state of Florida, around the country and internationally. The annual Safe Streets Summit was held in Miami with the Miami-Dade TPO and Broward MPO, focusing on “Embracing Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety & Mobility in the Southeast Florida Region”. The TPA looks forward to hosting this regional summit in West Palm Beach in 2025!

The TPA also assisted several local governments with transportation and mobility studies and plans. This included an Okeechobee Blvd. Gateway Alternatives Study, that focused on finding ways to improve walking, bicycling, transit and driving on the major downtown West Palm Beach roadway.

TPA staff will continue to assess improvements for everyone along Okeechobee Blvd. including pedestrians, as shown here from a field visit.



Additionally, the TPA is working with the City of West Palm Beach on a lane repurposing project of Dixie Highway (U.S. 1) from Quadrille Blvd. to 25th Street. This project is in collaboration with the TPA’s U.S. 1 Multimodal Corridor Study that includes recommendations of lane configurations to increase safety and achieve Vision Zero.

Peer Exchanges

The TPA hosted several peer exchanges to introduce Governing Board members to transportation systems across the state. A site visit to Orlando included a demo of a Beep autonomous vehicle, a ride on Brightline, a Lynx bus and SunRail.



A South Florida Rail Tour took Board members and transit partners to Miami while riding Tri-Rail. Participants toured the Miami Intermodal Center and rode the Metrorail and Metromover.



TPA Workshops

From affordable housing to transportation funding, the TPA hosted events for a wide variety of audiences this year. This continued effort to work with partner agencies and groups throughout Palm Beach County and South Florida allows the TPA to share its mission and vision while making long-lasting connections with new agencies and organizations. This year’s events included:

- Housing and Transportation Symposiums
- TDM Model Policy Workshop
- Transportation Funding Workshop
- South Florida Transportation Roundtable
- Safe Streets and Roads for All Workshop



Administer the Agency

This year, the TPA provided trainings to help enhance and continue the education of its staff and Governing Board members. Staff presented at various conferences including the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO), Mpack, TransPlex, and the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO). Staff also assisted in leading a mobile tour to showcase the pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure in downtown West Palm Beach, hosted a Finance Training for MPOs across Florida and attended various trainings and workshops for continued education in topics like accessibility, safe bicycling and the Safe Streets Summit.



The Palm Beach Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Local Coordinating Board (LCB) was named the TD LCB of the Year for the state of Florida! The LCB works with Palm Tran to focus on the transportation needs of the disadvantaged community including older adults, persons with disabilities, low income individuals and children at risk.



FY24 TRAININGS
TARGET: 40 ACTUAL: 56

“Trainings and workshops not only helped further educate and prepare our staff and Board members, but they offer ways to find new ideas, collaborate with partners and help achieve our Mission and Vision.”

- Valerie Neilson, TPA Executive Director

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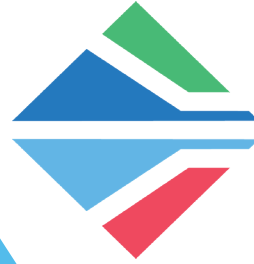
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