



PALM BEACH Metropolitan Planning Organization

PALM BEACH MPO GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AGENDA

DATE: **Thursday, March 19, 2026**
TIME: **9:30 a.m.**
PLACE: **301 Datura Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401**

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1. **REGULAR ITEMS**

- A. Call to Order and Roll Call
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Modifications to the Agenda
- D. General Public Comments

Members of the public are invited to offer general comments unrelated to agenda items at this time. Public comments related to agenda items will be heard following staff presentation of the item. Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- Written comments may be submitted at [PalmBeachMPO.org/Comment-Form](#) at any time prior to the start of the relevant item.
- Virtual attendees may provide verbal comments using the “raise hand” feature in Zoom.
- In-person attendees may submit written or verbal comments using the comment card provided at the welcome table.

Public comments are limited to three minutes or less.

- E. Florida Bicycle Month Proclamation
- F. Board Photo
- G. Chair and Member Comments
- H. Executive Director’s Report
- I. MOTION TO APPROVE Consent Agenda Items
 - 1. Governing Board Meeting Minutes for February 19, 2026
 - 2. Reappointment to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
 - a. Alex Hansen, City of West Palm Beach Representative
 - b. Giles Rhoads, City of Palm Beach Gardens Alternate
 - c. Latoya Bunche, School District of Palm Beach County Alternate
 - 3. Appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
 - a. Phil Lewin, City of Lake Worth Beach Representative

4. Reappointment to the Vision Zero Advisory Committee (VZAC)
 - a. Lee Lietzke, Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management Alternate
 - b. Yajaira Moleriro, City of Boca Raton Alternate
5. Reappointment to the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TD LCB)
 - a. Milory Senat, Agency for Persons with Disabilities Representative
 - b. Uyen Dang, Citizen Advocate Representative

2. **ACTION ITEMS**

- A. MOTION TO ADOPT Fiscal Year (FY) 2027-2028 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

The FY 2027–2028 UPWP is the MPO’s two-year business plan and budget and serves as the application for federal planning funds. It outlines planned activities, deliverables, schedules, funding sources, and budgets.

3. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Partner Agency Updates

Representatives from FDOT, Palm Beach County, Palm Tran, SFRTA, and other transportation partner agencies may provide brief updates relevant to the MPO.

4. **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

- A. FDOT Scheduling Report – March 2026
- B. Public Involvement Activity Report – February 2026
- C. Next Meeting – **May 21, 2026**
- D. Adjournment

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City of Boca Raton

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Alternate: Joaquin Almazan, Vice Mayor

Fran Nachlas
City of Boca Raton

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Andy Thomson, Council Member
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Aimee Kelley, Commissioner
City of Boynton Beach
Alternate: Angela Cruz, Commissioner

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Alternate: Thomas Markert, Commissioner

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Alternate: Dana Middleton, Vice Mayor

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Alternate: Johnnie Tieche, Council Member

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Alternate: Varisa Dass, Commissioner

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Florida Department of Transportation
Non-Voting Advisor



DECLARING MARCH 2026 AS FLORIDA BICYCLE MONTH

WHEREAS, the Florida Bicycle Association recognizes March as Florida Bicycle Month and the Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will recognize it locally; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach MPO collaborates with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Palm Beach County, Palm Tran, Tri-Rail, Brightline, its municipalities, and other stakeholders to encourage bicycling as an alternative form of transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach MPO has set a target of zero bicycle-related fatalities and serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, bicycling is a popular form of recreation and transportation, which increases access to employment through affordable economic means, reduces traffic congestion, promotes health and wellness, enhances economies, and connects communities; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization plans, supports, and recommends projects that improve bicycle access and safety, and promotes community education efforts to enhance safe bicycling practices; and

WHEREAS, electric bicycles are an increasingly popular mode of transportation, Palm Beach County encourages all road users to share the roadway responsibly and encourages organizations to promote safety through education and training; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County has an expanding network of designated and enhanced bicycle facilities totaling approximately 300 miles, and several local municipalities have adopted Complete Streets policies, advancing a safe, connected, and accessible transportation system for bicyclists of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE PALM BEACH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, assembled in regular session this 19 day of March 2026, that March 2026, in Palm Beach County, is hereby proclaimed:

Florida Bicycle Month

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE PALM BEACH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION that this proclamation is duly sealed, ribboned and executed by the Chair and Vice Chair of this Board.

Attest:

Valerie Neilson, AICP
MPO Executive Director

Council Member Yvette Drucker
MPO Chair



OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE PALM BEACH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) GOVERNING BOARD

February 19, 2026

301 Datura Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

These minutes are a summary of the meeting events and may not reflect all the discussion that occurred. PDF versions of the agenda, backup materials, presentations, and audio recordings are available for review at PalmBeachMPO.org/Board.

1. REGULAR ITEMS

1.A. Call to Order and Roll Call

CHAIR REED called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

The Recording Secretary called the roll.

Table with 6 columns: Member, Attendance, Member, Attendance, Member, Attendance. Lists members and their attendance status (A for Absent, P for Present).

P = Present A = Absent

A quorum was present in person.

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

CHAIR REED led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.C. Modifications to the Agenda

There were no modifications to the agenda.

MOTION to approve the agenda made by Fran Nachlas, seconded by Marci Woodward, and carried unanimously 12-0 as depicted in the table below.

Table with 6 columns: Member, Vote, Member, Vote, Member, Vote. Lists members and their vote status (Y for Yes, N for No, A for Absent).

Y = Yes N = No A = Absent

1.D. General Public Comments

There were no public comments received.

1.E. Comments from the Chair and Member Comments

CHAIR DRUCKER thanked the Board members for selecting her as Chair and noted that this was her first meeting serving , in that role.

CHAIR DRUCKER welcomed Dana Middleton as the alternate for Palm Beach Gardens.

Aimee Kelley joined the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

1.F. Executive Director's Report

VALERIE NEILSON, MPO Executive Director, provided updates, which are available at PalmBeachMPO.org/Board.

Joseph Peduzzi joined the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Bruce Guyton joined the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

Bobby Powell joined the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

MARCI WOODWARD provided an update on Tri-Rail and noted that the Executive Director's last day would be the following Friday.

CHRISTOPHER MCVOY expressed concern about traffic signal timing for bicyclists, noting that the signals may not allow sufficient time for cyclists to cross safely and could leave them stopped in the middle of an intersection.

JIM KURETSKI asked about Tri-Rail and the status of retroactive funding.

1.G. APPROVED Consent Agenda Items

1. Governing Board Meeting Minutes for December 11, 2025
2. Appointment to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
 - a. Giuseppe Van Oordt, Village of Wellington Representative
 - b. Leslie Navarrete, City of Belle Glade Alternate
3. Appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
 - a. Aileen Hernandez, Village of Palm Springs Representative
 - b. Dana Herst, City of West Palm Beach Representative
4. Reappointment to the TAC
 - a. Denise Malone, City of Greenacres Representative
 - b. Kim Delaney, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Representative
 - c. Thomas Lanahan, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Alternate
 - d. Bryan Davis, Palm Beach County Planning Department Representative
5. Reappointment to the CAC
 - a. Lily-Charlotte Landstrom, City of Boynton Beach Representative
6. Appointment to the Vision Zero Advisory Committee (VZAC)
 - a. Kevin Fischer, City of Boynton Beach Representative
7. Amendment #3 to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program Resolution approving amendment rebalancing federal planning funds through FY 2026.

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda made by Fran Nachlas, seconded John McGovern, and carried unanimously 16-0 as depicted in the table below.

Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Steve Wilson	A	Christopher McVoy	Y	Bruce Guyton	Y
Yvette Drucker	Y	Bev Smith	Y	Jeff Hmara	Y
Fran Nachlas	Y	Deandre Poole	Y	John McGovern (Alt)	Y
Aimee Kelley	Y	Gregg Weiss	A	Christy Fox	Y
Tom Markert	Y	Marci Woodward	Y	Joseph Peduzzi	Y
Susy Diaz	A	Sara Baxter	A	Bobby Powell	Y
Jim Kuretski	Y	Joel Flores	A	Dana Middleton (Alt)	Y

Y = Yes N = No A = Absent

2. ACTION ITEMS

2.A. MOTION TO ADOPT 2026 Safety Targets

BRIAN RUSCHER, Deputy Director of Multimodal, presented this item.

Gregg Weiss joined the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

BOBBY POWELL questioned the fatalities and serious injuries chart and the numbers presented.

JIM KURESKI noted a correction in the packet in comparison to the presentation.

CHRISTOPHER MCVOY asked about the downward trend in the data and inquired about the data normalization methods. He also noted the importance of tracking e-bike data.

JIM KURESTKI asked staff to distinguish between e-bikes and motorized vehicles in the data.

GREGG WEISS expressed concern regarding e-bike safety and shared details from data that his intern compiled in a report of e-bike crashes resulting in a fatality. He emphasized the importance of continued monitoring of e-bikes.

JEFF HMARA asked what conclusions could be drawn from the data overall.

AIMEE KELLEY asked whether the MPO could establish universal guidelines for tracking e-bike crashes.

MARCI WOODWARD commented that trends will naturally fluctuate over time.

DANA MIDDLETON asked whether golf cart incidents are tracked, noting concern about where golf carts are operated and their increasing popularity.

MOTION to adopt 2026 Safety Targets made by Christopher McVoy seconded by Bruce Guyton, and passed 17-0 as depicted in the table below.

Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Steve Wilson	A	Christopher McVoy	Y	Bruce Guyton	Y
Yvette Drucker	Y	Bev Smith	Y	Jeff Hmara	Y
Fran Nachlas	Y	Deandre Poole	Y	John McGovern (Alt)	Y
Aimee Kelley	Y	Gregg Weiss	Y	Christy Fox	Y
Tom Markert	Y	Marci Woodward	Y	Joseph Peduzzi	Y
Susy Diaz	A	Sara Baxter	A	Bobby Powell	Y
Jim Kuretski	Y	Joel Flores	A	Dana Middleton (Alt)	Y

Y = Yes N = No A = Absent

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.A. Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2027-2028 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

ANDREW UHLIR, Deputy Director of Programs, presented this item.

MARCI WOODWARD requested a graphic for the UPWP public comment period.

3.B. Florida Bicycle Month

BRIAN RUSCHER, Deputy Director of Multimodal, presented this item.

Chair Drucker shared several bicycle-related events held by the City of Boca Raton.

3.C Partner Agency Updates

There were no partner agency updates.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4.A. Routine MPO Reports

A. FDOT Scheduling Report – January 2026

B. Public Involvement Activity Report – December 2025 and January 2026

D. Next Meeting – **March 19, 2026**

E. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

This signature attests that the undersigned is the Chair, or a designated nominee, of the MPO Governing Board and that the information provided herein constitutes the true and correct minutes of the Board meeting held on February 19, 2026, and approved on March 19, 2026.

Chair Yvette Drucker, Boca Raton Council Member

EXHIBIT A

Metropolitan Planning Organization Governing Board

Representative Alternate(s) Local Government	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25	Jul '25	Aug '25	Sep '25	Oct '25	Nov '25	Dec '25	Jan '26	Feb '26	
Chelsea Reed, Councilmember Dana Middleton, Vice Mayor City of Palm Beach Gardens	NO MEETING HELD – SCHEDULED BREAK	NO MEETING HELD – SCHEDULED BREAK	P	P	P	NO MEETING HELD – SCHEDULED BREAK	P	P	NO MEETING HELD – SCHEDULED BREAK	P	NO MEETING HELD – SCHEDULED BREAK	ALT	
Bobby Powell, Commissioner – District 7 Palm Beach County			P	E	P		E	P		P			
Steve Wilson, Mayor Joaquin Almazan, Vice Mayor City of Belle Glade			A	P	A		ALT	A		P		A	
Yvette Drucker, Council Member CHAIR City of Boca Raton			P	ALT	ALT		P	P		P		P	
Fran Nachlas, Deputy Mayor Andy Thomson, Council Member Marc Wigder, Council Member City of Boca Raton			P	ALT	P		P	P		P		P	
Aimee Kelly, Commissioner Angela Cruz, Commissioner City of Boynton Beach			P	P	P		P	P		P		P	
Thomas Markert, Commissioner City of Delray Beach			P	E	P		P	P		P		P	
Susy Diaz, Deputy Mayor Judith Dugo, Councilmember City of Greenacres			P	P	E		P	E		P		E	
Jim Kuretski, Mayor Ron Delaney, Councilor Town of Jupiter			P	P	P		P	P		P		P	
Christopher McVoy, Commissioner Mimi May, Commissioner City of Lake Worth Beach			P	P	P		P	P		P		P	
Bev Smith, Mayor Johnnie Tieche, Council Member Village of Palm Springs			P	P	ALT		ALT	P		P		P	p
Joel Flores, Commissioner – District 3 Palm Beach County			P	E	ALT		P	P		P		P	E

Palm Beach MPO Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Representative Alternate(s) Local Government	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25	Jul '25	Aug '25	Sep '25	Oct '25	Nov '25	Dec '25	Jan '26	Feb '26
Sara Baxter, Mayor – District 6 Palm Beach County			P	E	P		P	E		ALT		E
Gregg Weiss, Commissioner – District 2 Palm Beach County			P	E	P		P	P		P		P
Marci Woodward, Commissioner – District 4 Maria Sachs, Mayor – District 5 Maria Marino, Commissioner – District 1 Palm Beach County			P	P	P		P	ALT		P		P
Deandre Poole, Commissioner Varisa Lall Dass, Commissioner Port of Palm Beach			P	P	P		P	P		P		P
Bruce Guyton, Council Member Glen Spiritis, Council Member City of Riviera Beach			P	P	P		P	P		A		P
Jeff Hmara, Mayor Richard Valuntas, Vice Mayor Village of Royal Palm Beach			P	P	ALT		ALT	P		P		P
Michael Napoleone, Mayor VICE CHAIR John McGovern, Vice Mayor Village of Wellington			P	ALT	P		P	P		P		ALT
Christy Fox, Commissioner City of West Palm Beach			E	E	P		P	P		P		P
Joseph Peduzzi, Commissioner Shalonda Warren, Commissioner Christina Lambert, Commissioner City of West Palm Beach			P	E	P		P	E		P		p

Attendance Record

** New Appointment P - Representative Present ALT- Alternate Present E - Excused A - Absent

OTHERS PRESENT

Valerie Neilson
Andrew Uhlir
Brian Ruscher
Carly Diglio
Ruth Del Pino
Kathryn Marinace
Tony Norat
Marsha Taylor-Long
Victoria Williams
Johnnie Tieche
Khurshid Mohyuddin
Kayla Barlow
Yaneli Mata
Lisa Nisenson

REPRESENTING

Palm Beach MPO
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Village of Palm Springs
Palm Beach County
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Outlook

Fw: Palm Beach MPO Technical Advisory Committee

From Armando Fana <AFana@wpb.org>

Date Wed 3/11/2026 10:14 AM

To Ruth Del Pino <RDelpino@palmbeachmpo.org>

Cc Alex Hansen <ahansen@wpb.org>; Ana Maria Aponte <AAponte@wpb.org>

Good morning Ruth,

The City wishes to have Alex Hanson considered for reappointment on the TAC.

Thank you,
Armando Fana
Assistant City Administrator
City of West Palm Beach

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From: Ron Ferris <rferris@pbgfl.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 1:31 PM

To: Ruth Del Pino <RDelpino@palmbeachmpo.org>

Cc: Natalie Crowley <ncrowley@pbgfl.gov>; Todd Engle <tengle@pbgfl.gov>; Giles Rhoads <grhoads@pbgfl.gov>; Kelly Neuenschwander <kneuenschwander@pbgfl.gov>

Subject: RE: Palm Beach MPO Technical Advisory Committee

Good afternoon, Ms. Del Pino,

Please let this email serve as confirmation and authorization for Natalie Crowley to serve as the appointed representative and Giles Rhoads to serve as the alternate representative for the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the Palm Beach County MPO.

Thank you,



Ron Ferris

City Manager

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address: 10500 N. Military Trail | Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

From: Giles Rhoads <grhoads@pbgfl.com>

Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 11:18 AM

To: Kelly Neuenschwander <kneuenschwander@pbgfl.gov>

Cc: Todd Engle <tengle@pbgfl.gov>; Natalie Crowley <ncrowley@pbgfl.gov>

Subject: FW: Palm Beach MPO Technical Advisory Committee

Hi Kelly,

The alternate appointment to the Technical Advisory Committee for the PBC MPO expires this April. I currently serve as the alternate for the City with Natalie as the appointed representative.

If we would like to continue my service as alternate, which I'm glad to do, an email from the City Manager stating this directive will need to be sent to Ruth. See contact info below.



Re: Palm Beach MPO Technical Advisory Committee

From Joyell Shaw <joyell.shaw@palmbeachschools.org>

Date Wed 3/11/2026 10:41 AM

To Ruth Del Pino <RDelpino@palmbeachmpo.org>

Cc Joyce Cai <joyce.cai@palmbeachschools.org>

 1 attachment (222 KB)

Latoya Bunche Resume 3-9-2026.pdf;

Good Afternoon,

We would like to keep Latoya Bunche as an Alternate. Attached is Latoya's resume.

Kind regards,

Joyell Shaw

**Manager, Intergovernmental Coordination, Real Estate and Leasing
Planning & Intergovernmental Relations**

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Appointment to CAC of PB MPO

From Christopher McVoy <cmcvoy@lakeworthbeachfl.gov>
Date Thu 3/12/2026 12:32 PM
To Valerie Neilson <VNeilson@palmbeachmpo.org>
Cc Jamie Brown <jbrown@lakeworthbeachfl.gov>; Phil Lewin <lewinp@fau.edu>

Hi Valerie,

I am appointing Dr. Phil Lewin as Lake Worth's member of the Citizen's Advisory Committee. He has long time experience with multimodal transportation, is very familiar with Lake Worth Beach and is a professor at FAU.

Beyond this email, do I need to provide any additional paperwork?

Christopher

Christopher McVoy
Commissioner, District 2
City of Lake Worth Beach, FL
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PHILIP G. LEWIN
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EDUCATION

- 2014 **Ph.D.** Sociology, University of Georgia
Dissertation: “The Political Epistemics of the Rural Poor: Corruption, Coal, Conservatism, and Consent in Central Appalachia.”
Comprehensive Exam Area: Work, Organizations & Occupations
Committee Members: David Smilde (chair), James Dowd, Pablo Lapegna, and Joe Hermanowicz
- 2008 **M.A.** Sociology, University of Georgia
Thesis: “In Search of the Real, Enamored with the Authentic: A Study of Ideology and Practice in Punk Subculture.”
Committee Members: James Dowd (chair), David Smilde and Dawn Robinson
- 2005 **B.A.** Sociology & Political Science, University of Georgia

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2024 - Associate Chair, Department of Sociology, Florida Atlantic University
- 2024 - Affiliate, Center for Peace, Justice, and Human Rights, Florida Atlantic University
- 2020 - Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Sociology, Florida Atlantic University
- 2019 - 2024 Undergraduate Program Director, Department of Sociology, Florida Atlantic University
- 2014 - 2020 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Florida Atlantic University
- 2009 – 2014 Instructor of Record, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
- 2006 – 2009 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Affordable housing, housing insecurity, and homelessness; poverty and economic distress; cultural and political conflicts; community responses to economic distress; subcultures and deviance;

qualitative research methods; social theory.

PROPOSALS AND FUNDING

- 2023 *City of Lake Worth Beach*. \$62,034.18. Project: “Lake Worth Beach Emergency Housing Study and Policy Response Analysis.”
- 2022 *FAU Community Engagement Grant*. \$1,000. Project: “Assessing the Social Impacts of the National Housing Emergency in Lake Worth Beach, FL.”
- 2022 *FAU Sabbatical*. Full year course release. Project: “Studying Poverty and Profit in the South Florida Housing Market.”
- 2021 *Writing Enhanced Curriculum Grant*. \$9,700. FAU University Center for Excellence in Writing.
- 2019 *Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation – Grand Challenges –Voices for Economic Opportunity Initiative* (\$100,000). Not funded. PI: Philip Lewin. Project: “The Visible Injuries of Class.”
- 2016 *FAU Scholarly and Creative Accomplishment Fellowship*. Fall semester teaching release. Project: “Forgotten People: The Invisible Suffering of the Rural Poor.”
2013. *Dissertation Completion Award*. \$12,965. University of Georgia Graduate School. Project: “The Political Epistemology of the Rural Poor.”
2012. *Innovative and Interdisciplinary Research Grant*. \$1,000. University of Georgia Graduate School. Project: “The Social and Moral Order of Rural Poverty.”
2011. *Summer Doctoral Research Fellowship*. \$3,000. University of Georgia Graduate School. Project: “The Social and Moral Order of Rural Poverty.”

HONORS AND AWARDS

- B.O. Williams Award for Outstanding Dissertation Research, University of Georgia, Project: “The Political Epistemics of the Rural Poor.” Spring 2015.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

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Lewin, Philip. 2015. “Embodying the Postmodern Self: Ecstatic Ritual as a New Mode of Youth Identity Work.” *Studies in Symbolic Interaction* 44: 161-195.

Research Reports

Searcy, Deborah and Philip Lewin. 2026. “Palm Beach County Hospitality and Workforce Housing Report.” Report for the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches.

Lewin, Philip. “Post-Study Update: New Insights and Additional Recommendations.” Report for the City of Lake Worth Beach, FL. August 2024.

Lewin, Philip. 2024. “Policy Recommendations for Improving Housing Access, Affordability, and Equity.” Report for the City of Lake Worth Beach, FL. March. 78 pages.

Lewin, Philip. 2023. “Florida Housing Policies: Impact Analysis and Strategic Approaches for Lake Worth Beach.” Report for the City of Lake Worth Beach, FL. November. 63 pages.

Lewin, Philip, Yanmei Li, and Carter Koppelman. 2023. “Social, Economic, and Housing Conditions in Lake Worth Beach.” Report for the City of Lake Worth Beach, FL. September. 210 pages.

Book Chapters

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Lewin, Philip. 2020. “Reaching the Boiling Point: Energy and Climate Policy under the Trump Administration.” Pp. 235-263 in *The Future of U.S. Empire in the Americas: The Trump Administration and Beyond*, edited by Timothy M. Gill. New York, NY: Routledge.

Lewin, Philip and Tim Gill. 2012. “Propagandhi and the Politics of Subcultural Resistance.” Pp. 391-415 in *The Art of Social Critique: Painting Mirrors of Social Life*, edited by Shawn Bingham. Plymouth, UK: Lexington Books.

Lewin, Philip and J. Patrick Williams. 2009. “The Ideology and Practice of Authenticity in Punk Subculture.” Pp. 65-83 in *Authenticity in Self, Culture and Society*, edited by Phillip Vannini and J. Patrick Williams. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate.

Book Review Essays

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Lewin, Philip. 2016. “The Public Engagement Industry and the Future of Democratic Praxis.”

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Lewin, Philip. 2013. "Scenes, Subcultures and the 21st Century." *Symbolic Interaction* 36(3): 365-369.

Other Publications

Lewin, Philip. 2016. "Some Advice on Teaching Your First Course by Someone Who was There Not All That Long Ago." *ASA Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Newsletter* 1(11): 10-12.

Lewin, Philip. 2014. "Political Participation, Demobilization, and the Problem of Community Embeddedness." *States, Power and Societies* 20(1): 1-6.

Lewin, Philip. 2014. "Ethics: A Sociological View." *Constructivist Foundations* 9(2): 265-266.

Works Currently Under Review

Lewin, Philip. "The Ethics and Epistemology of Field Role Choices in Ethnographies of Poverty and Marginality." (Revise and resubmit at *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*)

Lewin, Philip. "The Visual Injuries of Class: Structural Violence and the Stigmata of Social Suffering." (Revise and resubmit at *Sociological Focus*)

Selected Works in Progress

Lewin, Philip. "'Sometimes Good People Do Bad Things': Personalism, Role Conflict, and the Defense of Corrupt Politicians." To be submitted to *The American Journal of Sociology*. 48 pages. Full draft available.

Lewin, Philip. "'The Political Epistemology of the Rural Poor.'" To be submitted to *Politics and Society*. 46 pages. 85 percent completed. Full draft available.

Lewin, Philip (with J. Patrick Williams). "The Relevance of Symbolic Interactionism for Subculture Studies." 80 percent complete. 45 pages. Full draft available. To be submitted to *Studies in Symbolic Interaction*.

Lewin, Philip. "The Financial Hipster: Superficial Reflections on the Wallstreet Bets Subculture." 75 percent complete. 40 pages. Full draft available. To be submitted to *Deviant Behavior*.

Lewin, Philip. "Managing Hillbilly Stigma: The Unintended Politics of Subalternity in Shale County." To be submitted to *Symbolic Interaction*. 50 pages. 70 percent completed. Partial draft available.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCEEDINGS

National Presentations

Lewin, Philip. 2025. Leveraging Crisis: How the Real Estate Industry Consolidated Power during Florida's Housing Emergency." Presented in the Community and Urban Sociology Roundtable Session. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

- Lewin, Philip.** 2023. “Seeing Like a Local State: A Critical Examination of Affordable Housing Policies in Tropical City.” Section on Housing Supply- and Demand-Side Ideologies and Practices.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.¹
- Lewin, Philip.** 2022. “The Financial Hipster: Superficial Reflections on the WSB Ape.” Presented in the “Marxist Sociology Roundtable Session” at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Los Angeles, CA. August 5th.
- Lewin, Philip.** 2020. “The Anti-Environmental State: Managing Toxic Grievances in Central Appalachia.” Presented in the “Scholar Activist Praxis in the Political Ecologies of Appalachia” section at the annual Dimensions of Political Ecology conference. Lexington, KY. February
- Lewin, Philip.** 2019. “The Visible Injuries of Class: Structural Violence and the Stigmata of Social Suffering.” Presented in the session on “Agency and Embodiment” at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. New York, NY. August 11th.
- Lewin, Philip.** 2018. “Negative Movement? The Politics of the Socially Excluded at the Dawn of the 21st Century.” Presented in the Section on Marxist Sociology Refereed Roundtable Session at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA. August 13th.
- Lewin, Philip.** 2017. “‘It’s not about Policy; It’s about Personality’: Legitimizing Rural Political Regimes.” Presented in the “Political Cultures in Unlikely Places” session at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Montreal, CA. August 2017.
- Lewin, Philip.** 2016. “The Anti-Environmental State: Managing Toxic Grievances in Central Appalachia.” Presented in the “Regular Session: Environmental Sociology 2” session at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Seattle, WA. August 20th.
- Lewin, Philip.** 2016. “The Political Epistemology of the Rural Poor.” Presented in the “Regular Session: Political Sociology 2” session at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Seattle, WA. August 20th.
- Lewin, Philip and Phillip Hough.** 2015. “Negative Moment or Negative Movement: The Politics of the Socially Excluded at the Dawn of the 21st Century. Presented in the “Re-theorizing Labor and Political Economy” session at the annual meeting of the Social Science History Association. Baltimore, MD. November 14th.
- Lewin, Philip.** 2015. “‘Coal is not just a Job; It’s a Way of Life’: The Cultural Politics of Coal Production in Central Appalachia.” Presented in the Regular Session on “Environmental Sociology” at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL. August.
- Lewin, Philip.** 2015. “Shale County’s ‘Fog of Oppression’: How Pain and Suffering Haunt Areas of Advanced Marginality.” Presented in the “Place and Identity” session at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. Chicago, IL. August.

¹ This paper was accepted, but due to personal circumstances, I was unable to travel to Philadelphia to present it.

- Lewin, Philip.** 2013. "The Underside of Ethnography: Reconsidering the Ethics of Intimacy." Presented in the "Regular Session: Qualitative Methodology" session at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. New York, NY. August.
- Lewin, Philip.** 2013. "Embodying the Postmodern Self: Ecstatic Ritual as a New Mode of Youth Identity Work." Presented in the "Body and Embodiment" section at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. New York, NY. August.
- Lewin, Philip.** 2012. "Environmental Politics in a Central Appalachian Town." Presented in the "Shifting Properties" session at the annual Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference. Lexington, KY.
- Lewin, Philip.** 2011. "Theorizing Consent and Resistance in the Workplace." Presented in the "Marxist Sociology" section at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV. August.
- Lewin, Philip.** 2010. "The Despotism of Agency." Presented in the "Current Challenges of Ideology and Class Consciousness" session of the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA. August.
- Lewin, Philip.** 2010. "The Narrative of Becoming Punk." Presented in the "Youth Cultures and the Politics of Everyday Life" session at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. Atlanta, GA. August.
- Lewin, Philip.** 2008. "Overcoming Ontological Insecurity: How Punk Shows Validate Identity." Presented in the "Youth Studies and Interactionist Interests" session at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. Boston, Massachusetts. August.
- Lewin, Philip** and J.P. Williams. 2007. "Reconceptualizing Punk through Ideology." Presented in the "Critical Social-Psychology" section at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. New York, NY. August.

Regional Presentations

- Lewin, Philip.** 2025. "Leveraging Crisis: How the Real Estate Industry Consolidated Power during Florida's Housing Emergency." Presented in the "Replicating Inequalities" session at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, MA. March 8th.
- Lewin, Philip.** 2019. "The Visible Injuries of Class: Structural Violence and the Stigmata of Social Suffering." Presented in the "Social Inequalities and Bodies" session at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. Atlanta, GA. April 11th.
- Lewin, Philip.** 2018. "Devolving Global Environmental Governance: Local Responses to Climate Change in an Age of Nationalism and Isolationism." Presented in the "Trump Administration and Global Politics" panel at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Association. New Orleans, LA. April 7th.
- Lewin, Philip.** 2018. "'It's not about Policy; It's about Personality': Legitimizing Rural Political Regimes." Presented in the "Political and State Dynamics" session at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Association. Baltimore, MD. February 22nd.

Lewin, Philip. 2016. “The Anti-Environmental State: Managing Toxic Grievances in Central Appalachia.” Presented in the “Political Contention and the Environment” Session at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. Atlanta, GA. April.

Lewin, Philip. 2015. “The Social Structure of Local Politics in an Appalachian Community: Personalism, Patronage and Coercion.” Presented in the “Politics” session at the annual meeting of the Appalachian Studies Association. Johnson City, TN. March.

Lewin, Philip. 2013. “Fighting Back in ‘Shale County’: Successes and Setbacks in an Appalachian Town.” Presented in the “Negotiating Community Change” session at the annual meeting of the Appalachian Studies Association. Boone, NC. March.

Lewin, Philip and Tim Gill. 2011. “Propagandhi and the Politics of Subcultural Resistance.” Presented in the “Political Sociology” session at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. Jacksonville, FL. April

Local Presentations

Lewin, Philip. 2024. “Lake Worth Beach Emergency Housing Study and Policy Response Analysis.” To be presented on September 23, 2024, at the Lake Worth Beach City Special Workshop Meeting, Lake Worth Beach, FL.

Lewin, Philip. 2022. “Best Practices for Addressing Housing Barriers to Advance Family Economic Mobility.” Securing Our Future Economic Mobility Summit. West Palm Beach, FL. December 5.

Lewin, Philip. 2016. “Negative Moment or Negative Movement: The Politics of the Socially Excluded at the Dawn of the 21st Century.” Presented in the World-scale Capital Accumulation, Class, Status, and Resistance” session at the Chaos and Governance in the 21st Century: Prospects and Challenges to Peace and Justice in the Age of US Hegemonic Decline Mini-conference. Boca Raton, FL. February.

Invited Colloquia

Lewin, Philip. 2025. “Sometimes Good People Do Bad Things: Personalism, Role Conflict, and the Defense of Corrupt Politicians.” Presented on April 4, at the University of Tennessee’s Social Research Workshop.

Lewin, Philip. 2017. “The Political Epistemology of the Rural Poor in Central Appalachia.” Presented at the FAU Center for Mind, Body, and Culture’s Coffee Colloquium series. Boca Raton, FL. March 27th.

Lewin, Philip. 2016. “Living at the Bottom, Voting for the Top: The Politics of the Rural Poor in Central Appalachia.” Presented at Oakland University’s colloquium series. Rochester, MI. November 3rd.

Panel Discussions

- Lewin, Philip.** 2025. Critic of *Power and Just Transition*. Author-meets-critic session at the annual meeting of the Appalachian Studies Association. Cookeville, TN. March 21st.
- Lewin, Philip.** 2019. Moderator for the “Case Studies in Cultural Phenomena and Social Movements” session at the FAU Graduate Arts and Letters Conference. Boca Raton, FL. October 25th.
- Lewin, Philip.** 2016. Critic of *Do-It-Yourself Democracy: The Rise of the Public Engagement Industry*, by Caroline Lee. Author-meets-critic session at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Seattle, WA. August 20th.
- Lewin, Philip.** 2015. Discussant for the “Culture and Insecurity in the 21st Century” session at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL. August 24th.

Workshop Presentations

- Lewin, Philip.** 2024. “The Affordable Housing Crisis in South Florida: Insights from the Lake Worth Beach Emergency Housing Study.” Presented in the FAU Workshop on Sociological Research. Boca Raton, FL.
- Lewin, Philip.** 2022. “Legitimizing Rural Corruption: The Cultural Politics of Graft in Central Appalachia.” Presented in the FAU Workshop on Sociological Research. Boca Raton, FL. December 1st.
- Lewin, Philip.** 2018. “The Visible Injuries of Class: Structural Violence and the Stigmata of Social Suffering.” Presented in the FAU Workshop on Sociological Research. Boca Raton, FL. November 9th.
- Lewin, Philip.** 2016. “Living at the Bottom, Voting for Top: The Politics of the Rural Poor in Central Appalachia.” Presented in the FAU Workshop on Sociological Research. Boca Raton, FL. October 7th.
- Lewin, Philip.** 2015. “‘Coal is not just a Job; It’s a Way of Life’: The Cultural Politics of Coal Production in Shale County.” Presented at the Florida Atlantic University Workshop on Sociological Research. Boca Raton, FL. January.
- Lewin, Philip.** 2011. “The Cultural Construction of Class in Shale County, Kentucky.” Presented at the Georgia Workshop on Culture, Power and History. Athens, GA. February.
- Lewin, Philip** and J.P. Williams. 2008. “Reconceptualizing Punk through Ideology.” Presented at the Georgia Workshop on Culture, Power and History. Athens, GA. January.

CONFERENCES AND SESSIONS ORGANIZED

National Proceedings

- Co-organizer** (with Gabriel Hetland and Peter Klein). 2015. *(In)security and (Un)sustainability for All? An Informal Discussion on Political Participation*. Loyola University – Chicago. Chicago, IL. August 23rd.
- Co-organizer** (with Gianpaolo Baiocchi, Pablo Lapegna, and David Smilde). 2014. *Participation*

Ain't What It Used to Be. Special session for the Political Sociology Section. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA. August 19th.

Local Workshops

Organizer of FAU Workshop on Sociological Research. Fall 2024 to Spring 2025. Workshop presentations with Sebastian Antoine (October 25th), Matthew Marr (November 15th), and Carter Koppelman (January 29th).

Organizer of FAU Workshop on Sociological Research. Fall 2021 to Spring 2022, . Workshop presentations with Phillip Hough (February 25th).

Organizer of FAU Workshop on Sociological Research. Fall 2020 to Spring 2021. Workshop Presentations with Stephanie Ortiz (November 13th), Will McConnell (March 5th), and Laura Backstrom (April 2nd).

Co-organizer (with Phillip Hough) of FAU Workshop on Sociological Research. Fall 2018 to Spring 2019. Workshop presentations with Philip Lewin (November 9th), William McConnell (February 1st), Stacey Salerno (February 22nd), and Nik Summers (March 15th).

Co-organizer (with Phillip Hough) of FAU Workshop on Sociological Research. Fall 2017. Workshop presentation with Rebecca Hanson (November 3rd).

Co-organizer (with Phillip Hough) of FAU Workshop on Sociological Research. Fall 2016 to Spring 2017. Thematic Series: *The Precariat Examined*. Workshop presentations with Philip Lewin (October 14th), Ann Branaman & Ashley Ostrout (November 18th), Vrushali Patil (April 21st), and J. Lotus Seeley (March 24th).

Co-organizer (with Phillip Hough) of FAU Workshop on Sociological Research. Spring 2016. Thematic Series: *The Intimate Dimensions of Neoliberal Governance: Ethnographic Portraits of Social Suffering in the New Millennium*. Workshop presentations with Waverly Duck (March 18th), Veronica Zubillaga (April 8th), and Randol Contreras (April 22nd).

Co-organizer (with Phillip Hough) of FAU Workshop on Sociological Research. Fall 2015. Thematic Series: *Revisiting Giovanni Arrighi and Beverly Silver's "Chaos and Governance in the Modern World-System"*. Book discussion series with Daniel Pasciuti (September 25th), Savas Sahan Karatasli (October 16th), and Ho-Fung Hung (November 6th).

Co-organizer (with Phillip Hough) of FAU Workshop on Sociological Research. Spring 2015. Thematic Series: *Political Economy of the Environment*. Workshops with Phillip Hough (January 23rd), Philip Lewin (January 30th), Cristina Lucier (February 20th), Patricia Widener (April 3rd), and Emily Cleary & Lacey Langlois (April 24th).

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate Courses Taught

- Political Economy of Culture. Fall 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2017, Spring 2015.

- Advanced Qualitative Research Methods. Fall 2025, Spring 2022, Spring 2020, Spring 2018, Spring 2016.
- Critical Perspectives in Social Theory. Spring 2021.
- Sociology of Housing. Fall 2024.

Undergraduate Courses Taught

- Sociological Theory. Spring 2026, Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2019, Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Fall 2015.
- Cultural Sociology. Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Summer 2017, Fall 2015, Fall 2010, Spring 2012, Spring 2010.
- Sociology of Work and Industry. Summer 2025, Summer 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2015, Fall 2014, Summer 2010
- Youth Subcultures. Spring 2025, Summer 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2014, Spring 2010, Fall 2009.
- Global Society. Spring 2024.
- Sociology of Housing. Summer 2023, Spring 2024, Summer 2024, Spring 2025, Spring 2026.

Graduate Students Advised – Ph.D. Dissertations

- Campbell, Annabelle. Graduated Spring 2025. “Housing as a Site of Social Conflict: A Story of Local Power and Resistance”
- Herbert, Nailah. Current. “She was not Us: An Analysis of Black Women’s Interactions with Representations of Black Womanhood in Popular Media”
- Jimenez, Jose Luis. Current. “The Transformative Power of Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) for Educational Inclusion and Sustainability in Crisis-Affected Areas.”
- Padgett, Richard. Current. “An Investigation into the Challenges Facing South Florida Community Land Trusts.”
- Santorine, Trey. Current. “Substance Use, Social Service Delivery, and Homelessness in the City of Miami.”
- Ziad, Adam. Current. “The Impact of French as a Medium of Instruction on Various Social Groups in Morocco”

Graduate Students Advised – MA Theses

- Boddie, Cheyenne. Current. “How housing insecurity affects the formation, dissolution, and maintenance of romantic relationships.”

- Sepulveda, Andy. Current. “Housing Access among First-Generation Latino Immigrants”
- Moody, Tessa. 2023 (Spring). “Barriers to Radical Health: An Ethnographic Investigation of Harm Reduction in Palm Beach County, Florida”
- Taylor, H. 2022 (Fall). “‘Every Human is Psychedelic’: An Analysis of Contemporary Psychedelic Drug Use and Subculture”
- Thompson, Allie. 2022 (Spring). “Chicks in Bowls: Gender Maneuvering in the Skatepark.”
- Duncanson, Abby. 2020 (Fall). “Transphobia and Black Masculine Identity Formation.” Committee member.
- Mullen, Casey. 2018 (spring). “Framing Climate Change: Structural Education, Individual Action.” Committee member.
- Nicola Spenceburell. 2017 (fall). “The Importance of Immigrants' Language Contributions in the United States.” Thesis adviser. (Student did not finish; she decided to pursue our non-thesis track option).
- Jaqueline Frazer. 2017 (spring). “‘Working in the Biz’: Stigma, Identity Work, and the Social-Occupational Purgatory of Bartenders in South Florida.” Committee member.
- Alexandra Casuso. 2015 (spring). “Transnational Healthcare: Anticipating the Effects of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in the Latino Community.” Committee member. (Student did not finish; she decided to pursue our non-thesis track option).

Graduate Students Advised – Directed Independent Studies

- Sepulveda, Dannett. 2025 (Spring). “Immigration and Housing in the U.S.”
- Campbell, Annabelle. 2022 (summer). “Sociology of Housing.”
- Sanchez, David. 2019 (fall). “Gaming, Culture, and Identity.”
- Shoemaker, Jessica. 2019 (fall). “Research in Subculture Studies.”
- Stephanie Alvarez. 2017 (spring). “Cloppers and the Pornification of Nature.”
- Emily Cleary. 2015 (spring). “Curators of Cool: Creative Tourism and the Gentrification of Wynwood, Miami.”
- Lacey Langlois. 2015 (spring). “Curators of Cool: Creative Tourism and the Gentrification of Wynwood, Miami.”

Undergraduate Students Advised – Directed Independent Studies and Theses

- Barrero, Maria. 2020 (summer). “The Effects of Media Representation on the Mental Health of Latinos.”

- Taylor, Marquisha. 2018 (spring). “The Dismantlement of Gender Polarization in Gentlemen’s Clubs: Patriarchy, Androcentrism, and the Political Economy of Sex.”

SERVICE

Service to the University

- Senator for the College of Arts and Letters. Fall 2025 – present.
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- Chair of College of Arts and Letters’ Undergraduate Programs Committee. Spring 2022 – Summer 2022.
- Faculty advisor to Solidarity student group (with Chris Robe). Fall 2021 – present.
- Expert panelist, “Real Talk,” Office of Diversity and Multi-Cultural Affairs. Spring 2017.

Service to the College

- Sociology Representative to the College of Arts and Letters’ Undergraduate Program Committee. Fall 2018 to Spring 2022, Fall 2023 – Spring 2025 (Notetaker from Fall 2018 to Fall 2021).
- Sociology Representative to the College of Arts and Letters’ Ethics, Law, and Society Committee. Fall 2019 to Spring 2022.
- Sociology Representative to the College of Arts and Letters’ Faculty Student Council. Spring 2018 to Spring 2020.
- Executive Committee, Peace Studies Program. Fall 2015 to Fall 2016.

Service to the Department

- Member of Tenure and Promotion Committee – assistant professor. Fall 2024.
- Member of Tenure and Promotion Committee – assistant professor. Fall 2021.
- Member of Tenure and Promotion Committee – assistant professor. Fall 2021.
- Chair of Sustain Performance Evaluation Committee – associate professor. Spring 2022.
- Chair of Sustain Performance Evaluation Committee – associate professor. Spring 2022.
- Peer teaching evaluator – Spring 2021 to present.
- Faculty mentor program to incoming graduate students. Fall 2020 to present.
- Faculty mentor program to incoming faculty members. Fall 2020 to present.

- Co-founder and Co-organizer – FAU Workshop on Sociological Research. Through this initiative, I co-organized the colloquium and workshop events listed above.
- Chair of Writing Enhanced Curriculum Committee. Fall 2019 to Spring 2022.
- Writing Enhanced Curriculum Committee. Spring 2017 to Spring 2019.
- Sociology Steward to United Faculty of Florida Union. Spring 2019 to present.
- Job search committee – assistant professor hire. Fall 2023 to Spring 2024.
- Job search committee – assistant professor hire. Fall 2019 to Spring 2020.
- Job search committee – assistant professor hire. Fall 2017 to Spring 2018.
- Job search committee – assistant professor hire. Fall 2017 to Spring 2018.
- Job search committee – assistant professor hire. Fall 2017 to Spring 2018.
- Job search committee – assistant professor hire. Fall 2017 to Spring 2018.
- Job search committee – assistant professor hire. Fall 2015 to Spring 2016.
- Job search committee – assistant professor hire. Fall 2015 to Spring 2016.
- Honors program committee. Fall 2017 to Spring 2018.
- Undergraduate Studies Assessment Committee. Fall 2016 to present.
- Graduate Studies Assessment Committee. Spring 2015 to Spring 2016.
- Graduate Studies Committee Fall 2014 to Spring 2016.
- Guest presenter for the Sociology Graduate Proseminar. Fall 2017, Fall 2018.
- Guest speaker for the Sociology Student Association. Spring 2017.
- Co-coordinator – *Georgia Workshop on Culture, History and Power*. Fall 2013 to Spring 2014.
- Co-coordinator – UGA Sociology Department Colloquium Series. Fall 2013 to Spring 2014.
- Representative for the University of Georgia Graduate Student Association. Fall 2009 to Spring 2010.
- Co-president – University of Georgia Sociology Graduate Student Society. Fall 2008 to Spring 2009.

Service to the Discipline/Profession

- Student Paper Awards Committee - History of Sociology and Social Thought Section – American Sociological Association. Fall 2022 to Spring 2023.
- Moderator – “Participation and its Discontents.” American Sociological Association Political Sociology Section Blog. Spring 2014 to Fall 2014.
- Associate Editor – *Qualitative Sociology*. Fall 2013 to Summer 2014.
- Peer reviewer for:
 - *Environmental Justice*. Fall 2021 to present.
 - *Socius*. Fall 2021 to present.
 - *Journal of Appalachian Studies*. Fall 2021 to present.
 - *American Journal of Sociology*. Spring 2021 to present.
 - *Social Forces*. Spring 2020 to present.
 - *American Sociological Review*. Spring 2019 to present.
 - *Social Problems*. Spring 2019 to present.
 - *Sociological Forum*. Spring 2019 to present.
 - *Sociological Perspectives*. Summer 2020 to present.
 - *Environmental Sociology*. Spring 2020 to present.
 - *Sociology Compass*. Spring 2017 to present.
 - *Contemporary Sociology*. Spring 2016 to present.
 - *Journal of Rural Social Sciences*. Spring 2016 to present.
 - *Qualitative Sociology*. Spring 2012 to present.
 - *The International Journal of English and Literature*. Spring 2011 to present.
 - *Social Thought and Research*. Spring 2010 to present.
 - *The Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*. Fall 2009 to present.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Workshops

- New Faculty Workshop, FAU. Spring 2015.
- Life on the Tenure Track Workshop, FAU. Fall 2014 to Spring 2015.

Professional Associations

- American Sociological Association. Fall 2006 to present.
 - Sociology of culture section
 - Political sociology section
 - Inequality, poverty and mobility section
 - Environment and technology section
- Southern Sociological Society. Spring 2006 to present.
- Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. Fall 2006 to present.
- Appalachian Studies Association. Spring 2011 – present.
- Social Science History Association. Spring 2015 – present.

REFERENCES

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March 9, 2026

Ms. Valerie Neilson, Executive Director
Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Via e-mail to VNeilson@PalmBeachMPO.org

**SUBJECT: Nomination of Alternate for the Palm Beach MPO Vision
Zero Advisory Committee (VZAC)**

Dear Ms. Neilson;

Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management (ERM) is hereby nominating Lee Lietzke for appointment as our alternate representative on the Palm Beach MPO Vision Zero Advisory Committee (VZAC).

Mr. Lietzke has been a prior representative to the former BTPAC Advisory Committee. He has worked for ERM since 1999 when he started as a student intern. Since then he has advanced from Environmental Technician to Senior Environmental Analyst. In his present role, his main responsibility is the management of four natural areas. Over the course of his career Lee has successfully managed multiple environmental restoration and public use facility construction projects.

He is an avid cyclist who enjoys riding both roads and trails. He lives in east Lantana with his wife and dog.

VZAC representatives should include representatives of local governments, active transportation advocacy groups, and other entities as deemed appropriate by the MPO Board to advance those elements of the MPO's Vision Zero Action Plan oriented around pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Mr. Lietzke is available to serve as Alternate whenever needed. Please let us know the date of the meeting at which this nomination will be considered by the governing board. Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 561-233-2400.

Sincerely,

Deborah Drum, Department Director
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Lee Lietzke

SKILLS

Planning, implementing and monitoring habitat restoration programs on environmentally sensitive natural areas.

EXPERIENCE

Palm Beach County, Environmental Resources Management – *Senior Environmental Analyst*

AUGUST 2000 – PRESENT

- Management and restoration of natural areas
- Project management
- Construction management
- Biological monitoring
- Public outreach
- Planning and analysis using Global Information Systems

EDUCATION

Palm Beach State College, Lake Worth Beach FL – *A.A. General Studies*

AUGUST 1995 – DECEMBER 1998

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton FL – *B.A. Biology*

DECEMBER 1998 – DECEMBER 2006

Palm Beach State College, Lake Worth Beach FL – *C.C.C. Recording Arts*

AUGUST 2022 – AUGUST 2024

AWARDS

Received 9 Employee Recognition Awards and 2 Golden Palm Awards for outstanding performance.



Outlook

RE: Palm Beach MPO Vision Zero Advisory Committee

From Bihr, Zachary <ZBihr@bocaraton-fl.gov>

Date Wed 3/11/2026 4:46 PM

To Ruth Del Pino <RDelpino@palmbeachmpo.org>

Cc Machavarapu, Naresh <NMachavarapu@bocaraton-fl.gov>

I am recommending the reappointment of Yajaira Moleriro as an alternate on the MPO Vision Zero Advisory Committee.

-Zach

Outlook

RE: TD Local Coordinating Board

From Milory Senat <Milory.Senat@Apdcares.Org>

Date Fri 3/6/2026 4:41 PM

To Ruth Del Pino <RDelpino@palmbeachmpo.org>

Cc Lorie Latouche <Lorie.Latouche@Apdcares.Org>

Hi Ruth,

Thanks for letting me know. I would like to renew my appointment at the next meeting. thanks again.

Milory Senat, MPA

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Southeast Region

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Re: TD Local Coordinating Board

From uyen@ddec.com <uyen@ddec.com>

Date Sun 3/8/2026 10:02 AM

To Ruth Del Pino <RDelpino@palmbeachmpo.org>

That would be great! Thanks Ruth.



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MPO RESOLUTION 2026-03

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2027-2028 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the designated and duly constituted body responsible for carrying out the federal urban transportation planning process within Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, the MPO is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) and Florida Statutes to prepare a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for urban transportation planning as a prerequisite for certification of the transportation planning process and as a condition of receiving federal transportation planning funds administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and

WHEREAS, the USDOT requires that in connection with the receipt of federal transportation planning funds, the MPO provide assurances that it will comply with the provisions of the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related USDOT regulations; and

WHEREAS, the MPO has prepared the proposed FY 2027-2028 UPWP, which identifies the planning activities to be undertaken with federal and state transportation planning funds and associated matching funds; and

WHEREAS, a new two-year MPO Agreement for FHWA planning funds will coincide with the commencement of the new FY 2027-2028 UPWP; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of UPWP may require execution of agreements and amendments to agreements with the FHWA, FTA, and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) related to transportation planning funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PALM BEACH MPO THAT:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby adopted and declared to be true and correct and are incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. The MPO Governing Board hereby:

- a. Approves the FY 2027-2028 UPWP, attached hereto as Exhibit A, which is incorporated herein by reference.
- b. Authorizes the Executive Director to:
 - i. Submit the approved documents to state and federal agencies and provide any additional information necessary for the review and approval process.

- ii. Execute grant agreements and other documents related to the receipt of federal and state transportation planning funds that are consistent with the adopted UPWP.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by _____ and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed. The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly adopted this 19th day of March, 2026.

PALM BEACH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

By: _____
Governing Board Chair, Yvette Drucker

ATTEST:

Ruth Del Pino, MPO Agency Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Milton Collins, MPO General Counsel

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Work Tasks

Fiscal Years 2027 - 2028



Task 1. Engage and Collaborate

- Prepare, collect, and disseminate public information and input, including compiling feedback from online and in-person engagement; developing photo, video, and written content; producing outreach materials; maintaining the MPO website and digital platforms; monitoring media; and issuing required public notices.
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- Maintain and update the Public Participation Plan (PPP) and support ADA and Title VI compliance monitoring
- Coordinate and collaborate with partner agencies through meetings, committees, and joint activities related to transportation planning initiatives.
- Administer and support MPO Governing Board and advisory committee meetings.
- Plan and conduct workshops, local and regional summits, mobile tours, site visits, and other educational or engagement events.



Task 2. Short Range Planning

- Plan and advance a multimodal transportation system through systemwide, mode-specific, and Vision Zero plans addressing motorized and non-motorized travel, freight, ports, and emerging technologies.
- Plan and administer the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) program
- Develop corridor studies and transportation plans and provide technical assistance to local governments.
- Collect, analyze, maintain, and publish transportation and GIS data, including demographic, traffic, safety, transit, non-motorized, and freight data.
- Develop, adopt, and maintain the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), including the annual call for projects, List of Priority Projects (LOPP), Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) list, and FDOT Work Program review.
- Review and provide input on transportation projects developed by partner agencies, including Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM), Project Development & Environment studies, multimodal scoping, and design plans.



Task 3. Long Range Planning

- Process amendments to the adopted Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), including an annual call for projects.
- Develop and maintain transportation data, travel demand model inputs, and scenario planning tools to support the LRTP. Evaluate automated and machine learning tools for data updates and scenario analysis.
- Develop the 2055 LRTP, including financial forecasts; goals, objectives, and performance measures; project coordination; public engagement; and coordination with MPO committees and partner agencies.
- Update and maintain systemwide the performance measures dashboard and Congestion Management Process (CMP), and coordinate with FDOT, transit providers, and partners on required target adoption.
- Lead development of the 2055 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Work Tasks

Fiscal Years 2027 - 2028



Task 4. Administer the Agency

- Maintain certification of the urban transportation planning process, including UPWP administration, grant reimbursement reporting, Strategic Plan updates, and joint federal and state certifications.
- Perform financial management activities, including grant reimbursements, audits, accounting, payroll, contract management, invoice processing, inventory, and financial reporting.
- Support travel and professional development for MPO staff and Governing Board members.
- Administer personnel, human resources, operating procedures, and the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP), including hiring, onboarding, and ongoing personnel support.
- Provide legal services to support the administration of the federal planning process, risk management, and human resources.
- Maintain supplies, software, and tools to support agency operations and planning activities.
- Provide information technology services and website maintenance.
- Procure facilities, equipment, supplies, and services necessary for ongoing operations.



Task 5. Regional Coordination

- Provide administrative and technical support for SERPM maintenance, training, documentation, and model usability, including support for regional and local planning efforts.
- Develop SERPM Version 10, covering the Miami Urbanized Area, including Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade Counties, which accurately reflects the travel demand patterns and markets for regional transit and highway projects, and make the model available to support the 2055 LRTP plan and 2055 RTP updates.
- Provide administrative and technical support to develop the 2055 RTP in coordination with Broward and Miami-Dade MPOs, including goals and objectives, regional networks, financial forecasts, scenario development, and regional priority projects.



Task 6. Agency Expenditures with Local Funds

- Maximize Agency Effectiveness: Leadership engagement, coordination, peer exchanges, board education, and related professional services.
- Improve Public Engagement: Outreach materials, meeting support items, and engagement activities.
- Professional development activities, including memberships, certifications, licensing dues, and team-building.
- Balance to MPO Local Reserves Fund.

FY 2027 & FY 2028

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM



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Unified Planning Work Program

Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028

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This report was prepared in cooperation with the Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) funding partners, including the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, Palm Beach County, and other participating governments.

Key MPO representatives include Valerie Neilson, Executive Director, Palm Beach MPO; Yvette Drucker, Board Chairperson, Palm Beach MPO; Andrew Uhlir, Transportation Planning Manager / Deputy Director of Programs, Palm Beach MPO; and Brian Ruscher, Transportation Planning Manager / Deputy Director of Multimodal, Palm Beach MPO.

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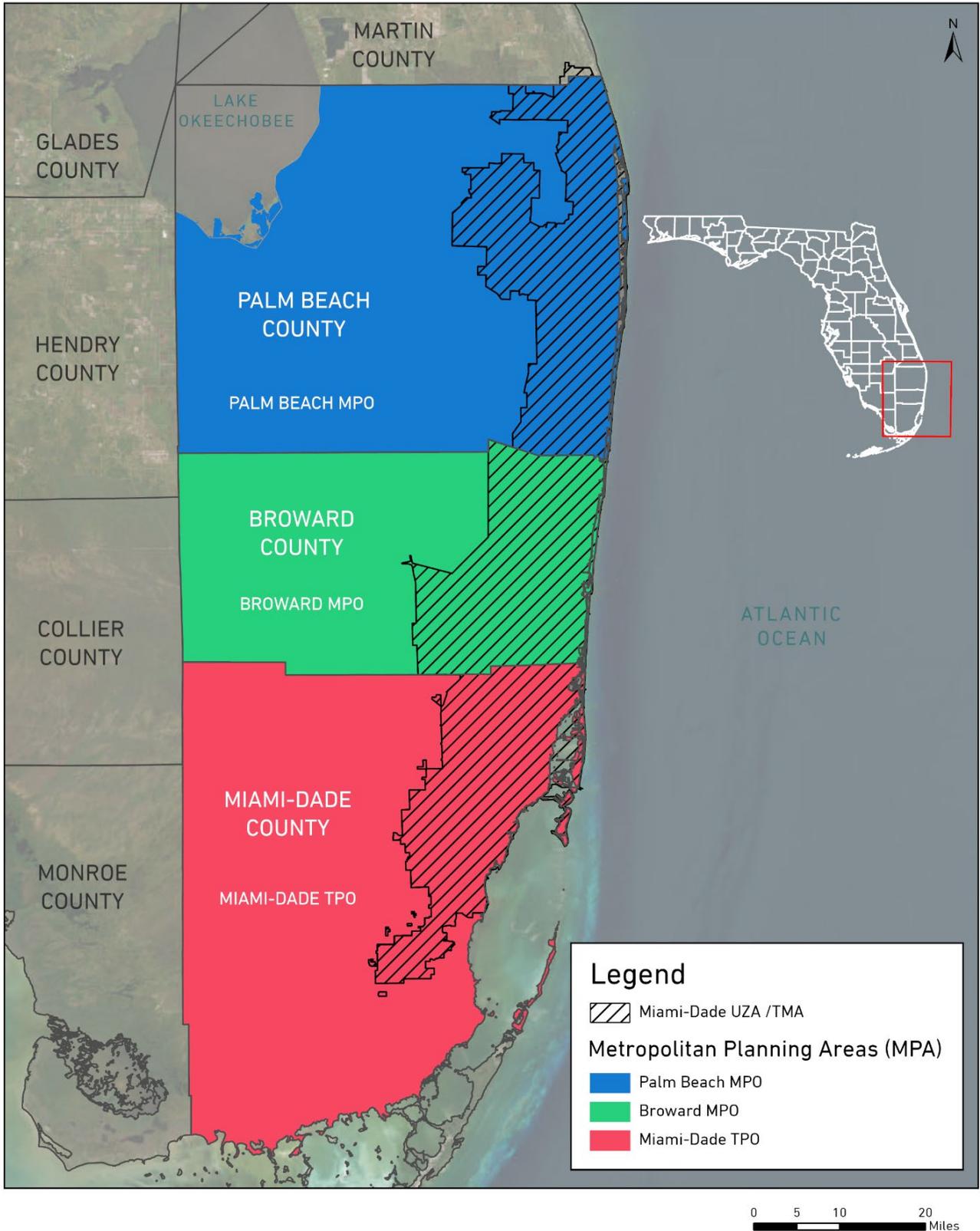


Figure 2. Urbanized Ares and MPO Boundaries

Available Funding

The planning activities in the UPWP are predominantly funded through federal grant reimbursements, and a smaller portion is funded through state and local sources. Funding sources include:

Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) – an agreement that allows the consolidation of the two main federal planning funds, FHWA PL and FTA PL.

FHWA Planning (PL) Funds – federal highway funds apportioned by formula to each MPO to carry out the transportation planning process

FTA Planning (PL) Funds – federal transit funds apportioned by formula to each MPO to carry out the transportation planning process

FHWA Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Urbanized Areas (SU) Funds – federal highway funds apportioned by formula to each large urban area MPO to plan, implement, and construct transportation projects. ACSU is a state advanced construction SU fund that is intended to be reimbursed with SU funds in the future.

Commission for Transportation Disadvantage (CTD) State Funds – state funding to implement transportation disadvantaged planning activities.

Local Funds – dues paid at 10-cents (\$0.10) per capita by members on the MPO Governing Board.

FDOT and Palm Beach MPO participate in the Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG). The CPG enables FDOT, in cooperation with the MPO, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), to annually consolidate Florida's FHWA PL and FTA 5305(d) metropolitan planning fund allocations into a single grant that is administered by the FHWA Florida Division. These funds are annually apportioned to FDOT as the direct recipient and allocated to the MPO by FDOT utilizing formulas approved by the MPO, FDOT, FHWA, and FTA in accordance with 23 CFR 420.109 and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53. The FDOT is fulfilling the CPG's required 18.07% non-federal share (match) using Transportation Development Credits as permitted by 23 CFR 120(j) and FTA C 8100.1D."

Federal funding requires a local match. 23 U.S.C. §120 permits a State to use certain toll revenue expenditures as a credit toward the non-Federal matching share of all programs authorized by Title 23, (except for Emergency Relief Programs) and for transit programs authorized by Chapter 53 of Title 49, U.S.C. This is, in essence, a "soft-match" provision that allows the Federal share to be increased up to 100% to the extent credits are available. The "soft match" amount being utilized to match the FHWA PL, FHWA SU, and FTA 5305d funding in the UPWP is 18.07% of FHWA program funds for a total of \$1,900,120. Eligible expenses are reimbursed on an actual cost basis; therefore, no indirect cost rate is applied.

Table 1. Available Funding Sources

Funding Source	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028	Total
CPG FHWA PL Re-Obligation (Contract G2Y14)¹	\$0	\$0	\$0
CPG Total (Contract XXXXX)	\$2,557,605	\$2,557,605	\$5,115,210
FHWA SU (Contract XXXXX)	\$1,685,000	\$1,583,332	\$3,368,332
FHWA ACSU (Contract TBD)	\$65,000	\$166,668	\$231,668
CTD²	\$58,875	\$60,053	\$118,928
MPO Local Funds	\$157,707	\$160,861	\$318,568
Total	\$4,524,187	\$4,528,519	\$9,052,706

¹These are carry forward funds from the prior fiscal year de-obligations. Funding is subject to change based on close out of the FY 2025-2026 UPWP.

²CTD funding amounts are estimates and subject to change.

Planning Priorities and Factors

Local Priorities

The primary objective of the UPWP is to support the federally required metropolitan transportation planning process by coordinating regional transportation planning activities and guiding the prioritization and use of state and federal transportation funds. The UPWP is further designed to produce required work products that serve the following purposes:

- To progress toward adopted performance measure targets through coordinated transportation decision-making that supports desired system performance outcomes;
- To assist federal and FDOT modal agencies in reviewing, monitoring, and evaluating the metropolitan transportation planning process;
- To advance multimodal transportation planning at the regional and systemwide level;
- To improve the effectiveness of transportation decision-making by guiding various jurisdictions in their individual planning efforts to ensure the efficient use of resources; and
- To support a regional approach to transportation planning that facilitates coordination among transportation planning participants and ensures integrated transportation analysis.

Federal Planning Factors

The Palm Beach MPO is guided by the Federal Planning Factors that states and MPOs are required to address when carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process. The current federal planning factors were established under the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

Federal Planning Factors

As part of the FHWA Highway Safety Programs Module 2: Fundamentals of Transportation Planning, the key federally required planning factors or considerations are the same for State DOT’s and MPO’s, which includes the following. Palm Beach MPO continues to monitor guidelines from FDOT and FHWA regarding the federal planning factors.

1. Support the **economic vitality** of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency;
2. Increase the **safety** of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
3. Increase the **security** of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
4. Increase the **accessibility** and **mobility** of people and freight;
5. Protect and enhance the **environment**, promote energy conservation, improve **quality of life**, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and state and local planned growth and economic development patterns;
6. Enhance the **integration** and **connectivity** of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;
7. Promote efficient system **management** and **operation**;
8. Emphasize the **preservation** of the existing transportation system;
9. Improve the **resiliency** and **reliability** of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation; and
10. Enhance **travel** and **tourism**.

Table 2. Federal Planning Factors Matrix

Federal Planning Factors	UPWP Activities					Agency Expenditures w/ Local Funding
	Engage & Collaborate	Short Range Planning	Long Range Planning	Administer the Agency	Regional Coordination	
Economic Vitality	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Safety	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Security	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Accessibility & Mobility	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Environmental Protection & Quality of Life	✓	✓	✓		✓	
System Integration & Connectivity	✓	✓	✓		✓	
System Management & Operation	✓	✓	✓		✓	
System Preservation	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Resiliency & Reliability	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Travel & Tourism	✓	✓	✓		✓	

Transportation Planning Activities

Continuing

Many MPO planning activities continue from previous efforts, as outlined below:

- Continue public engagement through MPO outreach efforts, including social media, events, and responses to public inquiries;
- Assist local governments in evaluating, identifying, and prioritizing funding for multimodal infrastructure projects that improve safety and access for all users;
- Coordinate with Palm Tran and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) on transit service planning and updates to their Transit Development Plans (TDPs);
- Monitor federally required performance measures and identify projects and strategies to support achievement of adopted targets;
- Review the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Cost Feasible Plan (CFP) for consistency and potential incorporation in the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and
- Review transportation projects through the Electronic Review Comments (ERC), Multimodal Scoping Checklist (MMS), and other applicable review processes.

Comprehensive

The MPO's planning activities are comprehensive in nature, addressing all modes of transportation, including walking, bicycling, transit, freight, and personal vehicles, and considering the needs of users of all ages and abilities.

Cooperative

The MPO works cooperatively with a broad range of partner agencies at the local, regional, state, and federal levels, including:

- **Federal Agencies:** FHWA, FTA, and Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
- **State Agencies:** Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD), Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), and Florida Department of Commerce;
- **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agencies:** Florida MPO Advisory Council (MPOAC), Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC), Miami-Dade TPO, Broward MPO, Martin MPO, St. Lucie TPO, and Indian River County MPO;
- **Local Governments:** Palm Beach County (PBC), PBC Municipalities, Water Management & Drainage Districts;
- **Transit Agencies:** Palm Tran and South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA)
- **Airports and Seaports:** Port of Palm Beach, PBC Airports, and Boca Raton Airport Authority
- **Regional Planning Councils:** Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) and South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC)
- **Education Agencies:** School District of Palm Beach County, Florida Atlantic University (FAU), Palm Beach State College (PBSC), Palm Beach Atlantic University (PBAU), Lynn University, and Keiser University.

- **Private Transportation and Utility Companies:** Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway, Brightline, CSX Transportation, Tropical Shipping, transportation network companies and mobility providers, and Florida Power & Light (FPL); and
- **Private Business Organizations:** Economic development councils, business development boards, chambers of commerce, and freight and logistics stakeholders.

Public Participation Process

Public involvement is a fundamental component of the metropolitan transportation planning process. The MPO provides ongoing opportunities for public participation to promote awareness of MPO responsibilities and to support informed transportation decision-making. Outreach activities include participation in public meetings and community events, as well as dissemination of information through the MPO's website, PalmBeachMPO.org, and social media platforms.

Public participation activities are conducted in accordance with the MPO's adopted Public Participation Plan (PPP), which ensures timely public notice, reasonable access to information, opportunities for early and continuous involvement, and consideration of public input in transportation planning decisions. Consistent with the PPP, the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is made available for a minimum 30-day public review and comment period.

The UPWP is developed in cooperation with federal, state, regional, and local transportation partners and reflects input received through the continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated (3-C) transportation planning process. The UPWP is reviewed by the MPO's advisory committees and adopted by the MPO Governing Board.

ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

The MPO's Governing Board consists of 21 members: five County Commissioners, 15 elected officials representing the County's 13 largest municipalities, and one Port of Palm Beach Commissioner. The Governing Board provides overall policy direction for the metropolitan transportation planning process and serves as a key coordination mechanism with state agencies on transportation planning.

The MPO's Operating Procedures support the efficient conduct of business by the Governing Board and its advisory committees as the MPO collaboratively plans, prioritizes, and funds the regional transportation system. The Governing Board also coordinates with MPOs statewide through the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC). MPOAC is composed of an elected official and staff director from each MPO in Florida and provides a forum for coordination, discussion of transportation issues, and input on FDOT plans and programs. Coordination with local municipalities occurs through the Governing Board, advisory committees, and MPO-led planning activities.

In carrying out these responsibilities, the Governing Board is supported by three standing advisory committees. FDOT participates as a non-voting advisory member on the Governing Board and its committees.

- **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** – Composed of representatives with technical expertise in transportation planning and engineering from county and municipal governments, airports, seaports, public transit agencies, the School District of Palm Beach County, and the Palm Beach County Health Department.
- **Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)** – Composed of residents representing a broad cross-section of the community, including minority populations, older adults, persons with disabilities, environmental interests, business and development interests, freight and goods movement, private transportation providers, and the general public.
- **Vision Zero Advisory Committee (VZAC)** – Composed of county and municipal planners, law enforcement and fire rescue representatives, school district and health department staff, active transportation advocacy groups, and other partners as appropriate to support implementation of the MPO's Vision Zero Action Plan, with a focus on pedestrian and bicycle safety.

The MPO serves as the Designated Official Planning Agency (DOPA) for the Palm Beach County Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program. In this role, the MPO administers the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB), which serves as an advisory body to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD), and works with the Palm Beach County Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) to identify local service needs and support coordinated transportation services for transportation disadvantaged individuals through the Florida Coordinated Transportation System.

The MPO Governing Board is also a member of the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC), which facilitates regional coordination of transportation planning activities among the Palm Beach MPO, Broward MPO, and Miami-Dade TPO.

MPO Agreements

The MPO has executed the following agreements to support and implement the metropolitan transportation planning process:

- **Interlocal Agreement Creating Palm Beach MPO:** Establishes the MPO in accordance with federal requirements for a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) transportation planning process. Originally established on November 10, 1977. The current continuing agreement among all voting members of the MPO Governing Board and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) was executed on October 13, 2004, and re-established on October 9, 2015.
- **Intergovernmental Coordination and Review (ICAR):** A continuing Joint Participation Agreement among the MPO, FDOT, TCRPC, SFRTA, Port of Palm Beach, and Palm Beach County to coordinate multimodal transportation planning. Executed on April 21, 2008.
- **FDOT/MPO Agreement:** A biennial agreement providing federal transportation planning funds (FHWA PL, FHWA SU, and FTA planning allocations) to support UPWP activities. The agreement for this UPWP is effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028.
- **Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Planning Grant Agreement:** An annual agreement with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) providing state planning funds to support the MPO's responsibilities as the Designated Official Planning Agency (DOPA), in accordance with Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code. Effective July 1 through June 30 of each state fiscal year.
- **Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) Interlocal Agreement:** A continuing agreement supporting regional transportation planning and coordination in Southeast Florida. Executed on January 9, 2006, and amended on July 14, 2011.
- **Southeast Regional Planning Model (SERPM) MOU:** An agreement among the Palm Beach MPO, Broward MPO, Miami-Dade TPO, and FDOT Districts 4 and 6 for coordination of SERPM development, funding, and maintenance. Effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2030.
- **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Administrative Disposition of Assets:** A continuing agreement with FDOT providing administrative support for accounts payable, accounts receivable, and payroll functions. Executed on December 20, 2024.

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

The MPO's required activities are organized into six (6) tasks to carry out the 3-C transportation planning process, guided by the MPO's adopted mission and vision statements. Annual and multi-year activities, deliverables, and estimated completion dates are identified within each task. Each task is budgeted individually with funding amounts identified by source. Additionally, **Appendix D** lists the planning activities to be performed by FDOT District 4, and **Appendix E** lists those to be performed by Palm Tran.

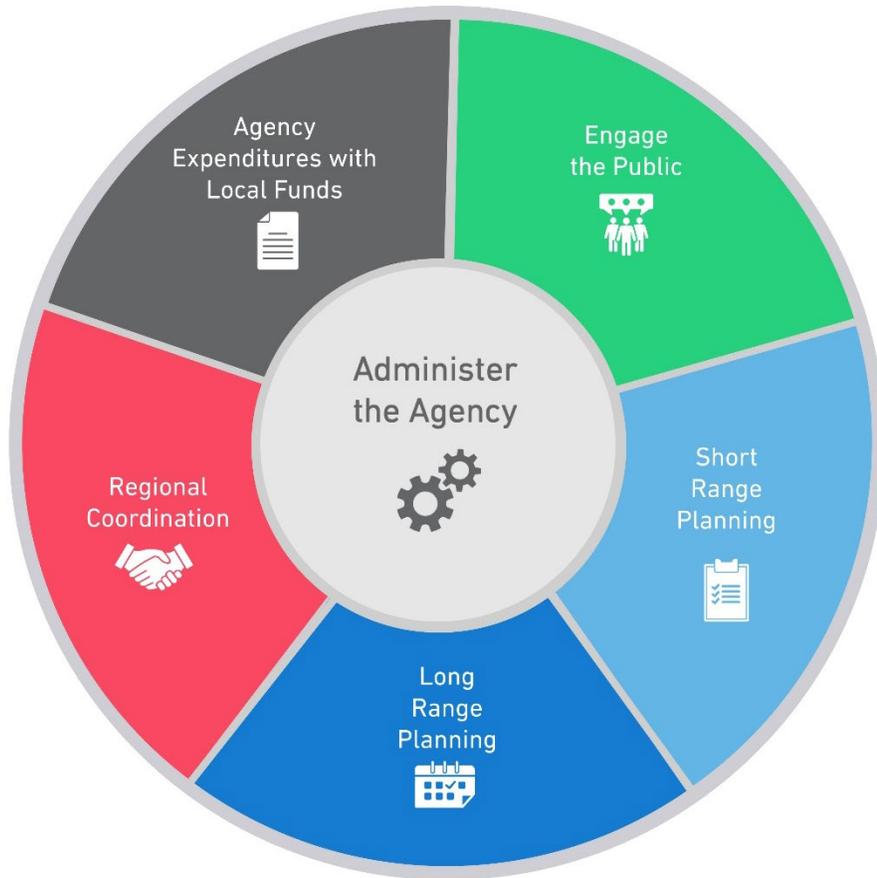


Figure 3. Required Activities

Task 1. Engage and Collaborate

Responsible Agency: Palm Beach MPO

Participating Agencies: FHWA, FTA, FDOT, MPOAC, AMPO, SEFTC, Broward MPO, Miami-Dade TPO, Palm Tran, SFRTA, TCRPC, Palm Beach County, local municipalities, School District, private transportation providers, chambers of commerce, business organizations, and community organizations.

Purpose

This task supports public engagement and coordination with partner agencies to advance the metropolitan transportation planning process. Activities focus on increasing public awareness and input and working collaboratively with partner agencies through committees, meetings, and events to advance policies, programs, and projects consistent with the MPO's mission and vision.

Previous Work

The MPO engaged the public and partner agencies through presentations, educational workshops, and outreach with community groups and business organizations, with an emphasis on safety and multimodal transportation. Ongoing activities included safety fairs, Florida Bicycle Month, Walk and Roll to School Days, and publication of the biweekly *Transportation Tuesday* e-newsletter. The MPO maintained and enhanced its website and social media platforms; produced digital and print outreach materials; monitored progress on the Strategic Plan through an Annual Report; and implemented the Public Participation Plan (PPP), including ADA and Title VI compliance activities.

At the regional level, the MPO coordinated with FDOT, local governments, and South Florida Commuter Services on joint outreach efforts and partnered with the Broward MPO and Miami-Dade TPO to plan the annual Safe Streets/Roads Summit. In 2025, the Palm Beach MPO hosted the Summit. Through the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC), the MPO supported coordinated public engagement and partner collaboration related to the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and development of the annual prioritized Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) project list.

MPO staff also participated in partner agency committees, working groups, meetings, workshops, and site visits to promote awareness of and encourage participation in the metropolitan transportation planning process. These efforts included participation with MPOAC, AMPO, SEFTC, RTTAC, SFRTA, Palm Tran, and other local, regional, statewide, and national partners to support coordination on transportation planning initiatives and identify multimodal transportation needs, safety priorities, and implementable improvements.

Activities to Be Performed

Table 3. Task 1 Activities for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028

	Activity	Deliverable(s)	Completion Date
A*	Prepare, collect, and disseminate public information and input, including compiling feedback from online and in-person engagement; developing photo, video, and written content; producing outreach materials; maintaining the MPO website and digital platforms; monitoring media; and issuing required public notices. <i>Consultant supported efforts:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$20,000 FY 2027 ▪ \$20,000 FY 2028 	Newsletters; website updates; outreach materials; social media content; public notices	Monthly
B	Track public engagement activities, document and respond to public comments, and survey input received through online tools and in-person meetings.	Public involvement activity reports; responses to public comments	Monthly, As Needed
C	Conduct direct public engagement activities to inform and actively solicit input, including presentations, surveys, tabling, workshops, and community events.	Presentations; surveys; outreach events	As Needed
D	Maintain and update the Public Participation Plan (PPP) and support ADA and Title VI compliance monitoring.	PPP updates; compliance monitoring	As Needed
E	Coordinate and collaborate with partner agencies through meetings, committees, and joint activities related to transportation planning initiatives.	Partner agency coordination and meeting participation	Monthly, As Needed
F	Administer and support MPO Governing Board and advisory committee meetings.	Agendas; minutes; presentations	Monthly
G*	Plan and conduct workshops, local and regional summits, mobile tours, site visits, and other educational or engagement events. <i>Consultant supported efforts:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$75,000 FY 2027 ▪ \$100,000 FY 2028 	Workshops; summits; site visits; educational events	As Needed

*MPO staff may utilize outside consultants to support the work performed on these activities up to amounts as approved by the Governing Board through a public Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Details regarding all consultant-supported activities will be submitted to FDOT/FHWA for review and approval as RFPs are developed.

Table 4. Task 1 Budget for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028

Year 1: FY 2027			
Budget Category	FHWA		FY 2027 Total
	PL	SU	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$389,021	\$209,473	\$598,494
Consultants			
A – Provide Outreach Support	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$20,000
G – Conduct workshops, summits	\$37,500	\$37,500	\$75,000
Consultants Subtotal	\$52,500	\$42,500	\$95,000
FY 2027 Total	\$441,521	\$251,973	\$693,494
Year 2: FY 2028			
Budget Category	FHWA		FY 2028 Total
	PL	SU	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$420,143	\$226,231	\$646,374
Consultants			
A – Provide Outreach Support	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$20,000
G – Conduct workshops, summits	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
Consultants Subtotal	\$65,000	\$55,000	\$120,000
FY 2028 Total	\$485,143	\$281,231	\$766,374

Task 2. Short Range Planning

Responsible Agency: Palm Beach MPO

Participating Agencies: FHWA, FTA, FDOT, MPOAC, AMPO, SEFTC, Broward MPO, Miami-Dade TPO, Palm Tran, SFRTA, TCRPC, Palm Beach County, local municipalities, School District, the Palm Beach County Health Department, the freight industry, neighboring MPOs, and community organizations.

Purpose

This task supports the development and implementation of short-range multimodal transportation plans and programs that advance a safe, efficient, and connected transportation system. Activities focus on data-driven planning, project evaluation, and coordination with partner agencies to ensure transportation investments align with the MPO's Vision, adopted plans, and governing board priorities. This includes planning and evaluation for all transportation modes; coordination of land use and transportation; assessment of emerging technologies such as connected and autonomous vehicles; and prioritization of funding within the five-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) consistent with the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Previous Work

The MPO supported short-range planning efforts through studies, audits, and evaluations related to Vision Zero, safety, multimodal, and transit-oriented development. Activities included walk and bike audits, participation in FDOT-led Road Safety Audits (RSAs), and evaluations of intersections with rail safety concerns.

In coordination with Palm Tran, Palm Beach County, and local municipalities, the MPO advanced roadway and transit improvements through initiatives such as the 561 Mobility Vision Plan, the Southwest of Downtown Mobility Plan, the extension of Tri-Rail service, transit shelters, and Transit Signal Priority.

MPO staff developed and maintained data visualization and mapping tools, including public-facing dashboards, to support decision-making and improve accessibility to transportation data for partner agencies and the public.

The MPO continued annual coordination with FDOT on development of the List of Priority Projects (LOPP), the Draft Tentative Work Program (DTWP), and adoption of the TIP. MPO staff also participated in state and local project design reviews to ensure consistency with adopted plans, policies, and multimodal planning objectives.

Activities to Be Performed

Table 5. Task 2 Activities for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028

	Activity	Deliverable(s)	Completion Date
A*	Plan and advance a multimodal transportation system through systemwide, mode-specific, and Vision Zero plans addressing motorized and non-motorized travel, freight, ports, and emerging technologies. <i>Consultant supported efforts:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$550,000 FY 2027 ▪ \$300,000 FY 2028 	System-wide planning efforts	Annually
		TDP Updates	As needed
		Vision Zero Action Plan report and activities	June 2027/ June 2028
B	Plan and administer the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) program, including TDSP updates, CTC evaluations and selections, LCB coordination, and review of Section 5310 applications.	TDSP update	Annually by November
		CTC evaluation	Annually by June
		LCB meetings	Quarterly
C*	Develop corridor studies and transportation plans and provide technical assistance to local governments. <i>Consultant supported efforts:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$478,038 FY 2027 ▪ \$250,000 FY 2028 	Transportation plans and studies	As Needed
		Corridor-specific plans and studies	As Needed
D	Collect, analyze, maintain, and publish transportation and GIS data, including demographic, traffic, safety, transit, non-motorized, and freight data.	Updated GIS datasets	As Needed
		Open Data Hub updates	
E	Develop, adopt, and maintain the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), including the annual call for projects, List of Priority Projects (LOPP), Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) list, FDOT Work Program review, TIP document, database, online map, and amendments.	Project applications and vetting	Mar 2026/ Mar 2027
		LOPP	Jul 2026/ Jul 2027
		TRIP Priority List	Feb 2026/ Feb 2027
		FDOT Draft Work Program review	Oct 2026/ Oct 2027
		Adopted TIP and amendments	June 2026 / June 2027 / As Needed

	Activity	Deliverable(s)	Completion Date
F	Review and provide input on transportation projects developed by partner agencies, including ETDM, PD&E, multimodal scoping, and design plans. <i>Consultant supported efforts:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$20,000 FY 2027 ▪ \$20,000 FY 2028 	Project reviews and comments	As Needed

*MPO staff may utilize outside consultants to support the work performed on these activities up to amounts as approved by the Governing Board through a public Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Details regarding all consultant-supported activities will be submitted to FDOT/FHWA for review and approval as RFPs are developed.

Table 6. Task 2 Budget for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028

Year 1: FY 2027				
Budget Category	FHWA		CTD¹	FY 2027 Total
	PL	SU	State	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$349,565	\$129,352	\$58,875	\$537,792
Consultants				
A – Conduct Corridor and Safety Studies ²	\$250,000	\$300,000		\$550,000
C – Develop and assist with transportation plans ²	\$225,243	\$252,795		\$478,038
F – Provide review and input on projects	\$10,000	\$10,000		\$20,000
Consultants Subtotal	\$485,243	\$562,795		\$1,048,038
FY 2027 Total	\$834,808	\$692,147	\$58,875	\$1,585,830
Year 2: FY 2028				
Budget Category	FHWA		CTD¹	FY 2028 Total
	PL	SU	State	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$377,530	\$143,232	\$60,053	\$580,815
Consultants				
A – Conduct Corridor and Safety Studies ²	\$123,000	\$177,000		\$300,000
C – Develop and assist with transportation plans ²	\$102,500	\$147,500		\$250,000
F – Provide review and input on projects	\$8,200	\$11,800		\$20,000
Consultants Subtotal	\$233,700	\$336,300		\$570,000
FY 2028 Total	\$611,230	\$479,532	\$60,053	\$1,150,815

¹CTD funding amounts are subject to change and are shown as estimates.

²These funds satisfy the requirements for the 2.5% PL set aside for Complete Streets planning, [§ 11206(b)]. The total amount of funds used by the MPO for Complete Streets Planning for FY 2027 is \$475,243 of \$2,557,605 PL, and for FY 2028 is \$225,500 of \$2,557,605 PL. 2.5% of the total PL allocation for each fiscal year is \$63,940.

Task 3. Long Range Planning

Responsible Agency: Palm Beach MPO

Participating Agencies: FHWA, FTA, FDOT, SEFTC, Broward MPO, Miami-Dade TPO, Palm Tran, SFRTA, TCRPC, Palm Beach County, local municipalities, the School District of Palm Beach County, the freight industry, neighboring MPOs, and community organizations.

Purpose

This task supports the development, maintenance, and implementation of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), also known as the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), which establishes a 25-year framework for multimodal transportation investments in Palm Beach County. Activities focus on long-term planning, performance-based decision-making, data development, and coordination with partner agencies to guide future transportation investments.

The LRTP addresses all modes of transportation, including roadways, transit, freight (roadway, rail, seaport, and airport), and non-motorized networks such as bicycle facilities, sidewalks, and shared-use paths. The LRTP is updated every five years. The 2050 LRTP was adopted on December 12, 2024, and this UPWP initiates early work toward development of the 2055 LRTP, which is due in December 2029.

This task also includes ongoing monitoring of federal performance measures and the Congestion Management Process (CMP), as well as development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) led by the Palm Beach MPO.

Previous Work

The MPO updated the LRTP to a 2050 planning horizon and continues to process amendments as needed. The 2050 LRTP update included public engagement, existing conditions analysis, travel demand model updates, goals and objectives development, needs assessment, and preparation of the Cost Feasible and Illustrative project lists.

Federal performance measures and the CMP were incorporated into interactive dashboards to support data-driven decision-making and provide accessible information to committees, stakeholders, and the public.

Activities to Be Performed

Table 7. Task 3 Activities for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028

	Activity	Deliverable(s)	Completion Date
A	Process amendments to the adopted LRTP, including an annual call for projects.	LRTP Amendments	As Needed
B*	Develop and maintain transportation data, travel demand model inputs, and scenario planning tools to support the LRTP. Evaluate automated and machine learning tools for data updates and scenario analysis.	Updated model inputs	As Needed
		Evaluation of automation and machine learning tools	Jun 2027
C*	Develop the 2055 LRTP, including financial forecasts; goals, objectives, and performance measures; project coordination; public engagement; and coordination with MPO committees and partner agencies. <i>Consultant supported efforts:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$200,000 FY 2027 ▪ \$308,772 FY 2028 	Financial forecast Performance Measures Needs Plan Cost Feasible Plan LRTP document	Dec 2029
D	Update and maintain systemwide the performance measures dashboard and Congestion Management Process (CMP), and coordinate with FDOT, transit providers, and partners on required target adoption.	Updated performance measures & dashboard	As Needed
E	Lead development of the 2055 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), including coordination with regional partners on goals and objectives, designated networks, financial forecasts, scenario development, and regional priority projects.	2055 RTP and technical memoranda, as needed	Kickoff: Jan 2028 Adopt: Jun 2030

*MPO staff may utilize outside consultants to support the work performed on these activities up to amounts as approved by the Governing Board through a public Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Details regarding all consultant-supported activities will be submitted to FDOT/FHWA for review and approval as RFPs are developed.

Table 8. Task 3 Budget for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028

Year 1: FY 2027			
Budget Category	FHWA		FY 2027 Total
	PL	SU	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$83,477	\$44,949	\$128,426
Consultants			
C – Develop & Maintain LRTP	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
Consultants Subtotal	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
FY 2027 Total	\$183,477	\$144,949	\$328,426
Year 2: FY 2028			
Budget Category	FHWA		FY 2028 Total
	PL	SU	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$90,155	\$48,545	\$138,700
Consultants			
C – Develop & Maintain LRTP	\$185,891	\$122,881	\$308,772
Consultants Subtotal	\$185,891	\$122,881	\$308,772
FY 2028 Total	\$276,046	\$171,426	\$447,472

Task 4. Administer the Agency

Responsible Agency: Palm Beach MPO

Participating Agencies: FHWA, FTA, and FDOT

Purpose

This task supports administration of the federally required continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) transportation planning process. Activities ensure the Palm Beach MPO operates in a transparent, efficient, and fiscally responsible manner and provides a fair and impartial setting for effective regional decision-making.

Previous Work

MPO staff performed required administrative activities to support the 3-C planning process, including support for the MPO Governing Board and advisory committees; preparation and updating of required documents; coordination and support for audits; and submission of monthly and quarterly progress reports and reimbursement requests.

Internal operations were strengthened through updates to Procurement Policies, Financial Policies, the Personnel Handbook, Operating Procedures, and the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). A Succession Plan was also developed to support organizational continuity and stability of core functions.

The MPO issued Requests for Proposals and awarded contracts for General Planning Services and Annual Financial Statement Preparation and Auditing Services, and executed contract extensions for legal, janitorial, website, and accounting support services. In FY 2025, the MPO implemented a new integrated accounting system and improved its human resources and payroll processing system.

In coordination with FDOT and local agencies, the MPO completed federally required updates to the Planning Area Boundary, Urban Area Boundary, and Roadway Functional Classification following the decennial census. The MPO also executed a Memorandum of Understanding with FDOT to enable reimbursement through Interlocal Agreements for advanced administrative services funding.

Activities to Be Performed

Table 9. Task 4 Activities for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028

	Activity	Deliverable(s)	Completion Date
A*	Maintain certification of the urban transportation planning process, including UPWP administration, grant reimbursement reporting, Strategic Plan updates, and joint federal and state certifications. <i>Consultant supported efforts:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$20,000 FY 2028 	UPWP progress reports	Monthly & Quarterly
		UPWP amendments and modifications	As needed
		FY 2029–2030 UPWP	May 2028
		Strategic Plan updates	June 2027, June 2028
		Joint certifications	June 2027, June 2028
B*	Perform financial management activities, including grant reimbursements, audits, accounting, payroll, contract management, invoice processing, inventory, and financial reporting. <i>Consultant supported efforts:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$93,000 FY 2027 ▪ \$94,000 FY 2028 	Certified Annual Financial Report Federal Single Audit	February 2027, February 2028
		FDOT audit(s) Financial reports	March 2027, March 2028
		Grant Reimbursements	Monthly
		Accounting and financial reporting system	Ongoing Service
C	Support travel and professional development for MPO staff and Governing Board members.	Professional development activities and associated costs	As Needed
D*	Administer personnel, human resources, operating procedures, and the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP), including hiring, onboarding, and ongoing personnel support. <i>Consultant supported efforts:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$10,000 FY 2027 ▪ \$10,000 FY 2028 	Staff hiring and onboarding Personnel support Operating Procedures and COOP Updates	As Needed
E*	Provide legal services to support the administration of the federal planning process, risk management, and human resources. <i>Consultant supported efforts:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$75,000 FY 2027 ▪ \$80,000 FY 2028 	Legal reviews	Monthly
		Legal defense documents	As Needed
		HR legal support	As Needed
F	Maintain supplies, software, and tools to support agency operations and planning activities, including public involvement, project management, performance measures, GIS, and data publishing.	Planning and operations software	Ongoing
G*	Provide information technology services and website maintenance.	IT and website services	Ongoing

	Activity	Deliverable(s)	Completion Date
	<i>Consultant supported efforts:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$41,000 FY 2027 ▪ \$44,200 FY 2028 		
H*	Procure facilities, equipment, supplies, and services necessary for ongoing operations, including rent, utilities, communications, insurance, and office maintenance.	Facilities and operational services	Monthly / As Needed

*MPO staff may utilize outside consultants to support the work performed on these activities up to amounts as approved by the Governing Board through a public Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Details regarding all consultant-supported activities will be submitted to FDOT/FHWA for review and approval as RFPs are developed.

Table 10. Task 4 Budget for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028

Year 1: FY 2027			
Budget Category	FHWA		FY 2027 Total
	PL	SU	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$518,846	\$279,379	\$798,225
Consultants			
A – UPWP, Strategic Plan	\$0	\$0	\$0
B – Accounting/Payroll/Audit	\$51,150	\$41,850	\$93,000
D – Administrative support	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
E – Legal and Human Resources	\$41,250	\$33,750	\$75,000
G – IT & Web Maintenance Services	\$22,550	\$18,450	\$41,000
Consultants Subtotal	\$119,950	\$99,050	\$219,000
Travel*	\$36,300	\$29,700	\$66,000
Direct Expenses			
Facilities	\$257,291	\$110,268	\$367,559
Graphics and Legal Advertising	\$17,050	\$13,950	\$31,000
Administrative Services and Fees	\$15,750	\$6,750	\$22,500
Direct Expenses Subtotal	\$290,091	\$130,968	\$421,059
Supplies**	\$102,704	\$44,016	\$146,720
Equipment**	\$29,908	\$12,818	\$42,726
FY 2027 Total	\$1,097,799	\$595,931	\$1,693,730
Year 2: FY 2028			
Budget Category	FHWA		FY 2028 Total
	PL	SU	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$560,354	\$301,729	\$862,083
Consultants			
A – UPWP, Strategic Plan	\$8,000	\$12,000	\$20,000
B – Accounting/Payroll/Audit	\$51,700	\$42,300	\$94,000
D – Administrative support	\$4,100	\$5,900	\$10,000
E – Legal and Human Resources	\$44,000	\$36,000	\$80,000
G – IT & Web Maintenance Services	\$24,310	\$19,890	\$44,200
Consultants Subtotal	\$132,110	\$116,090	\$248,200
Travel*	\$39,270	\$32,130	\$71,400
Direct Expenses			
Facilities	\$277,874	\$119,089	\$396,963
Graphics and Legal Advertising	\$17,600	\$14,400	\$32,000
Administrative Services	\$16,590	\$7,110	\$23,700
Direct Expenses Subtotal	\$312,064	\$140,599	\$452,663
Supplies & Software**	\$110,920	\$47,537	\$158,457
Equipment & Improvements**	\$30,468	\$13,058	\$43,526
FY 2028 Total	\$1,185,186	\$651,143	\$1,836,329

*Palm Beach MPO understands that any atypical travel (traveling outside of the United States, or travel in the United States that includes peer exchange and facility or system tours) will be submitted to FDOT and FHWA for approval.

**Palm Beach MPO understands that supply purchases over \$1,000 and individual equipment purchases over \$5,000 will be submitted to FHWA for review and approval.

Task 5. Regional Coordination

Responsible Agency: Palm Beach MPO

Participating Agencies: FDOT, SEFTC, Broward MPO, and Miami-Dade TPO.

Purpose

This task supports regional transportation planning coordination and shared funding responsibilities among Southeast Florida partners. Activities include administration of the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC), development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), and maintenance and advancement of the Southeast Regional Planning Model (SERPM) to forecast regional travel demand. The Task 5 budget identifies funding commitments by each partner and the agency responsible for administering each activity.

Previous Work

SEFTC collaborated to maintain and update the Southeast Regional Planning Model (SERPM), a scenario-based travel demand model used to support regional and local transportation planning across Southeast Florida. SERPM is updated every five years. During this period, MPO staff worked with regional partners to implement SERPM Version 9.

SEFTC also adopted the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which identifies long-term transportation investment needs, evaluates future development and investment scenarios, and advances a shared regional vision.

Initial coordination began on the development of the 2055 RTP. Beginning in January 2028 (the second half of FY 2028), the Palm Beach MPO will lead SEFTC administration and development of the 2055 RTP.

Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) were initiated among the Miami-Dade TPO, Broward MPO, Palm Beach MPO, and FDOT Districts Four and Six to support continued SERPM development and initiation of the 2055 RTP. These MOUs address SERPM maintenance and training, development of SERPM Version 10, and preparation of the 2055 RTP.

Activities to Be Performed

Table 11. Task 5 Activities for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028

Activity		Deliverable(s)	Completion Date
A	<p><i>Lead: FDOT District 4</i></p> <p>Provide administrative and technical support for SERPM maintenance, training, documentation, and model usability, including support for regional and local planning efforts.</p>	SERPM training workshops	Annually/As Requested
		Performance measures report on modeling modules	June 2028
B	<p><i>Lead: FDOT District 4</i></p> <p>Develop SERPM Version 10, covering the Miami Urbanized Area, including Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade Counties, which accurately reflects the travel demand patterns and markets for regional transit and highway projects, and make the model available to support the 2055 LRTP plan and 2055 RTP updates.</p> <p><i>Palm Beach MPO transfer to FDOT District 4:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$65,000 FY 2027 ▪ FPN No: 448678-5-12-01 	<p>Model estimate and design report</p> <p>Data collection and development report</p> <p>Model calibration, validation, and sensitivity testing plan</p> <p>SERPM networks, user guide, scripts, and program code</p>	June 2028
C*	<p><i>Lead: Palm Beach MPO</i></p> <p>Provide administrative and technical support to develop the 2055 RTP in coordination with Broward and Miami-Dade MPOs, including goals and objectives, regional networks, financial forecasts, scenario development, and regional priority projects.</p> <p><i>Transfer from Broward & Miami-Dade MPOs:</i></p> <p>FPN No: XXXXXX-X-XX-XX for FY 2028</p> <p><i>Consultant Supported Efforts:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$500,000 FY 2028 	2055 RTP and technical memoranda, as needed	<p>Kickoff: Jan 2028</p> <p>Adoption: June 2030</p>

*MPO staff may utilize outside consultants to support these activities as approved by the Governing Board through a public Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Consultant-supported activities will be submitted to FDOT/FHWA for review and approval as RFPs are developed.

Financial participation by the MPO and partner agencies is shown below, including the lead agency, funding sources, and amounts by fiscal year for each of the shared regional tasks.

Table 12. Task 5 Budget for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028

Year 1: FY 2027				
Budget Category	FHWA		State (D/DS)	FY 2027 Total
	PL	ACSU		
Consultants				
SERPM 10 Development				
Transfer to: FDOT D4 (Lead) 448678-2-12-01			\$125,000	\$125,000
Transfer from: FDOT D6 448678-2-12-01			\$125,000	\$125,000
Transfer from: Palm Beach MPO 448678-5-12-01		\$65,000		\$65,000
Transfer from: Broward MPO 448678-4-12-01		\$85,000		\$85,000
Transfer from: Miami-Dade TPO 448678-6-12-01		\$100,000		\$100,000
FY 2027 Total	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000
Year 2: FY 2028				
Budget Category	FHWA		State	FY 2028 Total
	PL	SU		
Consultants				
RTP 2055 Development*				
Transfer to: Palm Beach MPO (Lead Agency)		\$166,668		\$166,668
Transfer from: Broward MPO		\$166,666		\$166,666
Transfer from: Miami-Dade TPO		\$166,666		\$166,666
FY 2028 Total	\$0	\$500,000		\$500,000

* Funding transferred under a separate Financial Management number.

Task 6. Agency Expenditures with Local Funds

Purpose

This task authorizes the use of local funds to support discretionary activities that strengthen MPO leadership, public engagement, staff development, and long-term financial stability.

Activities to Be Performed

- **Maximize Agency Effectiveness** – Activities that support MPO leadership engagement, coordination, and informed decision-making, including peer exchanges, board education, coordination efforts, and related travel or professional services.
- **Improve Public Engagement** – Outreach and engagement efforts, including promotional materials, meeting support items, and targeted initiatives aligned with the MPO’s mission and vision.
- **Enhance Staff Performance** – Professional development activities, including professional memberships, certifications, licensing dues, and team-building activities.
- **Balance to MPO Reserve (Local Fund)** – Allocation of remaining funds to the MPO’s local reserve account to support long-term financial stability.

Table 13. Task 6 Activities for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028

	Activity	Completion Date
A	<i>Maximize Agency Effectiveness:</i> Leadership engagement, coordination, peer exchanges, board education, and related professional services	As Needed
B	<i>Improve Public Engagement:</i> Outreach materials, meeting support items, and engagement activities	As Needed
C	<i>Enhance Staff Performance:</i> Professional development activities, including memberships, certifications, licensing dues, and team-building.	As Needed
D	Balance to MPO Local Reserves Fund	As Needed

Table 14. Task 6 Budget for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028

Year 1: FY 2027		
Budget Category	Local	FY 2027 Total
Maximize Agency Effectiveness	\$55,000	\$55,000
Improve Public Engagement	\$47,000	\$47,000
Enhance Staff Performance	\$25,000	\$25,000
Balance to MPO Reserve Fund	\$30,707	\$30,707
FY 2027 Total	\$157,707	\$157,707
Year 2: FY 2028		
Budget Category	Local	FY 2028 Total
Maximize Agency Effectiveness	\$55,000	\$55,000
Improve Public Engagement	\$50,000	\$50,000
Enhance Staff Performance	\$25,000	\$25,000
Balance to MPO Reserve Fund	\$30,861	\$30,861
FY 2028 Total	\$160,861	\$160,861

APPENDIX A

Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
CAC	Citizen's Advisory Committee
CMP	Congestion Management Process
COOP	Continuity of Operations Plan
CPG	Consolidated Planning Grant
CTC	Community Transportation Coordinator
CTD	Commission on Transportation Disadvantaged
DBE	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
ERC	Electronic Review Comments
ETDM	Efficient Transportation Decision Making
FAST	Fixing America's Surface Transportation
FAU	Florida Atlantic University
FDEP	Florida Department of Environmental Protection
FDOT	Florida Department of Transportation
FEC	Florida East Coast
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FY	Fiscal Year
GIS	Geographic Information System
LCB	Local Coordinating Board
LOPP	List of Priority Projects
L RTP	Long Range Transportation Plan
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MPOAC	Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council
PBAU	Palm Beach Atlantic University
PBC	Palm Beach County
PBCHD	Palm Beach County Health Department
PBSC	Palm Beach State College
PL	Metropolitan Planning
PM	Performance Measures

Acronym	Definition
PPP	Public Participation Plan
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
SEFTC	Southeast Florida Transportation Council
SERPM	Southeast Florida Regional Planning Model
SFRPC	South Florida Regional Planning Council
SFRTA	South Florida Regional Transportation Authority
STBG	Surface Transportation Block Grant (SU)
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
TCRPC	Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
TD	Transportation Disadvantaged
TDP	Transit Development Plan
TDSP	Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TMA	Transportation Management Area
TPO	Transportation Planning Organization
TRIP	Transportation Regional Incentive Program
UPWP	Unified Planning Work Program
UZA	Urbanized Area
VZAC	Vision Zero Advisory Committee

APPENDIX B

Resolution Adopting the FYs 2027 and 2028 UPWP

APPENDIX C

Funding Source & Budget Summary

Funding Source

Contract	Funding Source	Source Level			FY 2027 Funding Source				FY 2028 Funding Source			
			2027	2028	Soft Match	Federal	State	Local	Soft Match	Federal	State	Local
	CTD	State	\$ 58,875	\$ 60,053	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58,875	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,053	\$ -
		CTD TOTAL	\$ 58,875	\$ 60,053	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58,875	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,053	\$ -
	FHWA	PL	\$ 2,557,605	\$ 2,557,605	\$ 564,090	\$ 2,557,605	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 564,090	\$ 2,557,605	\$ -	\$ -
		SU	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 385,970	\$ 1,750,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 385,970	\$ 1,750,000	\$ -	\$ -
		FHWA TOTAL	\$ 4,307,605	\$ 4,307,605	\$ 950,060	\$ 4,307,605	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 950,060	\$ 4,307,605	\$ -	\$ -
	Local	MPO Local Funds	\$ 157,707	\$ 160,861	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 157,707	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160,861
		Local TOTAL	\$ 157,707	\$ 160,861	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 157,707	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160,861
		TOTAL	\$ 4,524,187	\$ 4,528,519	\$ 950,060	\$ 4,307,605	\$ 58,875	\$ 157,707	\$ 950,060	\$ 4,307,605	\$ 60,053	\$ 160,861

Summary Budget: Agency Participation

Funding Source Contract Fiscal Year Total Budget	CTD		FHWA		Local	
	2027	2028	2027	2028	2027	2028
	\$ 58,875	\$ 60,053	\$ 4,307,605	\$ 4,307,605	\$ 157,707	\$ 160,861
Task 1 Engage and Collaborate						
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 598,494	\$ 646,374	\$ -	\$ -
Consultant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95,000	\$ 120,000	\$ -	\$ -
Sub Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 693,494	\$ 766,374	\$ -	\$ -
Task 2 Short Range Planning						
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$ 58,875	\$ 60,053	\$ 478,917	\$ 520,762	\$ -	\$ -
Consultant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,048,038	\$ 570,000	\$ -	\$ -
Sub Total	\$ 58,875	\$ 60,053	\$ 1,526,955	\$ 1,090,762	\$ -	\$ -
Task 3 Long Range Planning						
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 128,426	\$ 138,700	\$ -	\$ -
Consultant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 308,772	\$ -	\$ -
Sub Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 328,426	\$ 447,472	\$ -	\$ -
Task 4 Administer the Agency						
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 798,225	\$ 862,083	\$ -	\$ -
Consultant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 219,000	\$ 248,200	\$ -	\$ -
Travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 66,000	\$ 71,400	\$ -	\$ -
Direct Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 421,059	\$ 452,663	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 146,720	\$ 158,457	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,726	\$ 43,526	\$ -	\$ -
Sub Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,693,730	\$ 1,836,329	\$ -	\$ -
Sub Total Tasks 1-4	\$ 58,875	\$ 60,053	\$ 4,242,605	\$ 4,140,937	\$ -	\$ -
Task 6 Agency Expenditures with Local Funds						
Maximize Agency Effectiveness	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000
Improve Public Engagement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47,000	\$ 50,000
Enhance Staff Performance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Balance to MPO Local Reserves Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,707	\$ 30,861
Sub Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 157,707	\$ 160,861
5 Regional Coordination						
Consultant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,000	\$ 166,668	\$ -	\$ -
Sub Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,000	\$ 166,668	\$ -	\$ -
Sub-Total (less the de-obligated funds)	\$	118,928	\$	8,615,210	\$	318,568
Total De-ob. Funds (PL)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Total De-ob. (Other Source)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
TOTAL PROGRAMMED	\$ 58,875	\$ 60,053	\$ 4,307,605	\$ 4,307,605	\$ 157,707	\$ 160,861

Includes funding for annual employee salary adjustments of up to 6 percent per fiscal year, based on COLA and/or performance. COLA is tied to Consumer Price Index (CPI) data published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Projections also include an additional 2 percent per fiscal year to account for staffing transitions or position changes throughout the FY 2027–2028 UPWP period.

APPENDIX D

FDOT D4 Planning Activities FY 27 to FY 28

The following is a list of FDOT Planning Activities:

- Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Planning
- Interchange Reviews
- State Highway System Corridor Studies
- Systems Planning and Reviews
- Freight Planning and Reviews
- Travel Demand Model Development
- Travel Demand Model Maintenance & Support
- Federal Functional Classification (including Urban Boundary Updates)
- Traffic Characteristic Inventory Program
- Roadway Characteristics Inventory
- GIS Application Development and System Maintenance
- Promoting and Coordinating Safety for all Modes of Transportation, including Bicycle and Pedestrian
- Transportation Alternatives Program Development
- Complete Streets Studies
- Modal Development and Technical Support
- Commuter Services
- ETDM/Community Impact Assessment
- Growth Management Impact Reviews
- Annual Traffic Count Program
- Resiliency
- Land use (Consistency throughout state, county, and local municipalities)
- Transportation System Management and Operation (TSM&O)

FDOT District Four will undertake Planning Activities consistent with the following goals (in no particular order):

The Seven goals of the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP), which include:

- Safety & Security
- Infrastructure
- Mobility
- Choices
- Economy
- Community
- Environment

The FDOT Secretary's list of the "vital few" agency emphasis areas include:

- Safety
- Workforce Management
- Technology
- Communities

- Resiliency
- Robust Supply Chain

Please note that FDOT has elected not to identify deliverables, completion dates, funding sources, or amounts for their planning activities. Instead, FDOT noted that the list is representative of (but shall not constrain) the typical planning activities that are performed by FDOT District 4 on either a continuous basis or intermittently as needed, using State and Federal funds authorized for Planning purposes. Finally, FDOT states their activities may be undertaken at any time during the two-year UPWP cycle at the discretion of District 4 based on identified needs.

APPENDIX E

Palm Tran FTA Planning Activities FY 27 to FY 28

Palm Tran Planning Activities FY 2027 – 2028

- Mobility on Demand Zone Implementation
- Existing Service Efficiency Assessments
- Bus Shelters and Amenities Placement and Analysis
- Bus Stop Consolidation
- Transportation Network Company Future Zone Recommendation
- Transit Signal Priority Implementation

APPENDIX F

MPO Travel Policy

MPO RESOLUTION 2025-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE PALM BEACH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AMENDING THE PERSONNEL HANDBOOK

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach MPO, a public agency created and operating pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and Sections 163.01 and 339.175, Florida Statutes, is the designated and duly constituted body responsible for the urban transportation planning process for Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, the MPO has adopted personnel rules and regulations, commonly referred to as the Personnel Handbook, to ensure that employees and prospective employees are treated in a manner consistent with applicable employment laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Handbook establishes employment policies and procedures, including salaries, benefits, paid leave, and travel; and

WHEREAS, since the Personnel Handbook was last updated, there have been changes in federal and state employment laws, as well as changes to the MPO's operational standards, necessitating a revision to the Handbook; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Handbook amendment, attached as "Exhibit A," is being proposed by MPO General Counsel and staff to clarify language to ensure legal consistency, align reimbursements with federal and state policies, and limit paid parental leave eligibility to employees with at least one year of service; and

WHEREAS, the Updated Personnel Handbook supersedes all existing MPO personnel policies;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PALM BEACH MPO THAT:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby adopted and declared to be true and correct and are incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. The MPO Governing Board hereby approves the revised Personnel Handbook attached as "Exhibit A." The amendment sets forth new text, which is underlined, and deletes existing text with ~~stricken through~~ language.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Gregg Weiss who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Maria Marino, and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed. The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly adopted this 30th day of October 2025.

PALM BEACH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

By: 
Councilmember Chelsea Reed, Chair
MPO Governing Board Chair

ATTEST:



Ruth Del Pino, MPO Agency Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY



Milton Collins, MPO General Counsel

7. Upon termination of employment with the MPO, an employee will not be paid for any unused paid parental leave.

2.5 Travel

- A. **Applicability.** The travel policy applies to all staff traveling on official business paid for by the MPO.
- B. **Authorization.** The Executive Director must authorize travel for all staff. Travel must be authorized in advance of the travel occasion to be eligible for payment. Travel by the Executive Director shall be reviewed and approved by the Finance and Operations Manager to ensure accuracy and budget compliance. The number of individuals traveling to any one event shall be monitored and limited to maintain the local operational capacity of the MPO and to maximize the beneficial purposes of the travel occasion for the MPO.
- C. **Travel Costs.** All authorized parties traveling on official business for the MPO are expected to seek advanced registration discount rates, to travel by the most economical and efficient means to/from the travel occasion, and to select reasonably priced lodging accommodations for the travel occasion.
 1. **Registration.** The MPO shall pay actual registration costs for authorized travel either by direct payment to the vendor or as a reimbursement for traveler-paid registration fees.
 2. **Transportation.** The traveler must compare the cost and time associated with means of travel by personal vehicle, travel by rental car, travel by public or private surface transit, and travel by commercial or general airplane. The MPO will pay or reimburse the traveler for the most economical (cost) and efficient (time) travel option to/from the event, even if the traveler elects to use another option. The Traveler is responsible for providing the full cost comparisons at the time of the travel request. Travel by personal vehicle shall be reimbursed utilizing the federal mileage rate, as amended from time to time.
 3. **Lodging Expenses.** The traveler is expected to plan in advance and with sufficient notice to stay on the premises for a travel-related event. The MPO will pay or reimburse up to the amount for the standard room accommodation or lowest cost option available in the negotiated event room block. In such case where the negotiated room block rate is not available or does not exist, the traveler must compare the available lodging within a 3-mile radius and select the most economical and efficient alternative. Exceptions to these requirements may be made by the Executive Director on a situational basis based on safety, meeting events, and/or logistics.
 4. **Meal Allowances.** The MPO shall pay for meals when travel occurs during meal times: 1) for all overnight travel events, and 2) for same-day travel to a destination at least 100 miles away from the MPO office. The payment shall be in the following amounts:
 - a. Breakfast: \$10.00

b. Lunch: \$15.00

c. Dinner: \$30.00

5. Incidental Travel Expenses. The MPO shall reimburse for incidental travel expenses including tolls, local transportation costs (cab fares, TNC fares, transit fares, bike share, *etc.*), parking, *etc.* pursuant to federal and state regulations.
6. Traveler Conduct. MPO staff and Board members are expected to attend applicable training sessions offered during normal business hours and to adhere to all travel and rules of conduct policies.
7. Travel Advances. The MPO will not authorize travel advances. The MPO will either prepay by direct payment to the vendor or pay a reimbursement to the traveler for travel-related costs.

APPENDIX G

Comments and Responses

Comments and Responses

The UPWP was made available for public review on the Palm Beach MPO website from January 28 to March 19. The document was presented as an informational item to the Palm Beach MPO committees on February 4, 2026 and to the Governing Board on February 19, 2026. The final document was presented to the committees on March 4 and 5 and is scheduled for adoption by the MPO Governing Board at their public meeting on March 19, 2026.

The UPWP document was also made available to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for review and comment.

No public comments have been received to date. Comments and MPO responses will be provided in the Appendices once submitted.



PALM BEACH

Metropolitan Planning Organization



PalmBeachMPO.org/UPWP

Project Scheduling Report – March 2026

Phases occurring within the next 90 days

Palm Beach MPO & FDOT District 4

The purpose of this report is to ensure stakeholders are aware of upcoming activities for each project to allow for increased input. The MPO has consolidated the FDOT report to focus on MPO priorities and scheduling activities that are occurring within the next 90 days. The full list of scheduling activities is described below.

Scheduled Activity	Description
Multimodal Scoping Checklist (MMSC)	FDOT's Office of Modal Development (OMD) notifies impacted agencies to enter comments about the project scope. The local agency can confirm or discuss context class, minor comments about multimodal features.
Resolution from Agency (for Off-System Projects Only)	If an off-system project is administered by FDOT, the local agency's governing board must pass a resolution endorsing FDOT's delivery of the project.
Review of Scope with Agency	Meet with local agency to review and confirm scope prior to FDOT advertising for consultant acquisition.
Execution Date (Design)	FDOT Design starts.
Project Kickoff Meeting	FDOT Design Team coordinates with local agency. Contact the FDOT project manager for date/time/location of the meeting.
Initial Field Review	Field Review meeting. Typically occurs at the project site.
Initial Engineering	30% plans to reviewers. Stakeholders provide review and feedback on the approved Typical Section.
Public Information Workshop	Tentative date to conduct a public information workshop. Date may differ than final workshop date.
Constructability Plans	60% plans to reviewers. At this time most of the Design is complete, no scope discussion, review focuses on items to be constructed, their construction impacts, and materials to be used.
Plans Specification and Estimates (PSE) Meeting	FDOT PM arranges field review with all reviewers to evaluate the final engineering plans with respect to actual field conditions.
Biddability Plans to Reviewers	90% plans. At this time, Design is complete. Verifying quantities and pay items.
Production	100% plans. Plans are complete.
Local Agency Program (LAP) Commitment	Agency and FDOT commits the project funds and budget to the Legislature and the Governor's office.
Letting	Bids are opened and the apparent low bid contract is determined. Construction typically begins 4 to 6 months after letting.
Construction Notice to Proceed (NTP)	Construction starts. Construction dates for FDOT administered projects can be found through the FDOT Operations Center.

For more information on a project, please contact the FDOT District 4 office at 954.486.1400 and ask to be transferred to the FDOT Project Manager for the specific project. For the FDOT copy of the report with the full project schedule, contact Martha Morales at Martha.Morales@dot.state.fl.us or 954.777.4208.

Please note, the dates shown in this report are a snapshot and dates can change frequently. Updated reports are requested monthly from FDOT.

FM #	Location	Type of Work	Lead Agency	Phase Milestone	Date
SIS Capacity					
4353842	I-95 AT LINTON BLVD	Interchange Justifica/Modifica	FDOT	Constructability Plans	2/27/2026
4512241	SR-80/SOUTHERN BLVD AT JOG RD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS	Add Left Turn Lane(s)	FDOT	PSE Meeting	3/2/2026
4132601	I-95 AT PALM BEACH LAKES BLVD	Interchange Justifica/Modifica	FDOT	Constructability Plans	4/2/2026
4475471	I-95 AT FOREST HILL BLVD/SR-882	Safety Project	FDOT	Production	4/6/2026
4512241	SR-80/SOUTHERN BLVD AT JOG RD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS	Add Left Turn Lane(s)	FDOT	Biddability	4/7/2026
4132522	I-95 FROM INDIANTOWN RD TO MARTIN/PALM BEACH COUNTY LINE	Pd&E/Emo Study	FDOT	Resolution from Agency	4/22/2026
4358031	I-95 AT NORTHLAKE BLVD	Interchange - Add Lanes	FDOT	Letting	5/20/2026
4355161	I-95 AT SOUTHERN BLVD/SR-80	Interchange - Add Lanes	FDOT	Execution Date (Design)	5/22/2026
Major Projects					
4535581	SR-80 FROM SR-15 TO CR-880	Guardrail	FDOT	Biddability	3/5/2026
4480641	SIGNAL UPGRADES - VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN BOCA RATON	Traffic Signals	FDOT	Execution Date (Design)	3/13/2026
4479441	SIGNAL UPGRADES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS	Traffic Signals	FDOT	Execution Date (Design)	3/13/2026
4383865	US-1/SR-5 FROM CAMINO REAL TO NE 8TH ST/MIZNER BLVD	Bike Lane/Sidewalk	FDOT	Letting	3/25/2026
4515792	SIGNAL UPGRADES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN PALM BEACH COUNTY	Traffic Signals	FDOT	Letting	3/25/2026
4481351	US-1/SR-5 - VARIOUS LOCATIONS	Traffic Signals	FDOT	Initial Field Review	4/1/2026
4481351	US-1/SR-5 - VARIOUS LOCATIONS	Traffic Signals	FDOT	Agency Scope Review	4/6/2026
4479441	SIGNAL UPGRADES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS	Traffic Signals	FDOT	Kickoff Meeting	4/6/2026
4480641	SIGNAL UPGRADES - VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN BOCA RATON	Traffic Signals	FDOT	Kickoff Meeting	4/9/2026
4383864	US-1/SR-5 FROM PALMETTO PARK RD TO NORTHLAKE BLVD/SR-850	Public Transportation Shelter	FDOT	Letting	4/29/2026
Local Initiatives Program					
4498471	PROSPERITY FARMS FR 800 FT N OF NORTHLAKE BLVD TO DONALD ROSS RD	Bike Lane/Sidewalk	Palm Beach County	LAP Commitment	3/6/2026
4460901	25TH ST FROM NORTH AUSTRALIAN AVE TO BROADWAY AVE	Bike Lane/Sidewalk	West Palm Beach	Production	4/6/2026
4483541	SOUTH EAST COAST ST AND SOUTH H ST	Bike Lane/Sidewalk	Lake Worth Beach	Production	4/6/2026
4508001	GARDENS PARKWAY FROM ALT A1A TO PROSPERITY FARMS RD	Bike Lane/Sidewalk	Palm Beach Gardens	Production	5/4/2026
4415701	36TH ST FROM N AUSTRALIAN AVE TO NORTH FLAGLER DR	Bike Lane/Sidewalk	FDOT	Public Information Workshop	5/18/2026
Transportation Alternatives Program					
4507841	SW 18TH ST FROM MILITARY TRAIL TO ADDISON AVE	Sidewalk	Boca Raton	LAP Commitment	3/6/2026
4548781	PALM ST FROM LAKE AVE TO DIXIE HWY/US-1	Sidewalk	West Palm Beach	Kickoff Meeting	3/25/2026
4530011	LILAC ST FROM NORTH MILITARY TRAIL TO PLANT DR	Sidewalk	Palm Beach Gardens	Production	5/4/2026
Other Federal & State Funded Projects					
4510841	OKEECHOBEE BLVD/SR-704 AT SR-809/ MILITARY TR	Intersection Improvement	FDOT	Letting	2/25/2026

FM #	Location	Type of Work	Lead Agency	Phase Milestone	Date
4510851	FOREST HILL BLVD/SR-882 AT HAVERHILL RD	Intersection Improvement	FDOT	Letting	2/25/2026
4475451	OKEECHOBEE BLVD/SR-704 FROM EAST OF MILITARY TRAIL TO I-95	Lighting	FDOT	Letting	2/25/2026
4506791	I-95/SR-9 & OKEECHOBEE BLVD/SR-704	Landscaping	FDOT	Initial Field Review	2/26/2026
4549731	WEST PALM BEACH CAROLINE ST PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE ACCESS	Programmed	West Palm Beach	LAP Commitment	3/6/2026
4506771	SR5/US1 FROM N OF SILVER BEACH RD TO S OF PALMETTO DR	Landscaping	FDOT	Constructability Plans	3/17/2026
4493471	CONGRESS AVE/SR-807 AT 10TH AVE NORTH	Traffic Signal Update	FDOT	Constructability Plans	4/3/2026
4506791	I-95/SR-9 & OKEECHOBEE BLVD/SR-704	Landscaping	FDOT	Constructability Plans	4/13/2026
4531441	SYSTEMATIC RAMP SAFETY ANALYSIS- I-95 RAMPS; PALM BEACH COUNTY	Skid Hazard Overlay	FDOT	Constructability Plans	4/17/2026
4544401	NORTHLAKE BLVD - OLD DIXIE HWY AND 10TH STREET	Traffic Control Devices/System	FDOT	PSE Meeting	4/20/2026
4475731	BOYNTON BEACH BLVD/SR-804 FROM EAST OF I-95 TO US-1/SR-5	Landscaping	FDOT	Production	5/4/2026
4544401	NORTHLAKE BLVD - OLD DIXIE HWY AND 10TH STREET	Traffic Control Devices/System	FDOT	Biddability	5/7/2026
4545641	WESTERN INDIANTOWN RD IMPROVEMENTS	Add Auxiliary Lane(s)	Jupiter	Letting	5/8/2026
4531431	COUNTYWIDE FLASHING 'YELLOW' ARROW LEFT & RIGHT TURN IMPLEMENTATION	Traffic Signal Update	FDOT	Kickoff Meeting	5/19/2026
4515981	ADVANCED WRONG WAY DETECTION SYSTEM PALM BEACH COUNTY	Its Communication System	FDOT	Letting	5/20/2026

O&M - Roadways

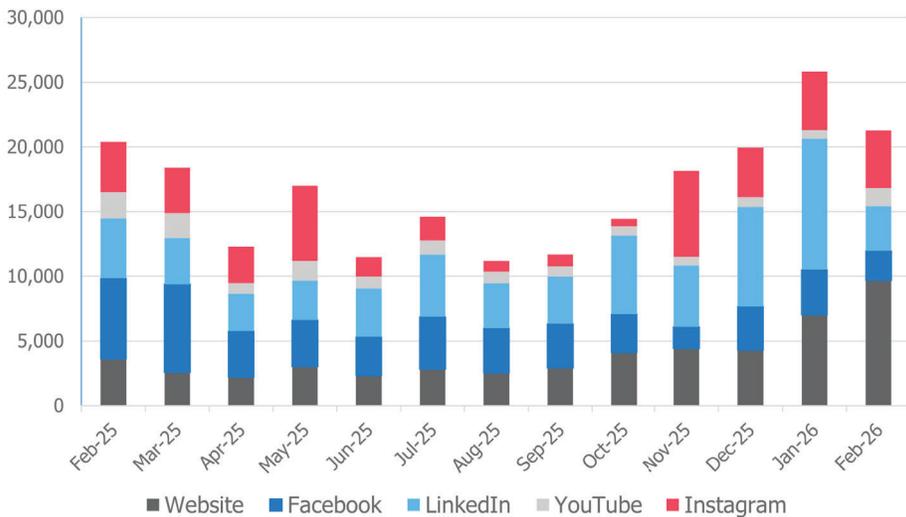
4498341	SR-717/E CANAL ST FROM SR-80 TO SE AVE E	Resurfacing	FDOT	Biddability	3/5/2026
4363404	PALM BEACH COUNTY PUSH BUTTON CONTRACT TRAFFIC OPS (ROADWAY)	Miscellaneous Construction	FDOT	Letting	4/3/2026
4438672	ALT A1A//SR-811 OVER LOXAHATCHEE RIVER BRIDGE 930339	Bridge-Repair/Rehabilitation	FDOT	Letting	4/3/2026
4463731	FOREST HILL BLVD/SR-882 FR E OF LAKE CLARKE DR TO US-1/DIXIE HWY	Resurfacing	FDOT	Production	4/6/2026
4498141	ROYAL PALM WAY/SR-704 FROM 4 ARTS PLAZA TO S COUNTY RD	Resurfacing	FDOT	Public Information Workshop	4/6/2026
4498141	ROYAL PALM WAY/SR-704 FROM 4 ARTS PLAZA TO S COUNTY RD	Resurfacing	FDOT	PSE Meeting	4/13/2026
4553871	CONNORS HWY/SR 700 NORTH OF 1ST STREET TO WEST OF SR-80	Road/Slope Protection	FDOT	Construction Notice to Proceed (NTP)	4/21/2026
4363404	PALM BEACH COUNTY PUSH BUTTON CONTRACT TRAFFIC OPS (ROADWAY)	Miscellaneous Construction	FDOT	Construction Notice to Proceed (NTP)	4/22/2026
4498141	ROYAL PALM WAY/SR-704 FROM 4 ARTS PLAZA TO S COUNTY RD	Resurfacing	FDOT	Biddability	5/6/2026
4506841	SR-A1A/ OCEAN BLVD BRIDGE# 930060 OVER BOCA INLET	Bridge Rehabilitation	FDOT	Constructability Plans	5/7/2026

Public Involvement Activity Report 4.B

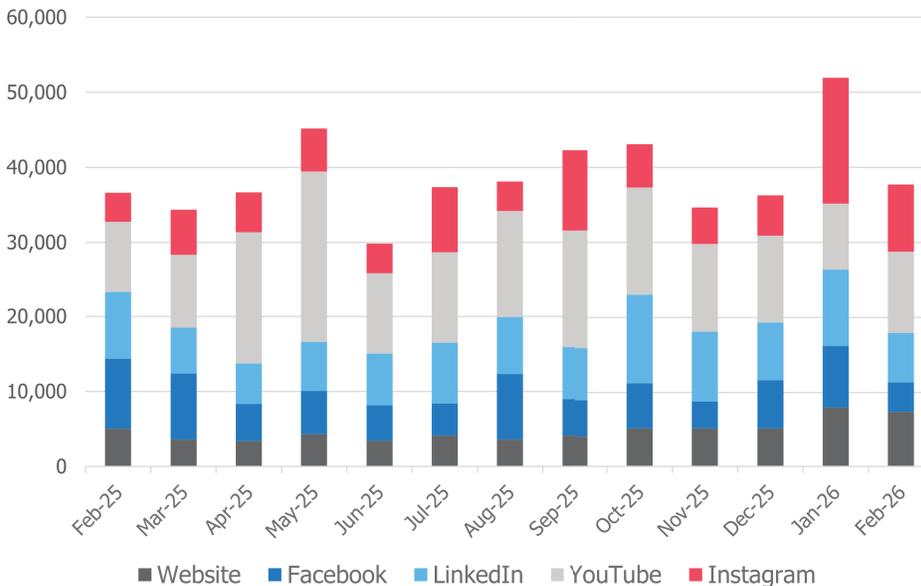
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Palm Beach MPO Social Media Analytics

Social Media Reach



Social Media Impressions



February Events

MPO staff attended and moderated panels at the 2026 Safe Roads Summit held in Broward County. During the event, Boca Raton Deputy Mayor Nachlas received the Complete Streets Champion Award, and the City of Boca Raton was recognized with the Complete Streets Community Award.



MPO staff participated in the City of Boca Raton's Kids Safety Fair on February 18, engaging with families and community members to promote safe bicycling and walking for children.



MPO Executive Director Valerie Neilson joined local and regional leaders at the City of Boca Raton and SFRTA groundbreaking for Link at Boca. The new mixed-use development next to the Boca Raton Tri-Rail Station will bring housing, retail, and everyday amenities within walking distance of transit.

