

JOINT MEETING
TREASURE
COAST AND
SOUTH FLORIDA
REGIONAL
PLANNING
COUNCILS



Welcome to West Palm Beach

The Honorable Joseph Peduzzi,
TCRPC, Commissioner, City of West
Palm Beach, District 4





**THE HONORABLE DOUG
SMITH, CHAIR, TCRPC**

Martin County Commissioner,
District 1

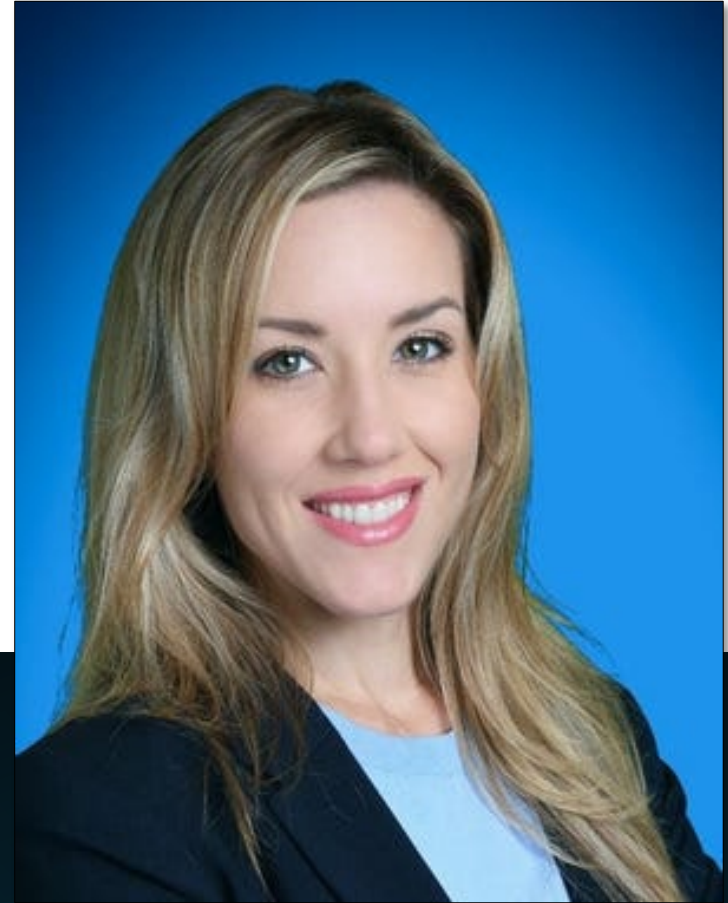


**THE HONORABLE STEVE
GELLER, CHAIR, SFRPC**

Broward County Commissioner,
District 5, and Former State
Senator

Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency Welcome and Briefing

Valerie Neilson
Executive Director, TPA





Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA)

TCRPC & SFRPC Joint Meeting

March 15, 2024

About the TPA



Plan & Prioritize
Federal & State Transportation Funds



Three Advisory Committees:
Technical, Citizens, and Vision Zero



Governing Board of 21
local elected officials



16 staff



Vision: A safe, efficient and connected multimodal transportation system.

Transportation Planning Process



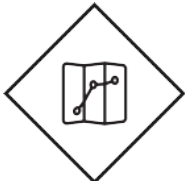
Establish goals and objectives



Determine transportation needs



Establish priorities



Program and fund implementation



The Long-Range Plan

25-Year Horizon

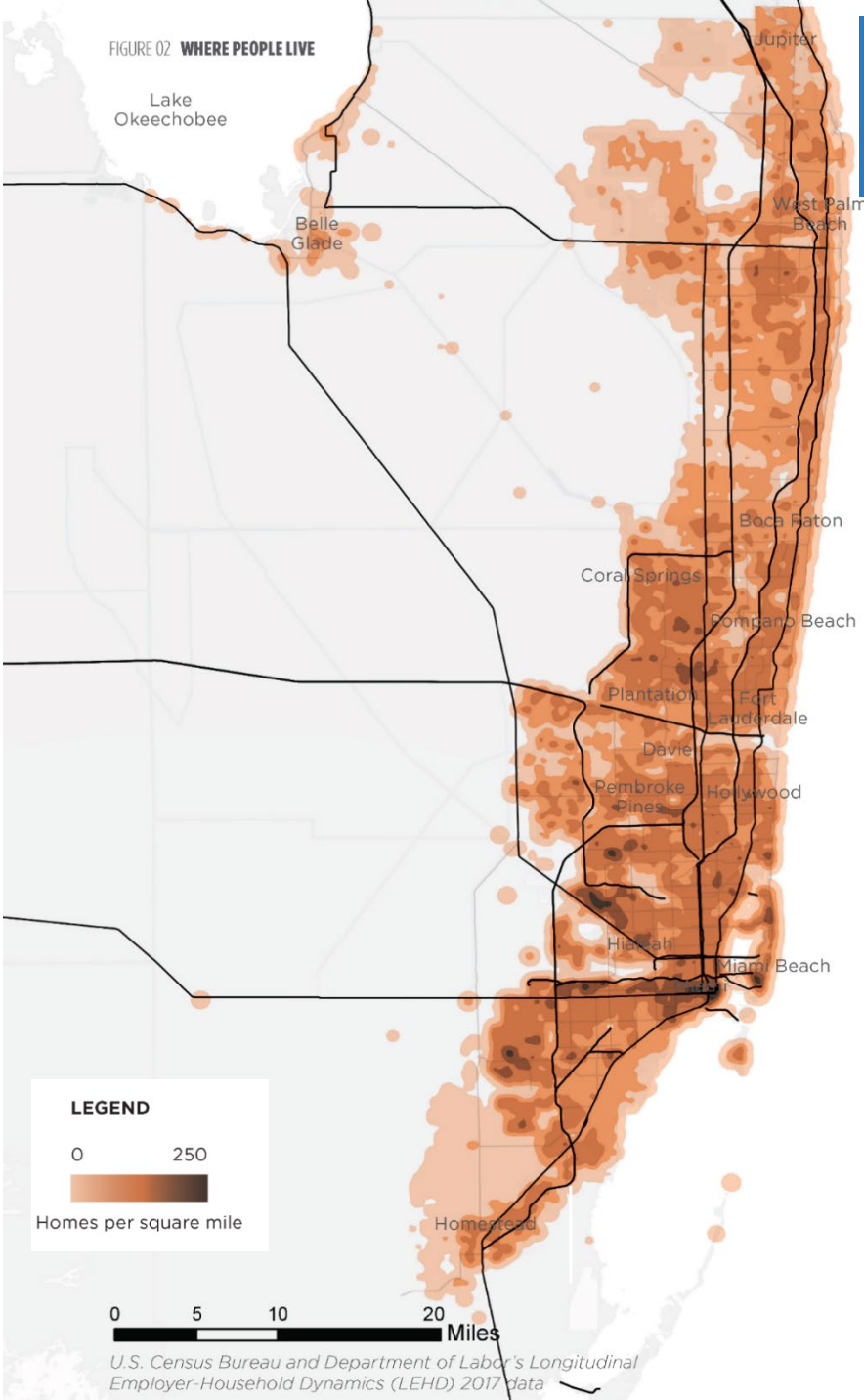
Updated every 5 years

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

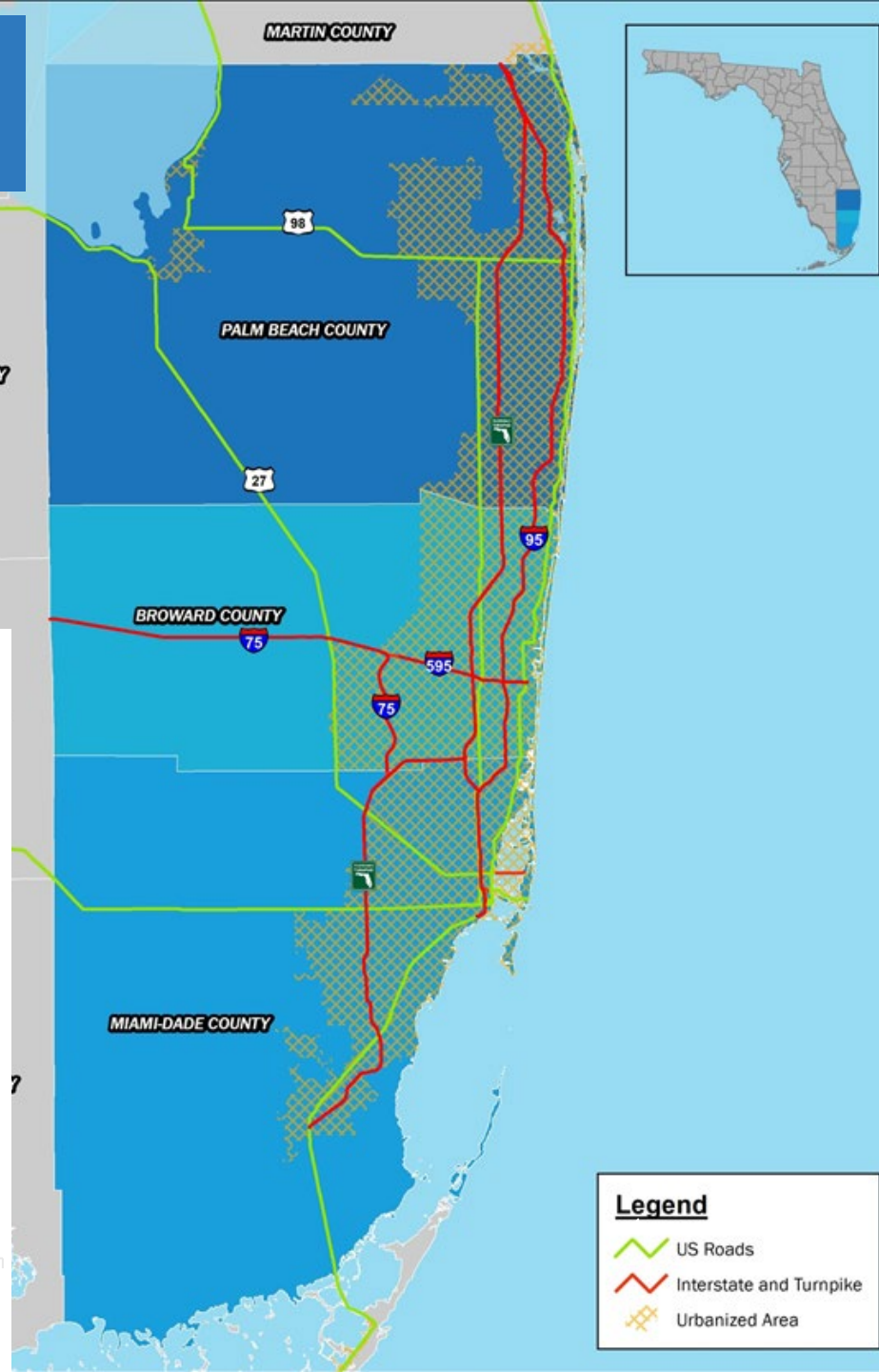
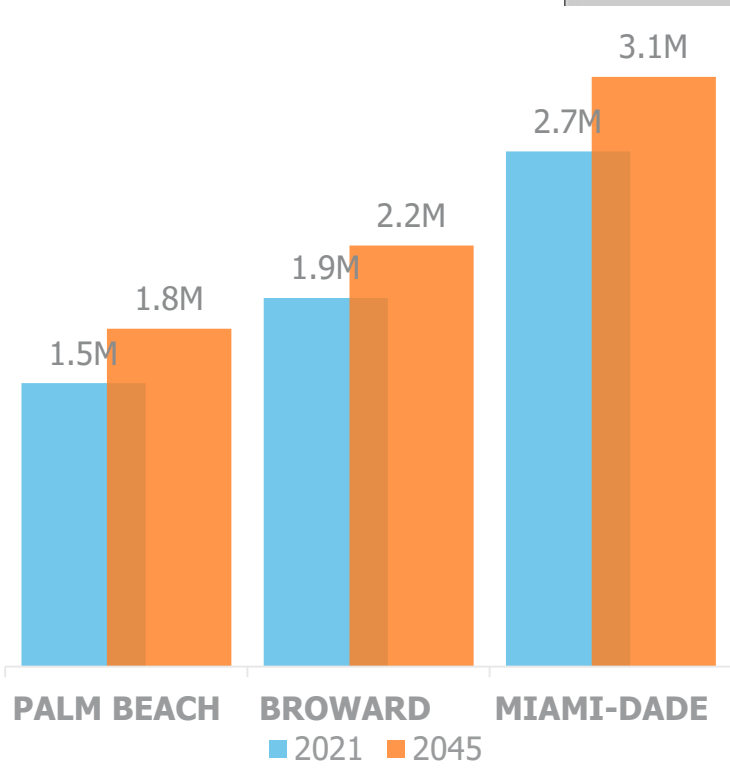
\$4.24 Billion

5 Year Funding Program

FIGURE 02 WHERE PEOPLE LIVE



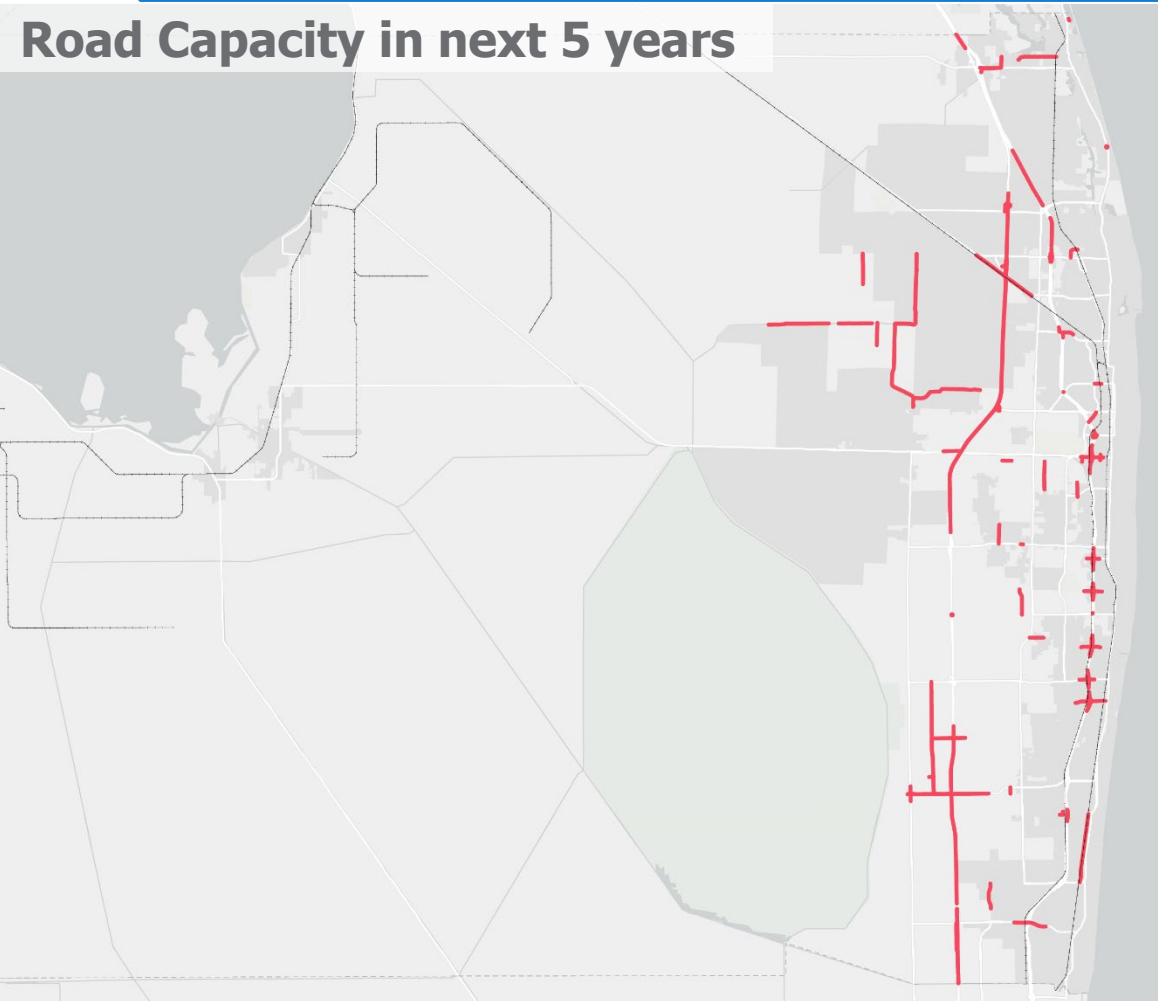
Our Region



U.S. Census Bureau and Department of Labor's Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) 2017 data

Today...

Road Capacity in next 5 years



Okeechobee Blvd today

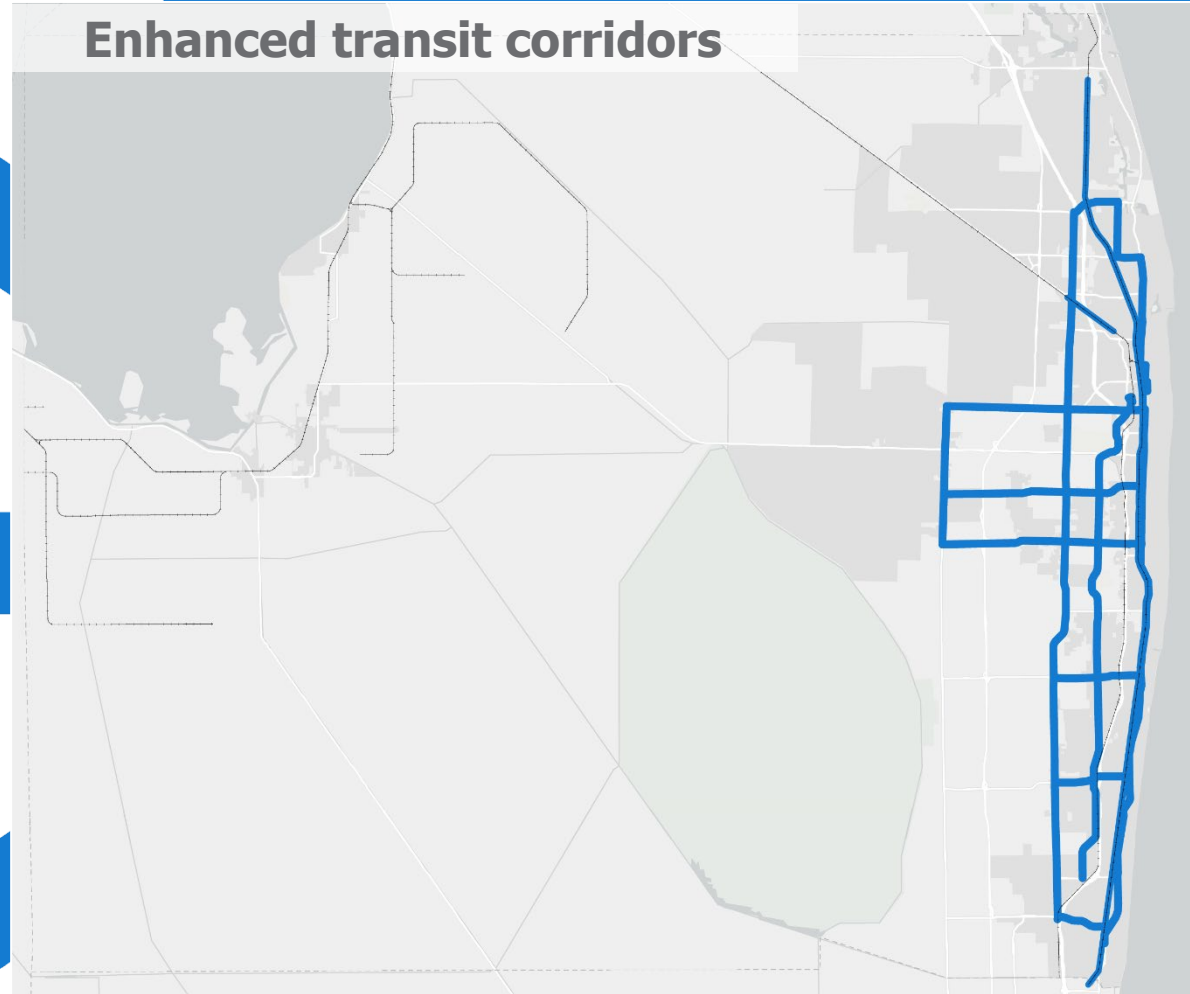


- Built-out roadway network
- Prioritizes vehicle speed
- **\$1.7 Billion** in roadway capacity for next 5 years

- **977 lives** lost in the past 5 years
- Growing congestion

Future...

Enhanced transit corridors



Okeechobee Blvd in 2035? 2050?



- Invest in moving people/goods differently
- Prioritize safety & convenience for everyone

- Transportation & land use connection
- Tradeoffs

Regional Transportation System

One Connected Region

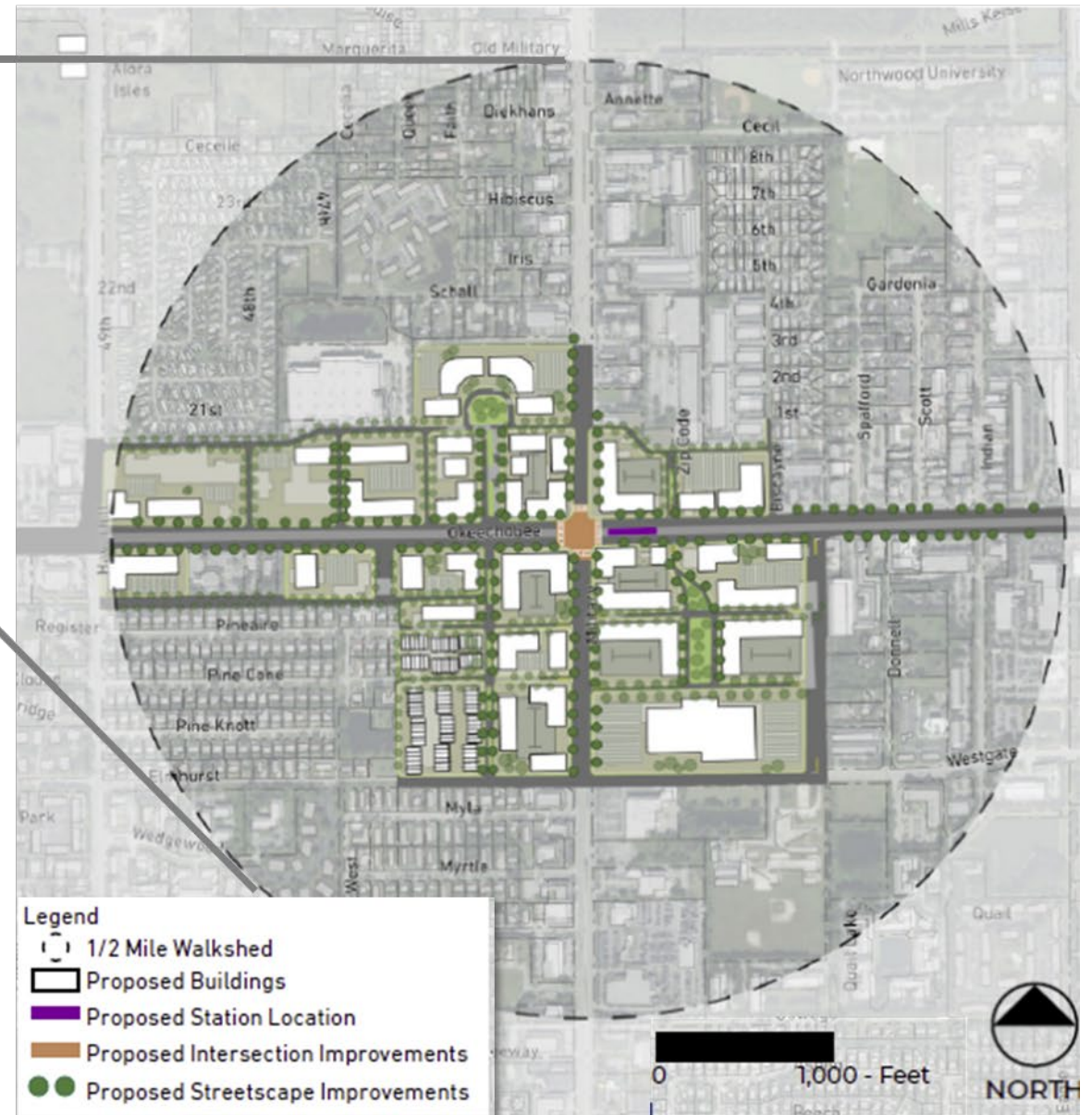
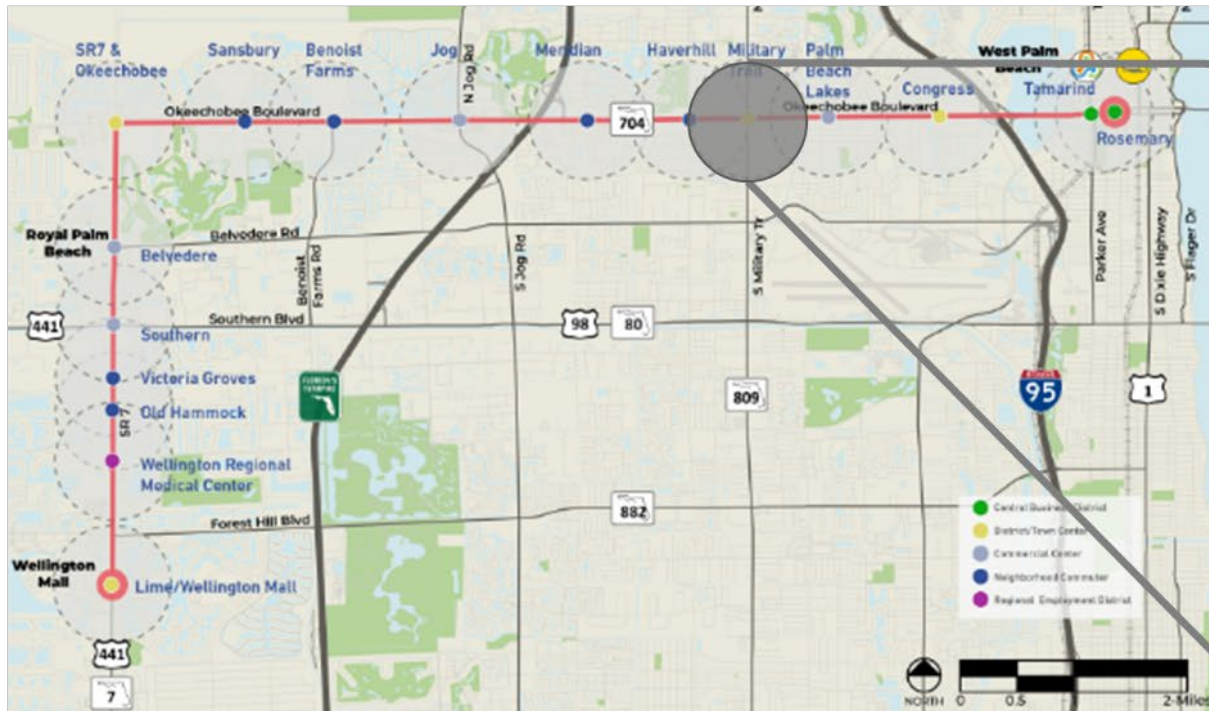
Palm Beach - 561 Plan

Broward – Vision 2100

Miami-Dade – SMART Plan



Station Area Planning – Military Trail



1,100 Potential New Homes



13,200 Potential New Jobs



76 New Affordable Units
(based on AMI assumptions)



\$647 million Additional ad valorem





Military Trail Station Area



Lake Worth Rd. rendering



VISION 2050



LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Safe



Efficient

Connected



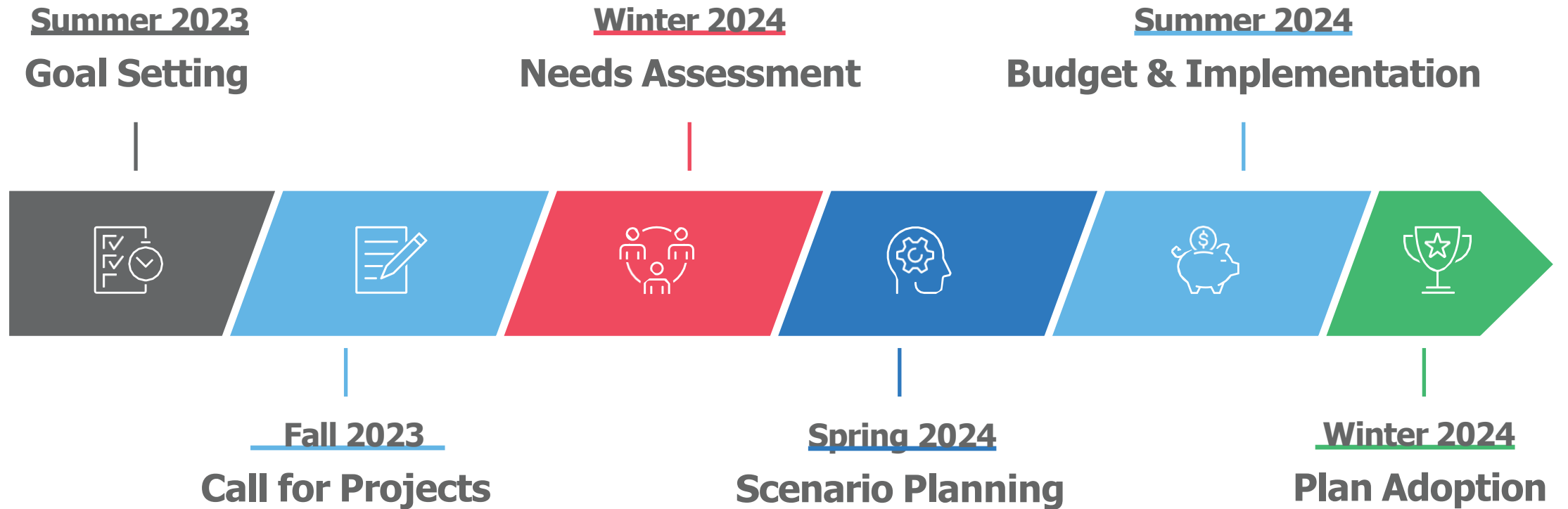
Multimodal

Resilient



LRTP
Goals

The Timeline



2050 LRTP



Sign up to learn more at:
PalmBeachTPA.org/LRTP

Get Involved

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Sign up for updates

02

Engage with us:

- LRTP Workshops
- Transportation Survey
- Comment Map

03

Talk to your local leaders
about transportation needs

Learn More & Get Involved

Resources:

PalmBeachTPA.org/Resources

Interactive Map:

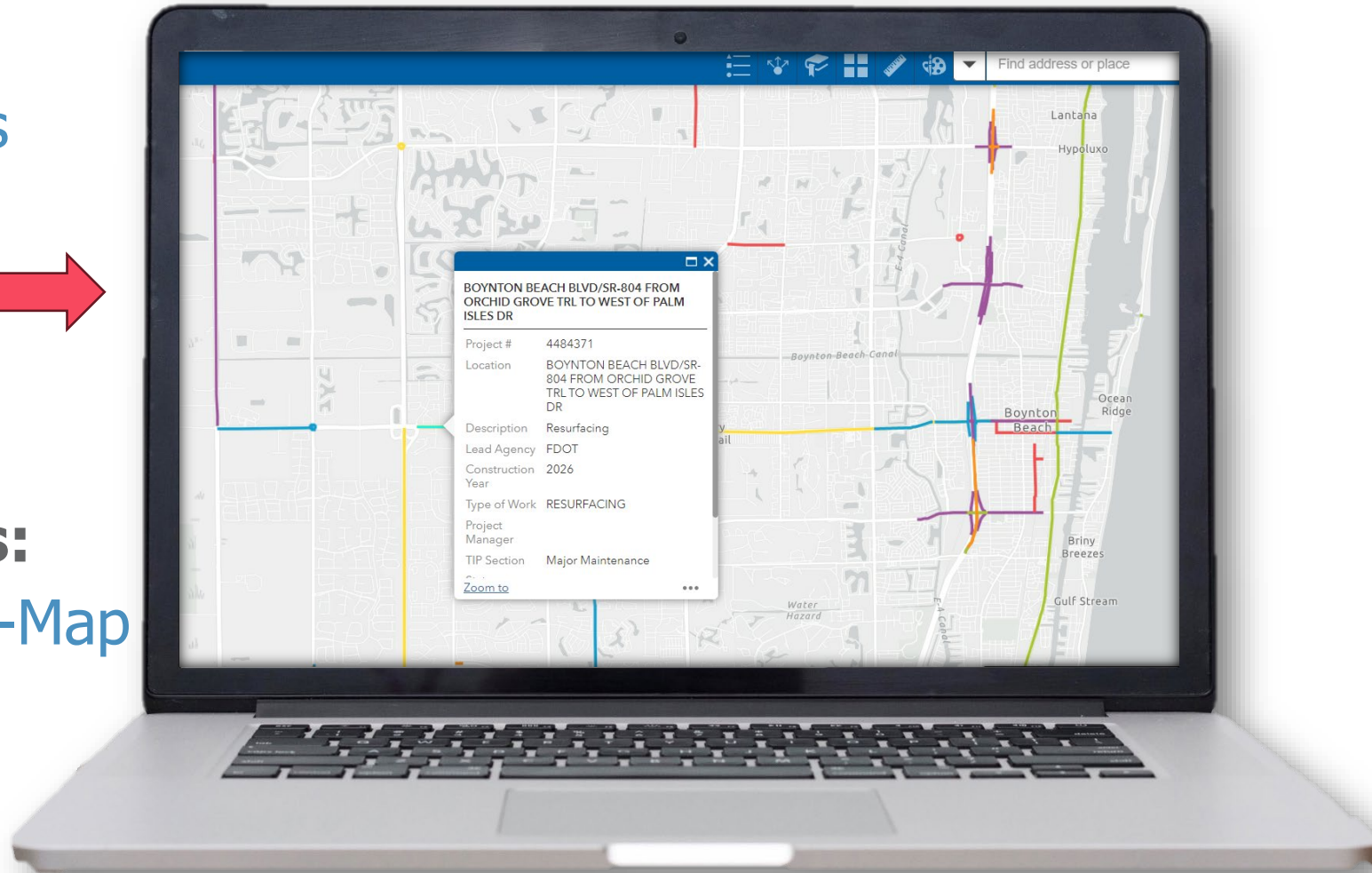
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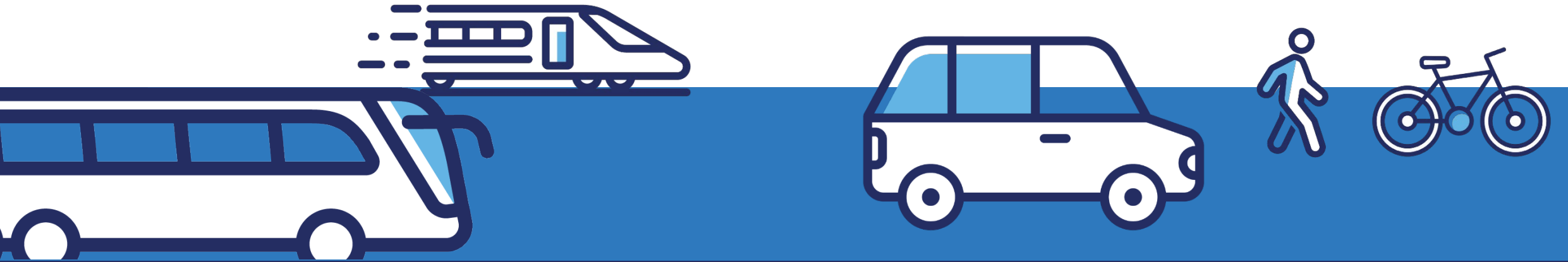
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Property Insurance Crisis and Possible Solutions



**The Honorable Hillary
Cassel**

Florida State
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District



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Chief Legal Officer,
Florida Peninsula
Insurance Company



Paul Handerhan

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Mel E. Montagne

CPCU, ARM, CRIS;
President, Fair
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**The Honorable
Congressman Jared
Moskowitz**

U.S. House of
Representatives, 23rd
District of Florida

Tri-Rail Update and Future Plans

David Dech

Executive Director, South Florida
Regional Transportation Authority





Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and South Florida Regional Planning Council Joint Meeting

March 15, 2024

David W. Dech
Executive Director



South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA)

- SFRTA provides track, signal and crossing maintenance on the 73.5-mile SFRC and an additional 8 miles of freight service spur tracks.
- SFRTA dispatches Tri-Rail, Amtrak and CSXT freight trains that operate on SFRC.
- Two agencies in one:
 1. Public transit provider
 2. Railroad operator
- Contractors:
 - Herzog (HTSI) – Rail Operations and Maintenance of Equipment (conductors, engineers, mechanics); Station and Facility Maintenance
 - Transdev Rail – Maintenance of Way (MOW)
 - Allied Universal – Fare Inspection/Security
 - APTIM – Environmental and wastewater treatment plant operations
 - Prokel Mobility – Fort Lauderdale Airport and emergency shuttle bus service



Ridership

- Tri-Rail ended the fiscal year 2023 ridership with a total of 3,735,430 passengers and the calendar year just short of 4 million by 22K
- Ridership increased 23% from FY 2022 to FY 2023
- Currently averaging over 15,000 weekday and 7,000 weekend passengers
- First/Last Mile service activity with Uber and taxis partnership has doubled since last year

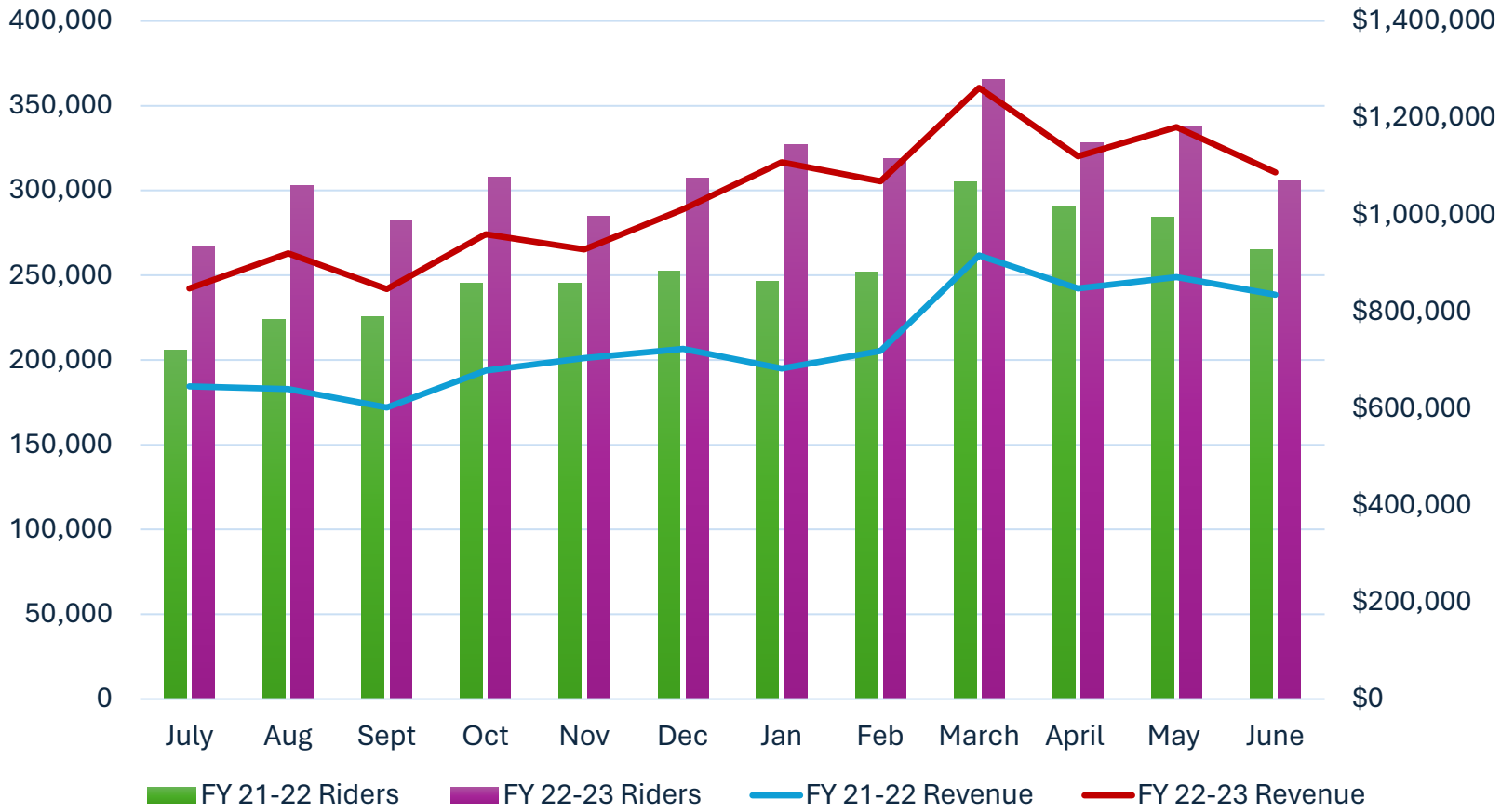


Acceptable Standards

- Fare enforcement helping curb fare evasion
- Provide a service safe enough for kids to travel
- Working with law enforcement on humane removal of campsites
- Ambassadors of safety enforcement and education
- Helping create a culture of elevated expectations and greater customer experience



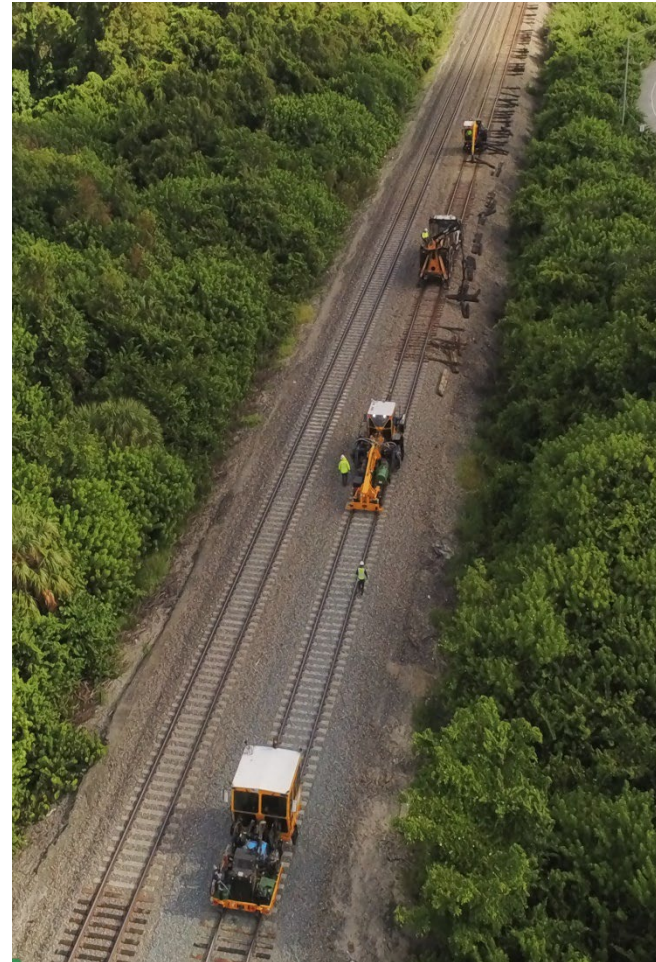
Ridership and Revenue



	Ridership	Revenue
FY 21-22	3,041,208	\$8,862,905
FY 22-23	3,735,897	\$12,340,940
Increase	+22.8%	+39.2%

Corridor Improvements

- Replaced 2 miles of track and 26,911 rail ties
- Completed surfacing for 73
- Remediated 2,449 tons of fouled ballast and removed 1237.75 tons of trash from 269 locations
- 144,575 feet of vegetation removed
- 10 camps removed from the ROW
- 60 locations cleaned of graffiti



Road Crossing Improvements

Codadad Pedestrian Crossing

Before:



After:



10 crossing rehabilitations completed in past year, 14 planned for the upcoming year

Rail Yard Improvements

INSIDE TRACK BEFORE



Rail Yard Improvements

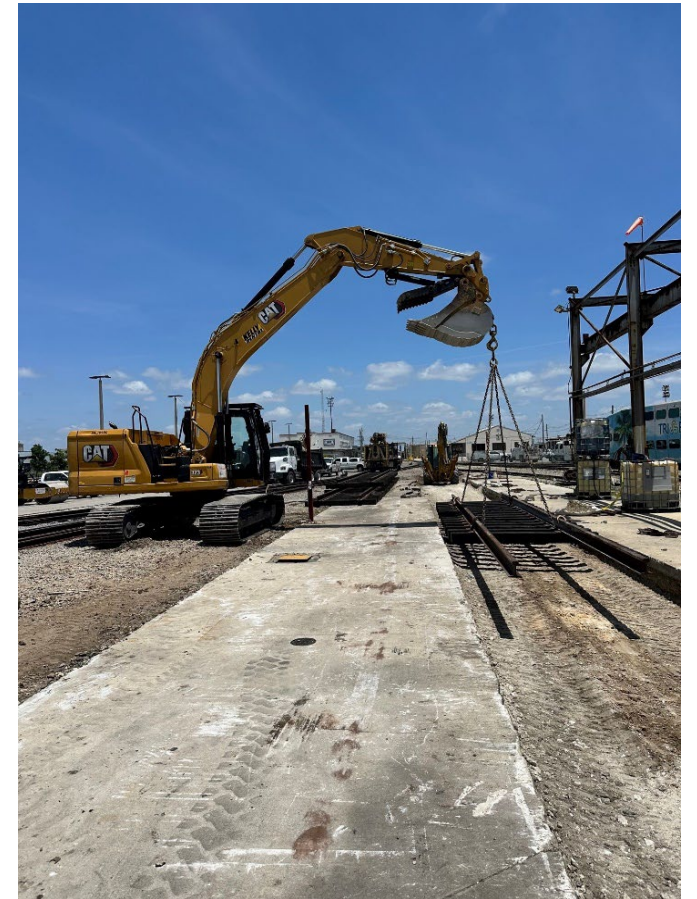
INSIDE TRACK AFTER



Southward view of the Pit associated with Tri Rails Zero Track

Rail Yard Improvements

OUTSIDE TRACK BEFORE



Rail Yard Improvements

OUTSIDE TRACK AFTER



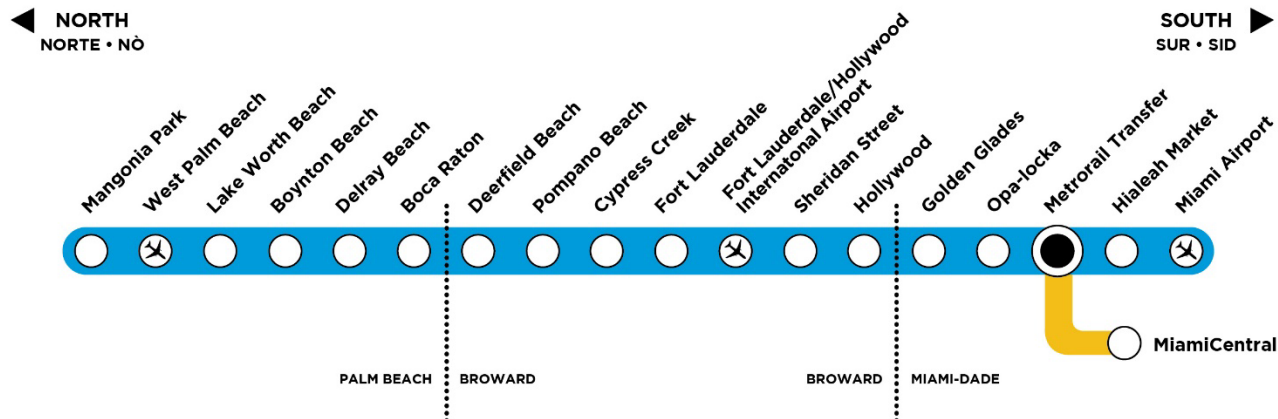
Equipment Improvements

- Remove and repair seats on levels requiring new flooring
- Rehabilitate rest room units
- Replaced over 700 windows
- Replaced 16 air conditioning units on train equipment
- Overhauling 12 locomotives with new engines
- Received \$71.7 million grant from FTA
 - Helps accumulate over \$200 million investment in rolling stock.
 - Funds will help replace approximately 32-percent of the rail fleet
 - Begun process to look for opportunities to lease or purchase surplus equipment from other entities national partners



Refreshing Brand

- New service linking Florida East Coast (FEC) and South Florida Rail Corridor expanding Tri-Rail service into Downtown Miami.
- Refreshing train brand as system embarks on new era



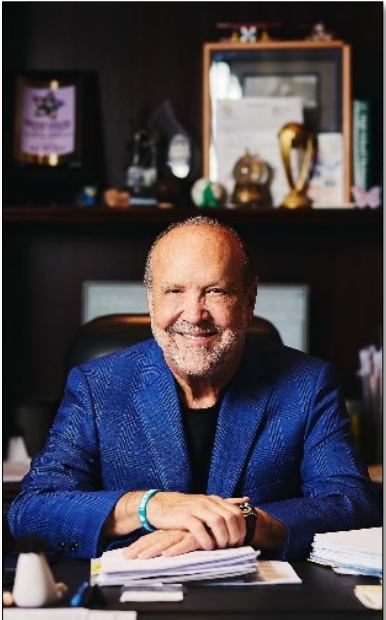
Thank You



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2024 Florida Legislative Session Update



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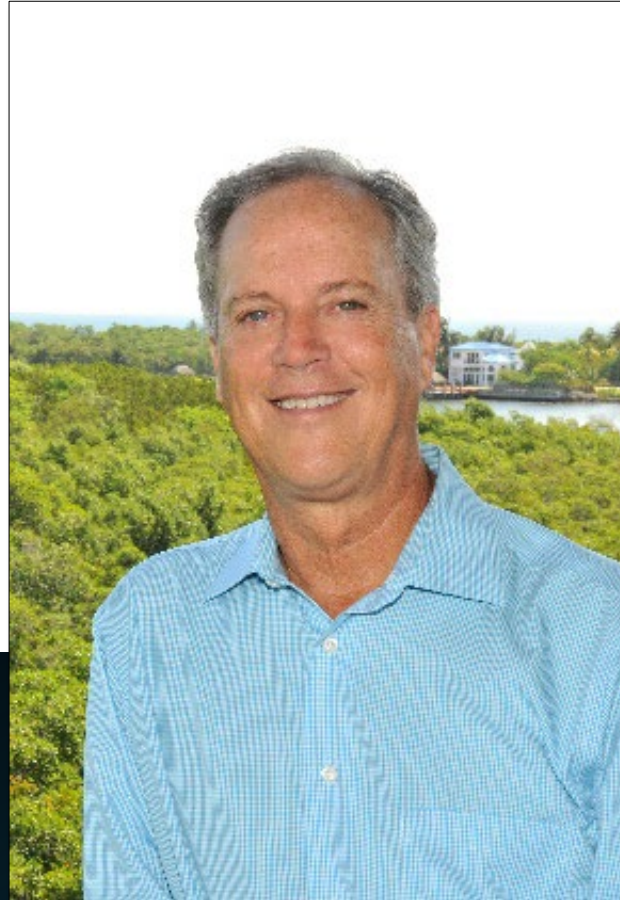
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Florida's Coral Reef Update

The Honorable Beam Furr,
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Co-Chairs, SFRPC / TCRPC
Florida's Coral Reef Work Group



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