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## Florida Public Transportation Association (FPTA) Recognizes Outstanding Work by Palm Tran

Palm Tran's publications and bus signage took center stage for a moment at the 2021 Florida Public Transportation Association Annual Conference in Daytona Beach. The agency's Public Relations Section won two trophies during the presentation of the marketing awards. Both awards are an outstanding achievement as they come in the Class 1 division, which is comprised of the state's largest transit agencies.

The first place award in the category of Exterior Signage went to Palm Tran for its Frontline Faces Taking You Places bus design. The 40-foot bus that debuted in October 2020 featured photos of essential employees and brought hope to the streets of Palm Beach County with the tagline "Our Heroes Transporting Yours."



Another first place honor was given for the Palm Tran Annual Report, a published book that provides an overview of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic and efforts made to sustain ridership despite changing community dynamics.

"The pandemic altered the way we reach out to our riders and so much of our messaging also needed to switch focus, so it's very humbling to receive these awards," said Marketing Manager Farron Hipp.

A third place certificate was also given to Palm Tran for its public service announcement that educated riders about enhanced cleaning efforts during the pandemic.

"I am very proud of the work our team has done to earn these awards in the midst of such challenging times," said Interim Director of Support Services Joe Harrington. "Everything that received an award reiterated our mission to provide access to opportunity to everyone; safely, efficiently and courteously."

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## BCC Briefs

At the November 2, 2021, Board of County Commissioners meeting, the board took the following action:

**COVID-19 Update** – received presentation from Dr. Alina Alonso, Palm Beach County Health Department. COVID-19 Delta variant now makes up more than 99.9% of new cases. The county's daily positivity rate is at 3%; however, the community transmission risk level is still significant, and 65.4% of the population is fully vaccinated. Members of the public are still encouraged to be vaccinated. Monoclonal Antibody Therapy is available at the Westgate Park & Recreation Center for individuals who test positive for COVID-19. More information can be found at [www.pbchd.com](http://www.pbchd.com) or at [www.hcdpbc.org](http://www.hcdpbc.org).

The Board authorized the county administrator to repeal the mask policy for members of the public entering county owned and leased property when Palm Beach County has entered a moderate transmission risk level (10-49.99 new cases per 100,000 persons) and the county's daily positivity rate has remained below 5% for a minimum of two weeks.

**Administration** – staff received direction regarding the selection and use of Redistricting Map 8 as a base map with changes as directed by the board. BCC will consider revised Map 8 at the November 23 BCC workshop for the new commission district boundaries, based on the 2020 Census data.

Adopted, by a vote of 6-0, the proposed [2022 State Legislative Agenda](#).

**Airports** – approved an amendment to the construction manager at risk contract with Turner Construction Company for airport improvements in the amount of \$5,514,105.

Approved a budget transfer of \$2,900,000 in the airport's improvement and development fund.

Approved the renewal of a one-year contract for Airfield Lighting Systems, ADB Safegate Americas LLC, OEM Parts with Allen Enterprises Inc. not to exceed amount of \$470,000.

**Engineering & Public Works** – approved a preliminary reading and permission to advertise for a public hearing on Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021 at 9:30 am. regarding the five-year road plan.

Adopted, by a vote of 6-0, 45 resolutions to initiate eminent domain proceedings necessary for the construction of roadway improvements on Royal Palm Beach Blvd. to south of Orange Blvd.

**Housing and Economic Development** – authorized the issuance of one or more series of revenue bonds by the Arizona Industrial Development Authority, not to exceed \$17,000,000, to finance and refinance a project on behalf of Palm Beach School for Autism Inc. and its related limited liability company.