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**PALM BEACH COUNTY COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT 5**



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The light at the end of the tunnel; we've turned the corner; it's a new day. These are all expressions we're using to signal the end of the COVID-19 pandemic and the beginning of a return to normalcy.

We should congratulate ourselves. We followed the rules of washing our hands, social distancing and wearing masks. It was never easy nor comfortable. Just ask our kids, our teenagers and our seniors. We all suffered through isolation, separation and even death. But we did it!

Now let's never forget Palm Beach County, that we **DID IT TOGETHER.**

~Commissioner Maria Sachs

MASK UPDATE



MEMORANDUM

To: All Employees, Visitors and Interested Parties
From: Verdenia C. Baker, County Administrator
Date: May 17, 2021

Fully Vaccinated Can Go Maskless in County Buildings

Based on the most recent recommendations of the CDC, all fully vaccinated individuals are not required to wear a mask inside County buildings.

County Property includes all County-owned and County-leased buildings where Palm Beach County's offices, divisions, and departments conduct business.

Masks will continue to be worn on all public transit (buses, planes and trains) transportation hubs in accordance with federal policy and all other exemptions per the CDC.

To view the entire memo from our County Administrator:

[Updated Policy on the Use of Facial Coverings](#)



BOARD BRIEFS



May 25, 2021

Board of County Commissioners Workshop

The BCC received an update on FEMA's Proposed Flood Zones Map for Palm Beach County. We as local elected officials have an obligation to protect homes and properties from the devastation of flooding. South Florida is now ground zero with unprecedented sea level rises due to the impact of Climate Change. It is important to address these changes at the beginning of hurricane season so we are accurate on the designation of flood zone areas throughout the County. We want to accurately ensure properties are protected from potential flooding.





**PALM BEACH
Transportation
Planning Agency**

**Member, Transportation Planning
Agency
May 20th Board Meeting**

At the May 20th TPA meeting, we learned that pedestrian/bike crashes make up a disproportionate percentage of total traffic-related fatalities in Palm Beach County, coming in at 27 percent.

Did you know? - the TPA offers an interactive map where you can look up Pedestrian Facilities, Bicycle Facilities, Palm Tran Bus Stops, Crosswalks and so much more. You can find the TPA Interactive Map by clicking here: www.palmbeachTPA.org/map

The point layer for all fatal and serious injury crashes is available on the map. For example, you can click on "All Fatal & Serious Injury Crashes" on the left side list of layers and then zoom in on a particular area to make the layer active. You can sort the search even further, such as "Commission Districts" and then zoom into District 5 on the map.



Now that people are returning to work, school and play, our roadways are becoming more congested. Many of our major transportation corridors are under the jurisdiction of the Florida Department of Transportation. There will be an important workshop focused on the Atlantic Blvd. Corridor. I urge your participation.

Don't miss it. -Maria Sachs

Florida Department of Transportation Seeks Input



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - DISTRICT FOUR INVITES YOU TO AN ONLINE AND IN-PERSON ALTERNATIVES PUBLIC WORKSHOP

ATLANTIC AVENUE (SR 806) FROM TURNPIKE TO JOG ROAD
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY

Palm Beach County, Florida

Financial Project ID: 440575-3-22-02

Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) No.: 14423

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Four, will hold an Alternatives Public Workshop for the Atlantic Avenue (SR 806) Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study from Turnpike to Jog Road. The purpose of this workshop is to give interested persons an opportunity to comment and provide input on the alternatives developed at this point in the study. Maps, drawings, and other study information will be available for review. Comments can be submitted on the study website, via mail to Mr. Alexander Estrada, P.E., FDOT Project Manager, 3400 West Commercial Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309, or by email at alexander.estrada@dot.state.fl.us. The workshop will be held in two formats: online and in-person. Please use the information below to register for the online Alternatives Public Workshop or to attend in-person. The same information will be presented at both the online and in-person Alternatives Public Workshop so attending both is not needed. For more information, visit the study website at www.fdot.gov/projects/atlanticavepde.

STUDY OBJECTIVE

- Address capacity needs to meet existing and future travel demand (4 to 6 lanes).
- Improve the local and regional network while providing enhanced safety for vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and FDOT.

SCHEDULE AND COST

- Begin PD&E Study: February 2020
- End PD&E Study: June 2022
- Preliminary Construction Cost: \$33.9 Million

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JOIN US FOR THE ALTERNATIVES PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Online:	Monday, June 28, 2021
Time:	5:00 p.m.
Registration Link:	http://tinyurl.com/atlanticpde
In-Person:	Tuesday, June 29, 2021
Time:	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Open House
Location:	Hagen Ranch Road Branch Library 14350 Hagen Ranch Road Delray Beach, FL 33446



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Department will provide a safe transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity and preserves the quality of our environment and communities.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Mr. Alexander Estrada, P.E., Project Manager, at least seven (7) days prior to the Public Alternatives Workshop.

FDOT - Atlantic Avenue Public Meeting Notices

The crack of the bat, the crowd cheering for the hometown team, the sweet taste of hot dogs... it's Baseball Season in Palm Beach County. There is no better way to celebrate the start of summer than to catch an evening out at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium. Come join the crowd as we honor our **HOMETOWN HEROES** with a celebration to honor their achievements this past year with both entertainment and summer baseball. See you there. - *Maria Sachs*

**SURPRISE GUEST FOR
7TH INNING**



**Commissioner Maria Sachs
invites**

ENTERTAINMENT

HOMETOWN HEROES

TO A CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE FOR ALL OUR HEALTHCARE, LAW ENFORCEMENT,
FIRE FIGHTERS/EMS & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL
FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS ON THE FRONT LINES DURING THE PANDEMIC

Friday, June 4th

Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium
4751 Main St, Jupiter, FL 33458

**Gates Open at 5:30pm
First Pitch Scheduled for 6:30pm**

Includes:
Complimentary tickets*
hot dog, soda and chips!
* Limit 6 tickets per family
**Special Appearances by the
the Board of County Commissioners
and other Dignitaries**



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Board of County Commissioners**

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Maria Sachs, Melissa McKinlay, Mack Bernard



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MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED AT WEST BOCA VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

The Tradition Continues



On Monday, May 31st, Commissioner Maria Sachs joined with The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10556, elected officials, constituents and *friends* to honor the men and women who died while serving in our armed forces.

"Though I have attended this event many times over the years, several decades in fact, this was a special day. Gathering with the community to observe this solemn occasion for the first time post-Covid, and speaking as your local representative, it gave me pause to count my blessings even more on this day of remembrance for those who gave everything in the name of freedom for our great nation", said

Commissioner Sachs.

This annual ceremony featured a procession of colors, guest speakers and patriotic music. It was sponsored by Palm Beach County, coordinated jointly by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department.



***Vice-Mayor Robert Weinroth,
Commissioner Maria Sachs,
Commander Barry Goldin and State
Senator Tina Polsky***



Now through June 6: Disaster Preparedness Tax Holiday

Sales tax exemption is on supplies for hurricanes season, such as reusable ice packs, flashlights, batteries, tarps, and portable generators.

MEET COMMISSIONER SACHS' INTERNS



***From Left to Right:
Silvana Gaona, County Administrator Verdenia Baker,
Commissioner Maria Sachs and Carley Hartmann.***

Silvana Gaona was born in Bogota, Colombia and raised in Boca Raton. Silvana graduated high school from Olympic Heights High School and further continued her education at Nova Southeastern University graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies. Silvana was on the University's women's soccer team for three years. In her free time she loves to stay active.

"It is an honor to be interning for Commissioner Sachs and seeing first hand how she puts her constituents interests first. I am learning a lot of what local politics is like," said Silvana.

Silvana's future plans include further continuing her career by going to law school and possibly pursuing a career in politics.

Carley Hartmann is from Boca Raton and attended Boca Raton Middle School and Boca Raton High School, and went on to continue her education at Florida Atlantic University. Carley recently graduated from FAU in the spring class of 2021 with a Bachelor of Science in Public Management.

"I am so grateful for the opportunity to work under Commissioner Sachs, being able to see how different facets of local government function," said Carley.

Growing up in Palm Beach County, she has a love for our beaches and waterways and often enjoys them in her free time.

Carley would like to serve the community she grew up in as it continues to grow and plans to work for the county in planning, zoning and building.

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