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PALM BEACH COUNTY COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT 5



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The first taste of coffee in the morning, the first steps taken after a long illness, the first sunlight after the darkness of the night, this is what it feels like for most of us who have been isolated and are now ready to listen to the crack of the bat and cheer for the "old home team" at a summer baseball game. This is why I organized one of America's favorite pastimes to honor our hometown heroes with free tickets and a hotdog combo to thank them for their service.

Let's play ball!

~Commissioner Maria Sachs



BOARD BRIEFS



Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Wendy Link presented election updates on June 8th to the Board of County Commissioners

Palm Beach County and its Supervisor of Elections prides itself on its election integrity and accountability. Following the results of the 2020 election, Palm Beach County was one of

five counties in the State to be acknowledged by the U.S. Elections Assistance Commission for our innovation in cyber security. There have been a few changes and the addition of one new precinct in Palm Beach County. The most significant changes is to the vote by mail system.

Vote by mail drop off boxes will no longer be available 24/7 as in the past due to new staffing regulations. The vote by mail boxes will now be stored inside of early voting locations as well as supervised by two employees at all times. Additionally individuals who have requested a vote by mail ballot prior to May 6th are now only valid till November 2022. Once the election of November 2022 concludes, these individuals will have to re-register for a vote by mail ballot for the 2024 election by providing the last four digits of their Social Security number or their Florida issued ID.



Chair of the TDC, Commissioner Maria Sachs

Tourist Development Council Tax Revenue on a Record Recovery

The **TDC** has reported after the “One Year Recovery” from the pandemic, data comparison for April 2021, to “ground-zero” April 2020 and our previous record April 2019. I am pleased to report that we have a new Bed Tax collections Record for April 2021 activity. Our Bed Tax Collections for April 2021 activity collected in May of \$6.2 million dollars is the **highest for any month of April ever recorded** since reporting began.

What is a "bed tax collection"? It's a sales tax collected by the State of Florida plus any discretionary sales surtax which is applied to room rentals, occupy living quarters, housekeeping accommodations for rental periods 6 months or less.

The Fiscal Year 2021 to Date Bed Tax Collections of \$32.9 million are still (9%) lower than FY2020 and still lagging our Record FY2019 by (22%) for the same period. The good news is this April's performance, the expectations for May and a strong Summer of 2021 provide the expectations for a bullish Outlook for the rest of FY2021 in comparison to our original forecast.



This **Saturday, June 12th** from
7:30 - 8:00 am tune in to
95.9 or 106.9 radio dial as
Commissioner Maria Sachs will be
the featured guest with DJ Jay
Oliver about the most current news
here in Palm Beach County.

[Oldies 95.9 & 106.9](#)

"I want to urge all residents along or near the Atlantic Avenue corridor to participate in the public workshops that FDOT is offering the community". -Maria Sachs

Florida Department of Transportation Seeks Input

SPECIAL MEETING ALERT



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

"We came together to celebrate those who served us so heroically" - *Maria Sachs*



Commissioner Greg Weiss, Administrator Verdenia Baker, Commissioner Maria Sachs, GM Mike Bauer and Commissioner Maria Marino

I organized a summer baseball game to thank our **Hometown Heroes** throughout Palm Beach County from law enforcement, health care facilities, fire fighters/EMS and our Emergency Operations Center personnel. More than 800 heroes and their families joined us under the lights for a Friday night baseball game at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium to celebrate their achievements this past year as they served our community on the front lines of the pandemic.

As we stood for the National Anthem, threw out the first pitches and greeted our heroes, it was with great pride that we celebrated their accomplishments with ceremonial messages from the Sheriff, Fire Chiefs and Healthcare Facilities throughout Palm Beach County.

We enjoyed watching baseball with many of our Hometown Heroes and their families while cheering on the game, eating hotdogs and sharing some popcorn.



**A Special Message to our Hometown Heroes
from Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw**

A Special Message to our Hometown Heroes from Palm Beach County Fire Chief Reginald Duren

Palm Tran Pride Bus

Pride Month is about much more than the celebrations you and your family may attend. It's about much more than whether or not your beliefs allow you to support the flying of the Pride flag. The ceremonies during Pride Month bring hope, give strength, encourage perseverance and most importantly establish inclusion within our community because we are one large community and we need to work together.



[Palm Tran Website](#)

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A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maria Sachs".



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