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Port of Palm Beach Draft Strategic Master Plan Open Comment Period



“How can the Port of Palm set forth a new vision to ensure the commercial success of its tenants and to ensure greater economic and social benefits to the local region?” This is the central question posed by the Port of Palm Beach and its consultants as they worked to create the Draft Strategic Master Plan.

The Port of Palm Beach, along with its consultants Moffatt & Nichol, have developed the Draft Strategic Master Plan that will pave the way for the future of the Port. Located in Riviera Beach, Florida, the Port of Palm Beach is a full-service, diversified, landlord port, offering cruise and cargo services to more than 30 onsite tenants and users. At 165 acres, the Port's efficiency is unparalleled and is an economic engine for the Palm Beach County and surrounding region. To continue to carry out the Port's mission and operations into the future, the Port has prepared a complete update of its Strategic Master Plan. The purpose of the Plan is to:

- Evaluate future growth and economic development within the Port's current footprint and explore opportunities to expand its boundaries.
- Implement a Capital Improvement Plan.
- Support inland intermodal logistics centers.
- Create the planning envelop consistent with the 2020 PIDP GRANT.

- Upgrade Intermodal and gate components.
- Expand general, container, bulk, and ro-ro cargo goods and cruise markets post-COVID.
- Engage with adjacent communities and project stakeholders.
- Continue awareness of sensitive natural resources.
- Maximize the Port's partnership with FDOT and USDOT for additional state and federal funding.
- Comply with Florida Statutes and be consistent with the Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan, Florida Department of Transportation Plan, and other local government goals and plans.

Five main tasks have guided the objectives for the Draft Strategic Master Plan, including: economic development; infrastructure development and improvement; intermodal transportation facilities; physical, environmental, and regulatory barriers; and intergovernmental coordination. Public engagement opportunities are woven into the strategic master planning process to inform, educate, and collaborate with senior staff, stakeholders, public, and intergovernmental agencies throughout the planning process.

The project kickoff began in late fall 2021, with the entirety of 2022 focused on plan readiness. The draft plan will be available on the project website – www.planportofpalmbeach.com – for public viewing when the website relaunches on September 30, 2022. The community can learn more about the project, participate in an interactive and informative survey on the Draft plan to provide feedback on the initial master plan concepts, attend the online livestreaming portion of the hybrid public meetings, and sign-up for project email blasts. The open comment period on the draft plan will close November 13, 2022. Public meetings are scheduled for:

- October 11th from 6 PM – 8 PM, Riviera Beach Event Center
- October 12th from 11 AM – 1 PM, Port of Palm Beach

Pre-registration meeting links will be available on the website on September 30, 2022. Each public meeting session will provide the same presentation, offering several opportunities for the public to attend. The meetings will be recorded and available for viewing on the project website.

The Final Strategic Master Plan will be submitted by December 2022.

We invite you to be a part of this important conversation. Please visit our website at www.planportofpalmbeach.com to learn more and contact the Project Team with any questions or comments.

About Port of Palm Beach

Located in Riviera Beach, the Port of Palm Beach is a full-service, diversified port, offering cruise and cargo services to more than 30 onsite tenants and users. At 165 acres, the Port's efficiency is unparalleled, processing more than \$14 billion in commodities, 2.5 million tons of cargo, and 500,000 cruise passengers annually. As one of the largest employers in Palm Beach County, the Port of Palm Beach and its tenants employ more than 3,500 people. Through the contribution of more than \$185 million in business revenue and \$17.5 million in tenant-

contributed state and local annual tax revenue, the Port of Palm Beach is a large economic engine in South Florida. For more information, visit www.portofpalmbeach.com.