

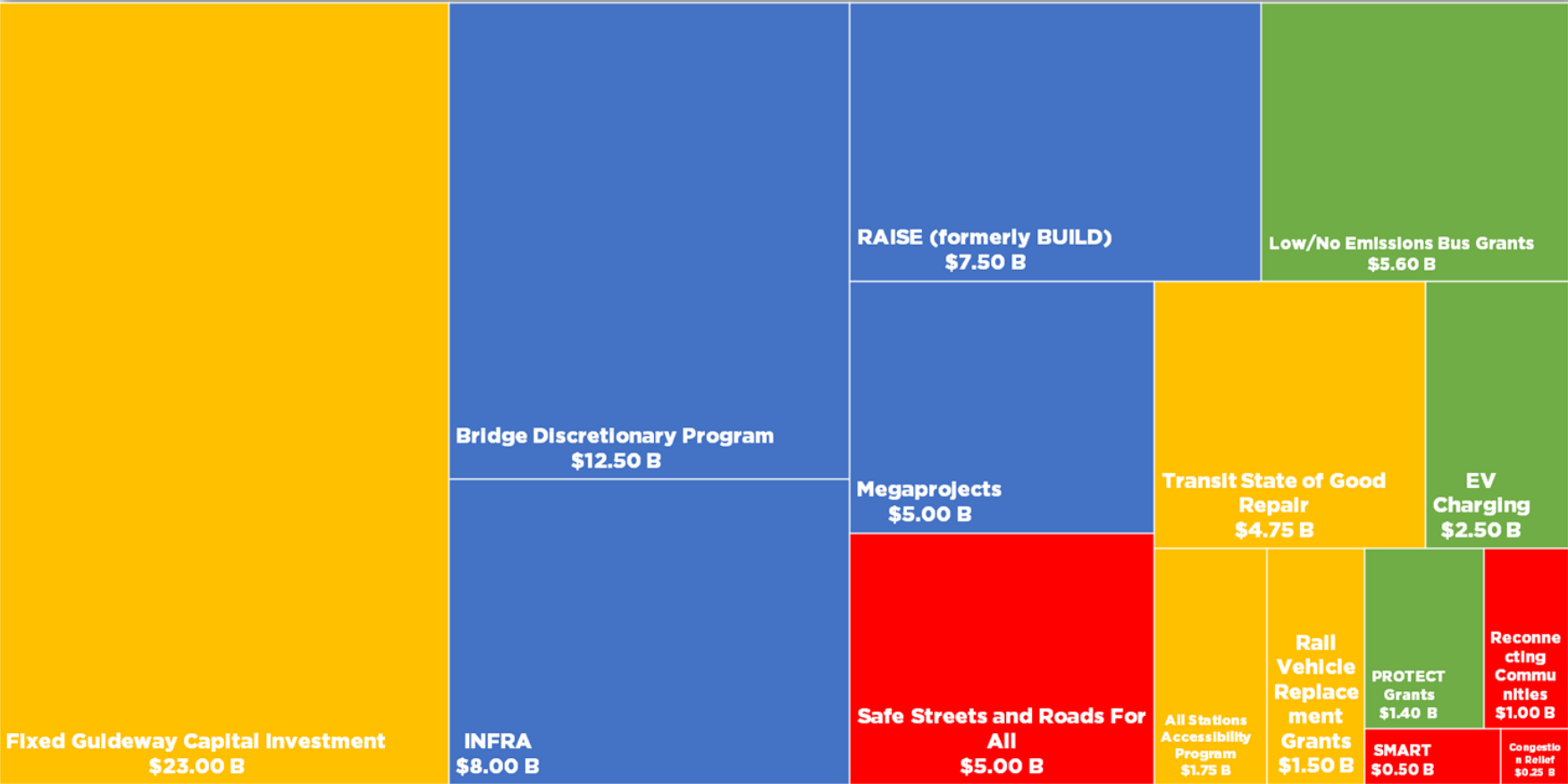
Securing Federal Grants

**Broward MPO Board Engagement Forum
January 13th, 2022**

What's Available?

- Federal Grants
 - RAISE (formerly BUILD), INFRA, CRISI, and more
- MPO Competitive Programs
 - Complete Streets and other Localized Initiatives Program (CSLIP)
 - Planning and Technical Assistance Program (PTAP)
- Though today's focus is Federal grants, much of the same data is used for CSLIP/PTAP application processes.

Grant Programs by funding amount (billions \$) Invest in Infrastructure and Jobs Act (IIJA) 2021



- Transit
- Largescale Infrastructure
- Safety and Mobility
- Climate and Resiliency

Goals First Planning

- MPO encourages our member governments to first consider their municipality's long-term goals when considering grant applications.



Aligning Projects with Grant Program Criteria



- Does it align with the criteria of the grant?
- Do the public benefits exceed the costs?
- Is there strong support (public and private)?
- Are there adequate matching funds (Federal and non-federal)?
- Is there time and resources to apply?

Aligning Projects with Grant Program Criteria

Necessary Documentation:

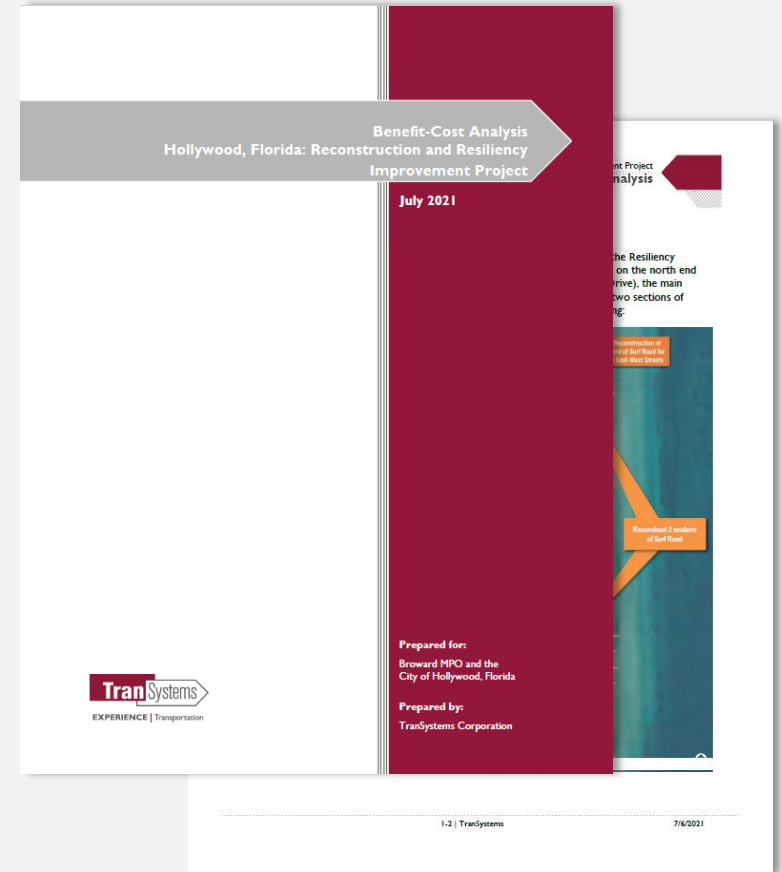
- Environmental risk approvals
- A project schedule
- Quantifiable benefits
- Support from variety of local and regional stakeholders



If awarded, does your team have the capacity to manage and execute the delivery of a Federally funded project?

Components of a Grant Application

- Narrative: Can you tell a good story about this project?
- Data: Can you back that story up?
- Benefit/Cost Analysis
 - Quantifying the benefits this project will bring, in dollars
 - Compare them to the cost of the project
 - What is a “good ratio”?



Time to Apply...

- Give your team time before the deadline to submit your application-- things go wrong!
- Gather all required documents
- Many Federal trainings available
- *More on the application process from Transystems later.*



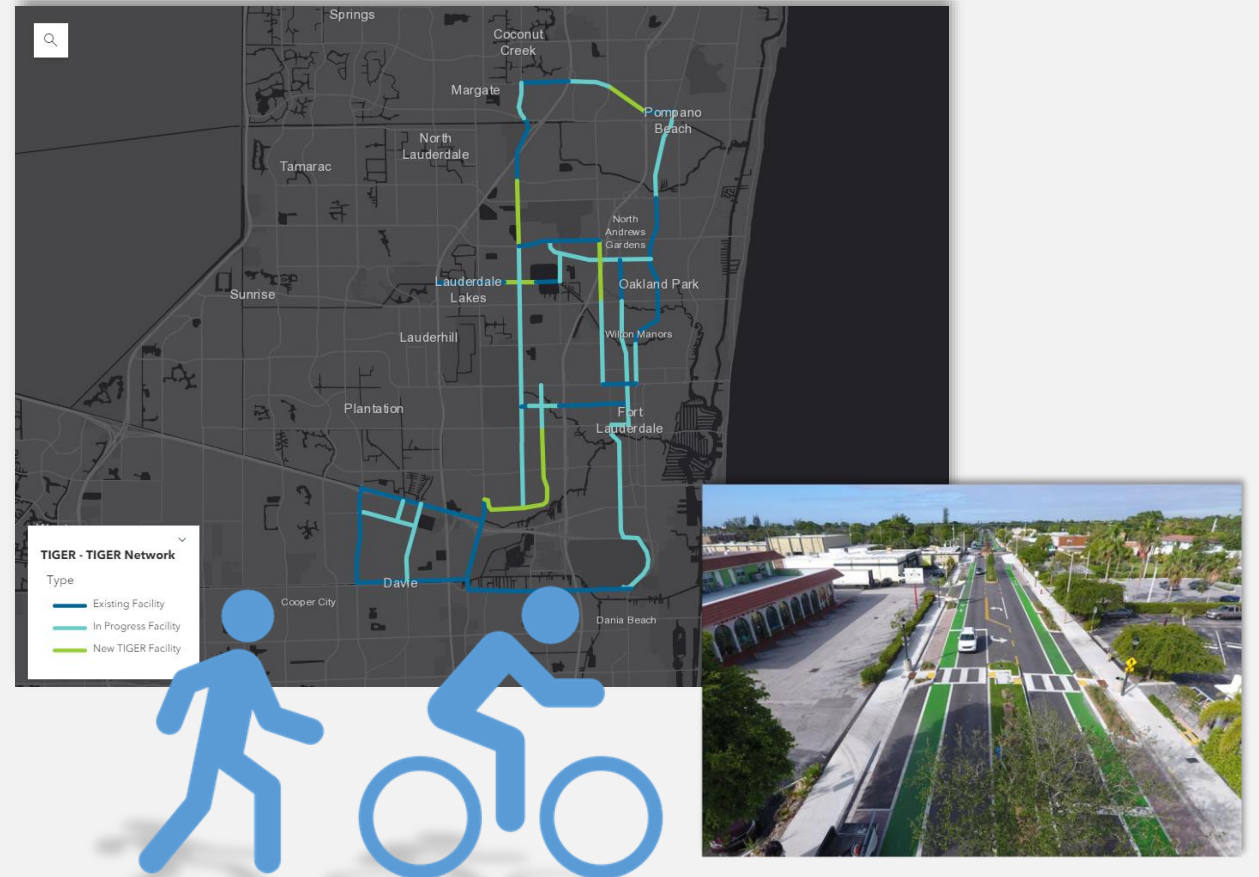
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Promoting your application

- Engage Broward Congressional Delegation and US Senators
 - Brief your representatives, get them excited about the project
- Educate congressional staff and let them promote project in DC
- Engage USDOT and FDOT staff
- Secure Federal level letters of support
- Social media campaign coordinated with stakeholders

The Broward MPO's Roles

- Develop long range planning documents
 - Federally approved
 - Locally vetted
 - Cost estimates
- Facilitation
 - State, county, & local agencies
- Avoiding Conflict



Partner Agencies' Responsibilities

- Matching funds (non-Federal)
- Staff resources
- Provide and gather data
 - Socioeconomic Data
 - Project costs
 - ROI backup
- Outreach to residents and constituents
- Letters of support



Important Takeaways

- Only one RAISE grant application will be considered per region.
- Collaboration between all regional partners is a necessary component to success.
- Careful consideration should be made among all parties to put the best projects forward for competitive federal funding.



MPO Adopted Projects and Inclusion of Local Projects for Discretionary Grants

BROWARD MPO CORE PRODUCTS



MPO ADOPTED PROJECTS



- 25-Year Cost Feasible Long-Range Plan
- Includes 6 funding programs
- Specifies regionally significant projects

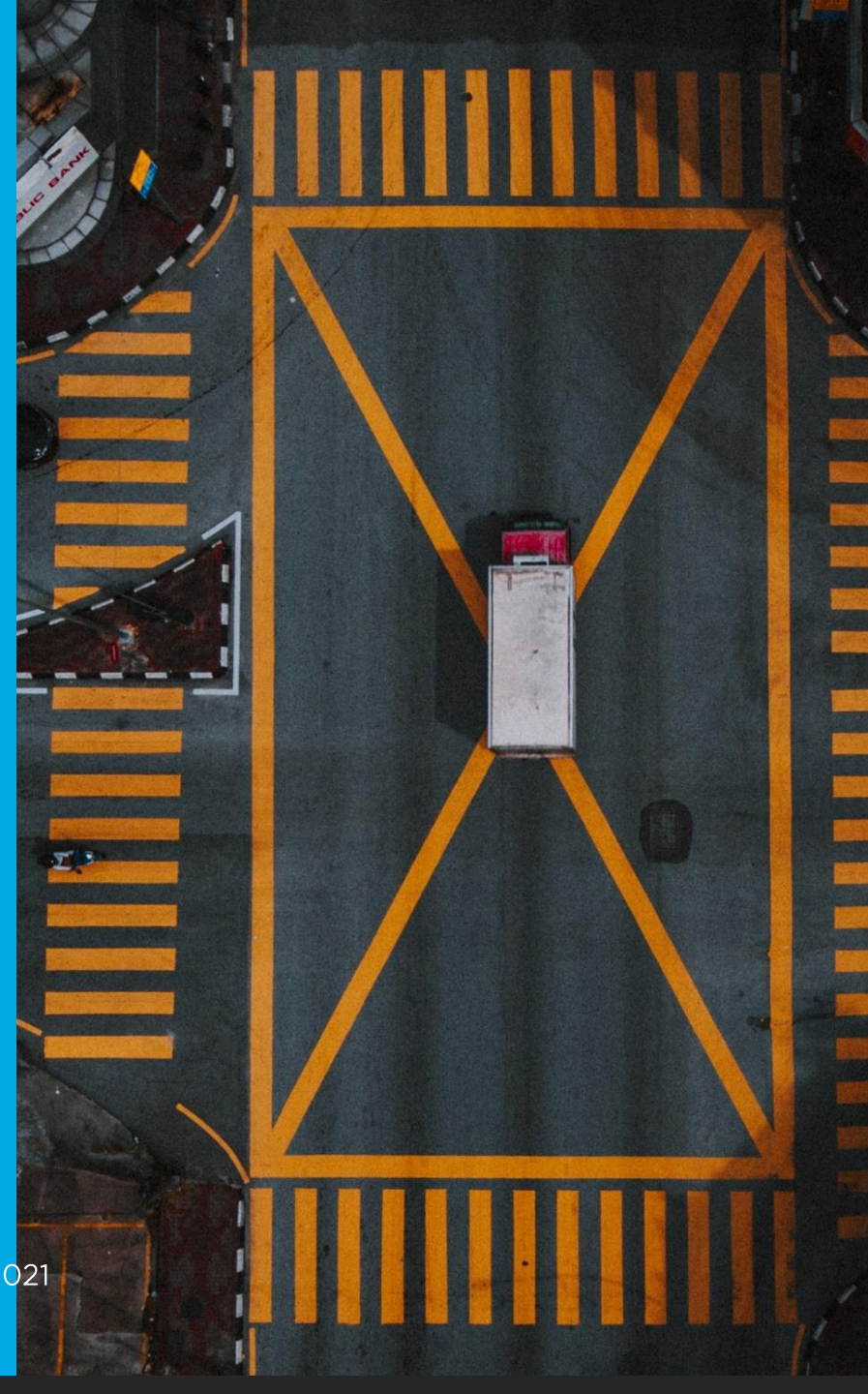


- 5-Year Fiscally Constrained Program
- Subset of MTP Projects
- Can include non-regionally significant local projects

WHY SELECT PROJECTS FROM MPO ADOPTED PLANS?

- All projects seeking federal funding must be included in an adopted MPO Plan
- Avoids lengthy plan amendment process
- Meets federal requirements
 - ✓ Planning Consistency
 - ✓ Vetted Projects
 - ✓ MPO Board Approval
 - ✓ Partner Collaboration
- Ensures projects are ready to respond to short grant application periods

Inclusion of Local Projects for Discretionary Grants



MTP AMENDMENT OVERVIEW

- **23 CFR § 450.104**

“Amendment means a revision to a long-range statewide or metropolitan transportation plan, TIP, or STIP that involves a major change to a project included in a metropolitan transportation plan, TIP, or STIP, including the addition or deletion of a project or a major change in project cost, project/project phase initiation dates, or a major change in design concept or design scope (e.g., changing project termini or the number of through traffic lanes or changing the number of stations in the case of fixed guideway transit projects)...An amendment is a revision that requires public review and comment and a redemonstration of fiscal constraint.”

ANNUAL MTP AMENDMENT PROCESS REQUIRED ITEMS

- Meeting with MPO staff is required prior to submitting amendment request
- Formal written request for MTP Amendment (Due Nov. 10)
- Proposed amendment should demonstrate project meets **program ready criteria**
- Financial Feasibility and MTP Project Prioritization (MPO Led)



Scope of Work



Cost Estimate



Partner
Collaboration



Resolution

MTP AMENDMENT REQUEST PROCESS

- 1. Staff level coordination meeting with MPO/Project Sponsor and project presentation to the MPO Board**
- 2. Project Sponsor must identify funding amount and type (local, state, federal discretionary, etc.) in adopted local budget**
- 3. Project Sponsor submits MTP Amendment request for project(s) to MPO by November 10**
- 4. MPO Staff evaluates amendment request based on internal, federal, and state guidance to determine eligibility**

Questions?

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