

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Workshop Overview - Bryan Caletka, Director of Transportation Policy & Paul Calvaresi, Intergovernmental Manager
2. MPO Adopted Projects & Inclusion of Local Projects for Discretionary Grants - Peter Gies, Strategic Planning Manager
3. Project Selection & Application - Robert Mariner, TranSystems
4. Promoting Your Grant Application - Lauri Hettinger, Holland & Knight
5. Wrap Up & Final Thoughts - Paul Calvaresi, Intergovernmental Manager

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**Attachments**

Welcome and Workshop Overview

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# Funding Our Future: Federal Grants from A to Z

Broward MPO Workshop  
November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021



# Bryan Caletka

Director of Transportation Policy, Broward MPO

## Welcome and Overview

• Bryan Caletka & Paul Calvaresi, Broward MPO



## MPO Adopted Projects and Inclusion of Local Projects for Discretionary Grants

• Peter Gies, Systems Planning Manager



## Project Selection and Application

• Transystems

Holland & Knight

## Promoting Your Grant Application

• Holland & Knight

## Wrap Up and Discussion

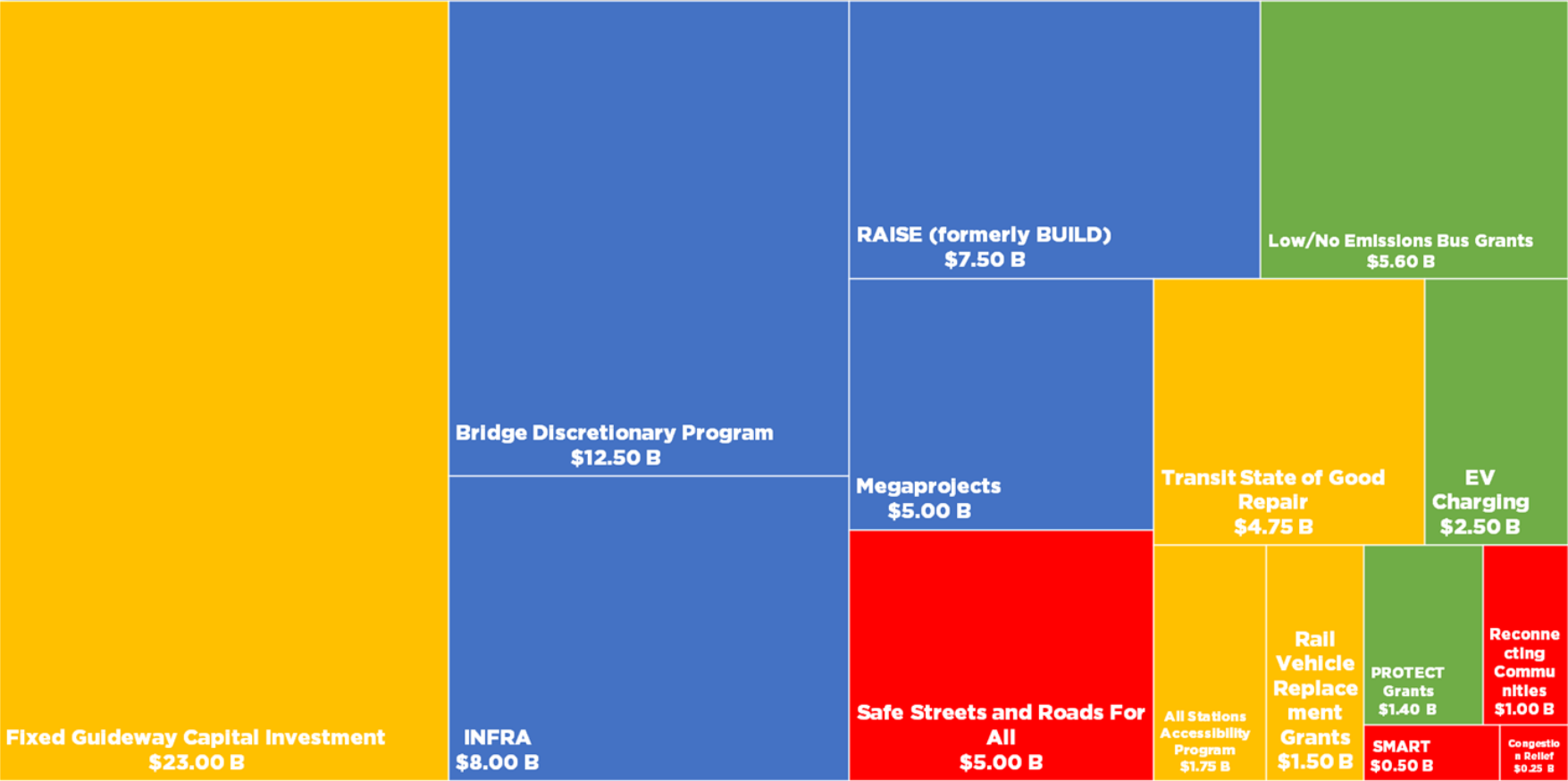
# Overview

Paul Calvaresi, Intergovernmental Manager

# 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:

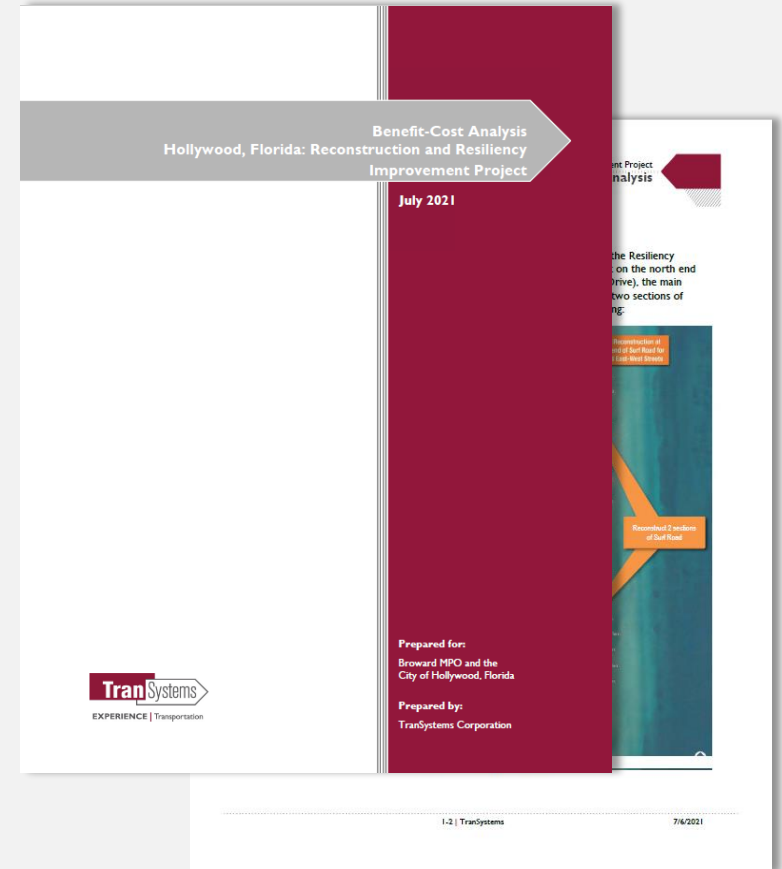
- Environmental risk approvals
- A project schedule
- Quantifiable benefits
- Support from variety of local and regional stakeholders



**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.*



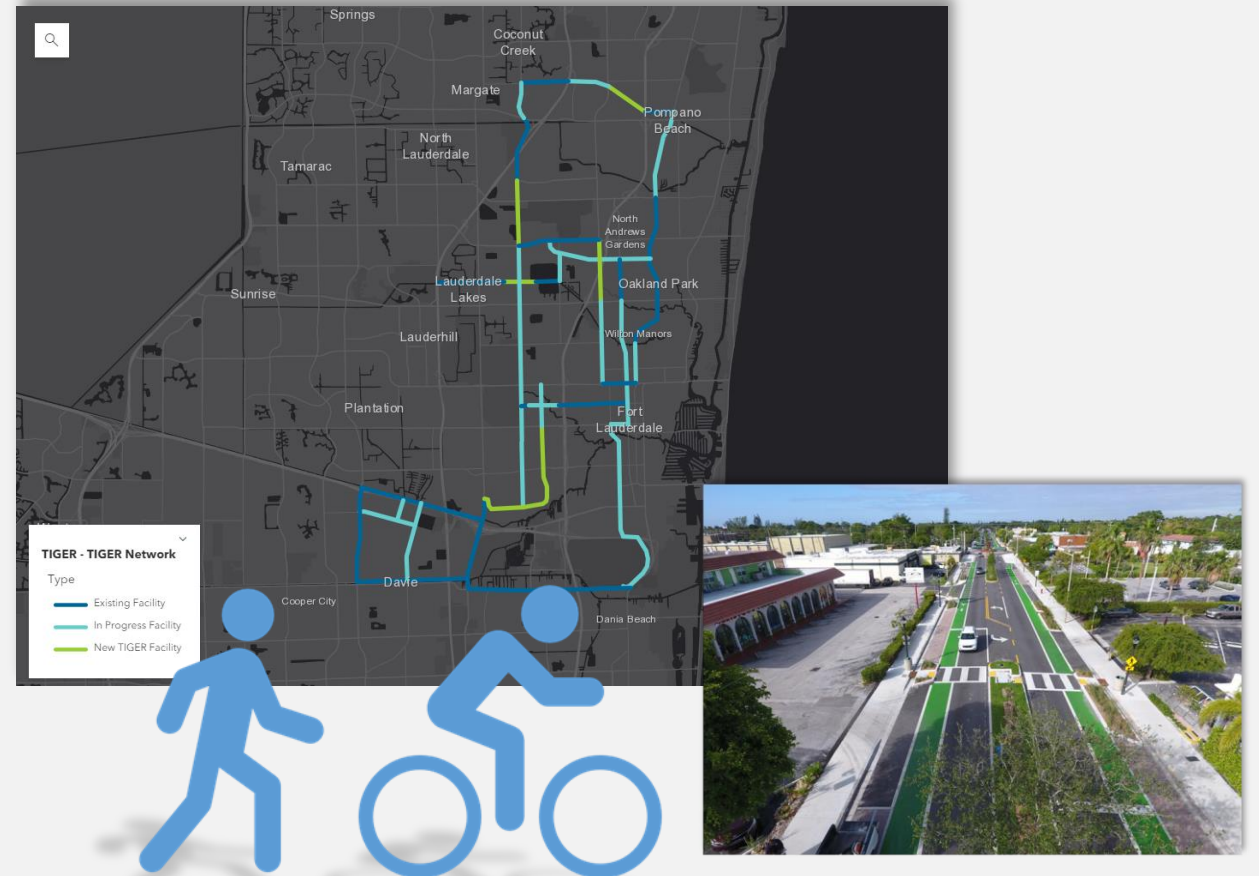
# Time to Apply...

## 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
- *More on promotion from Holland & Knight later.*

# 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

- Staff resources
- Provide and gather data
  - Socioeconomic Data
  - Project costs
  - ROI backup
- Outreach to residents and constituents
- Letters of support



# Questions?

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# Member Governments Capabilities Survey

*Look for a survey in your inbox later today*

# Open Discussion Period

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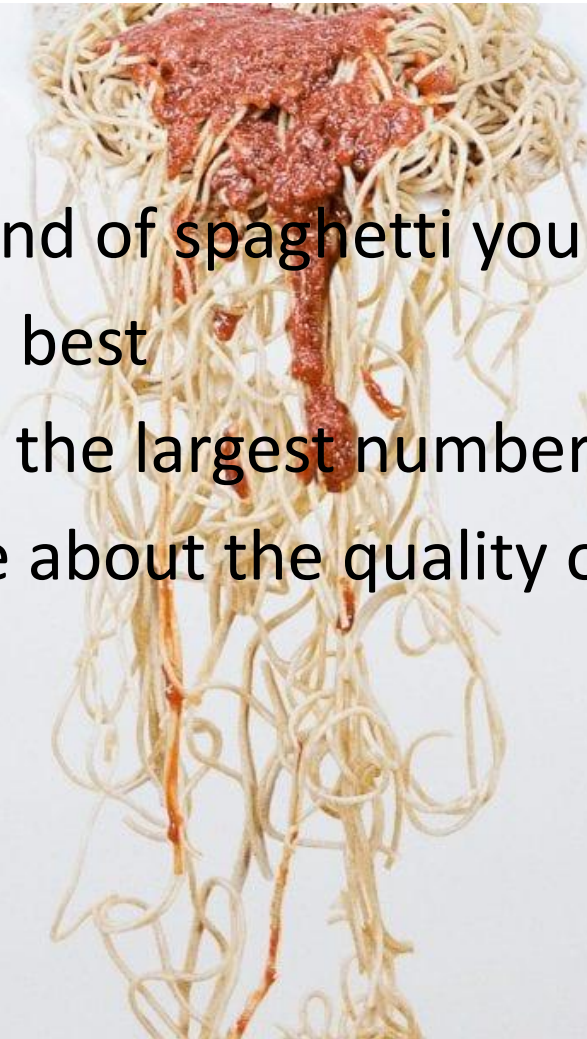
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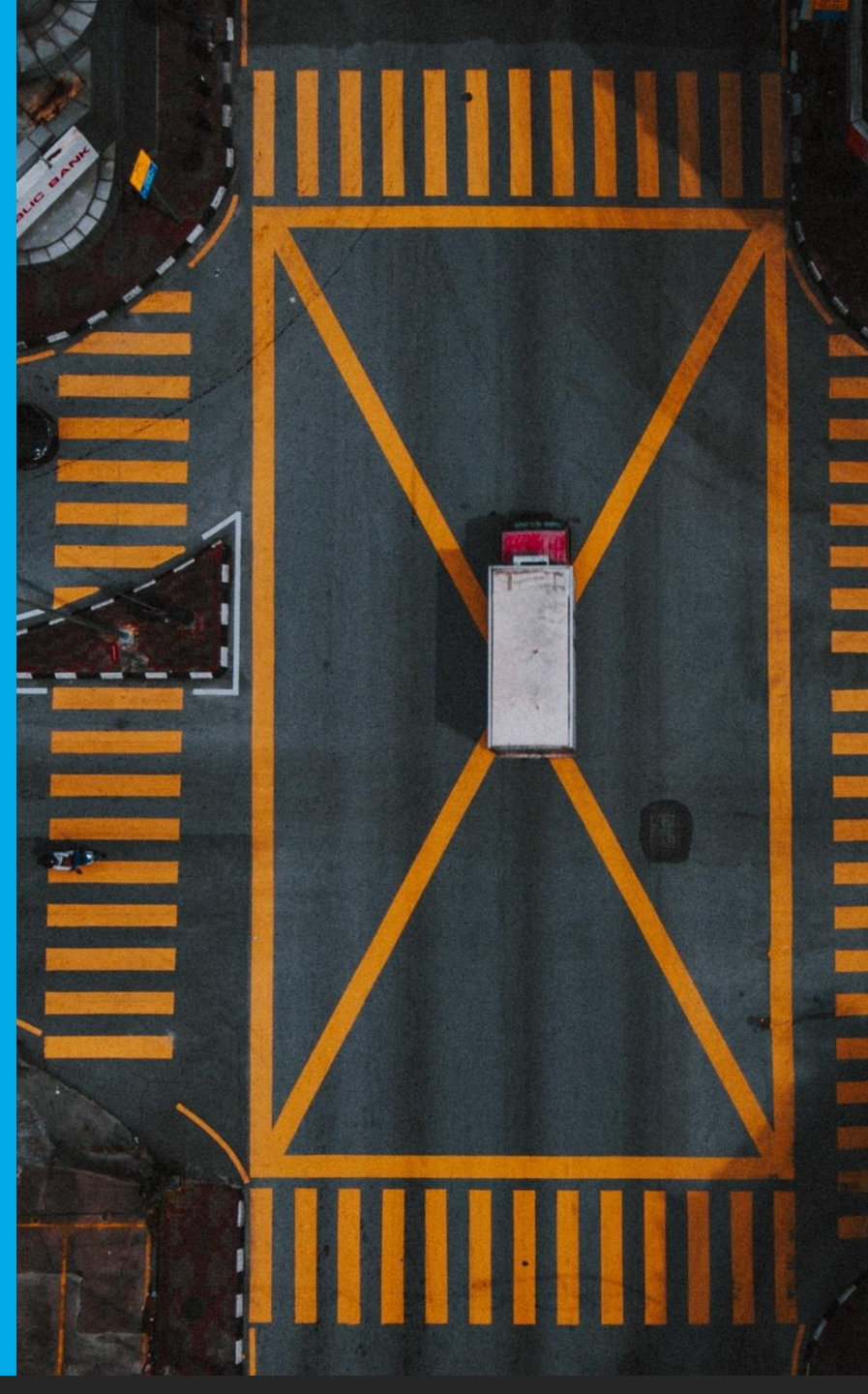
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## GRANTS AND THROWING SPAGHETTI AT THE WALL...

- ...to see what sticks
- Fewer people ask what kind of spaghetti you use
- What sort of sauce works best
- What recipe ensures that the largest number of pieces stick to the wall
- In short, you need to care about the quality of the project and its ability to be competitive



# MPO Adopted Projects



# BROWARD MPO CORE PRODUCTS



## 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

## MPO ADOPTED PROJECTS

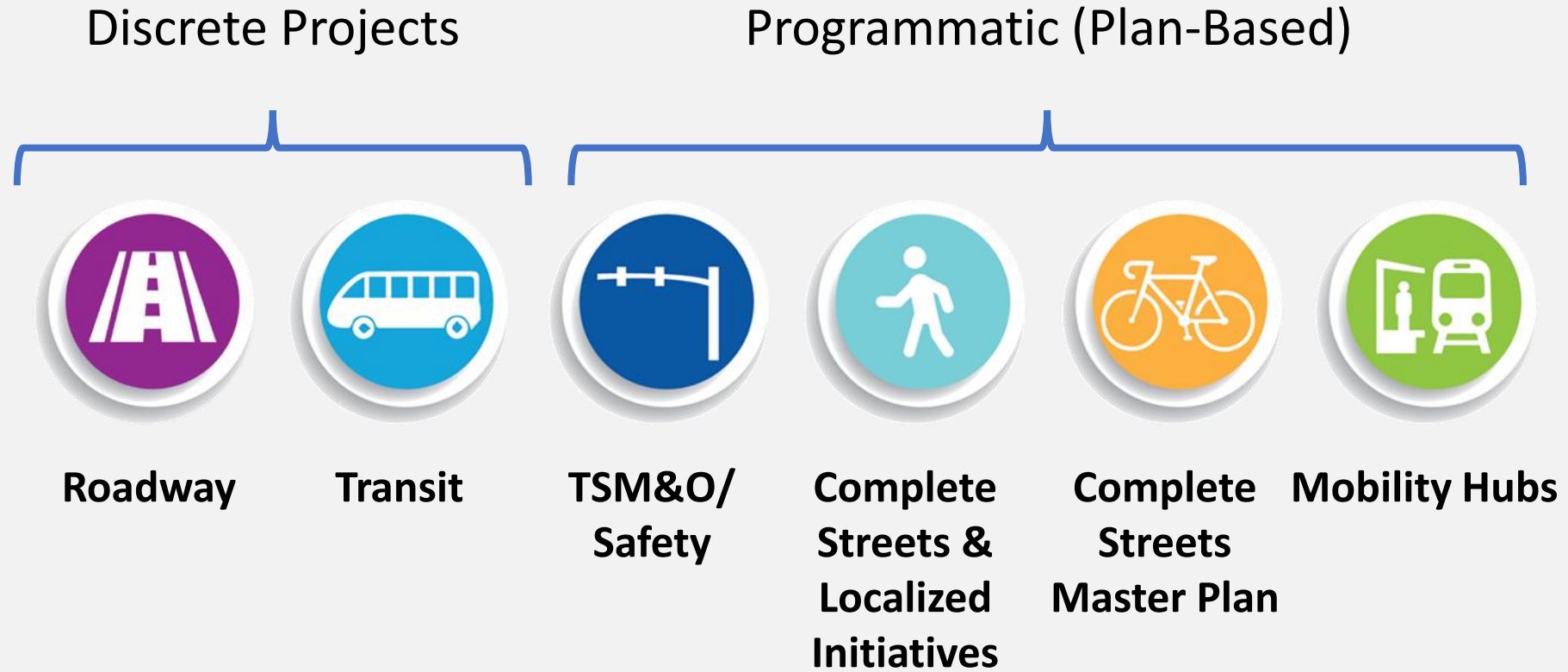


- 25-Year Cost Feasible Long-Range Plan
- Includes 6 funding programs
- Specifies regionally significant projects



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

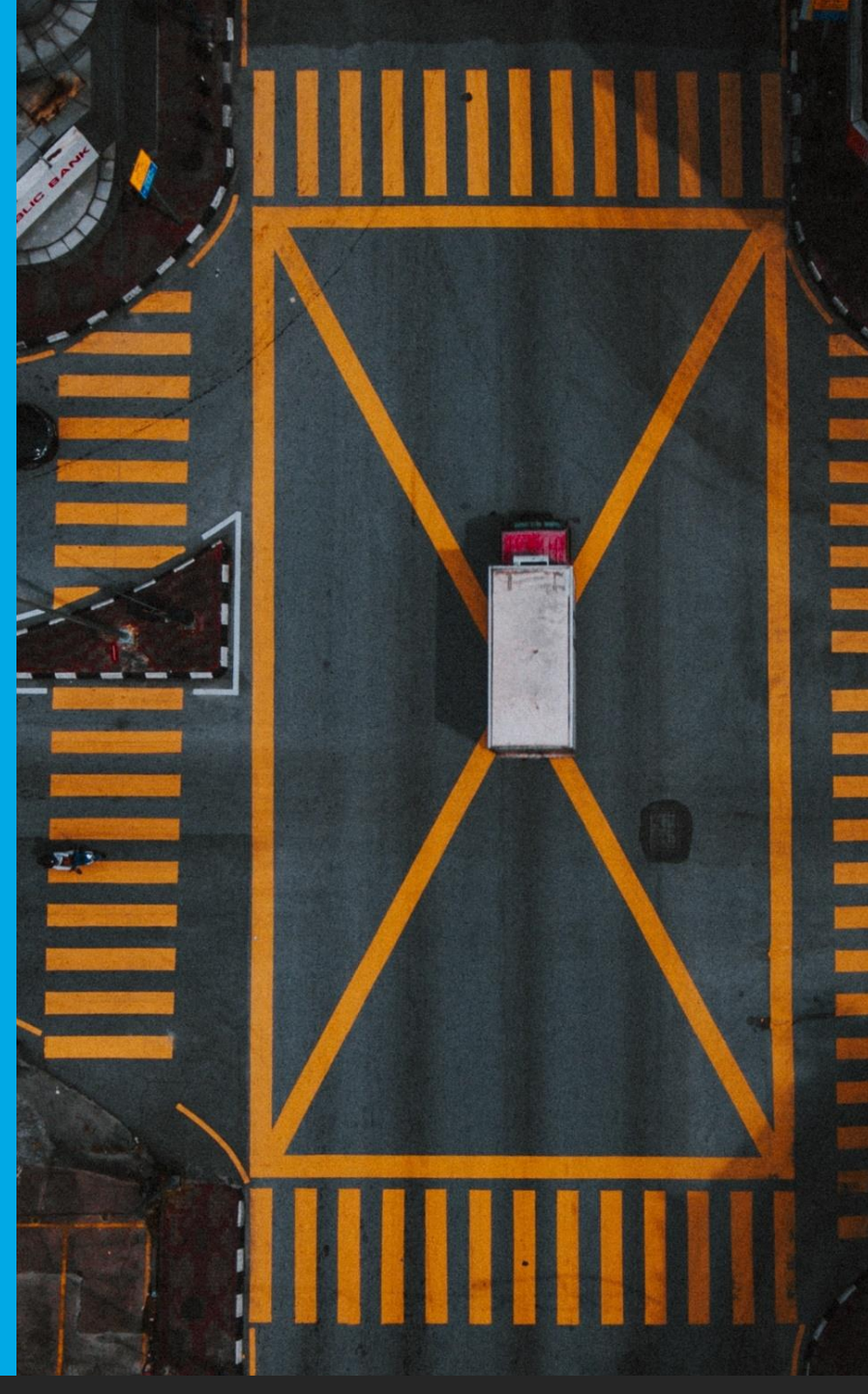
# MTP FUNDING PROGRAMS



## TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- Updated annually with new 5-Year fiscally constrained plan
- Includes all projects funded with state and federal funds
- Can include non-regionally significant local projects with dedicated local funding from Capital Improvement Plan or adopted budget (if submitted during annual development cycle)
- Reviewed for planning consistency

# Inclusion of Local Projects for Discretionary Grants

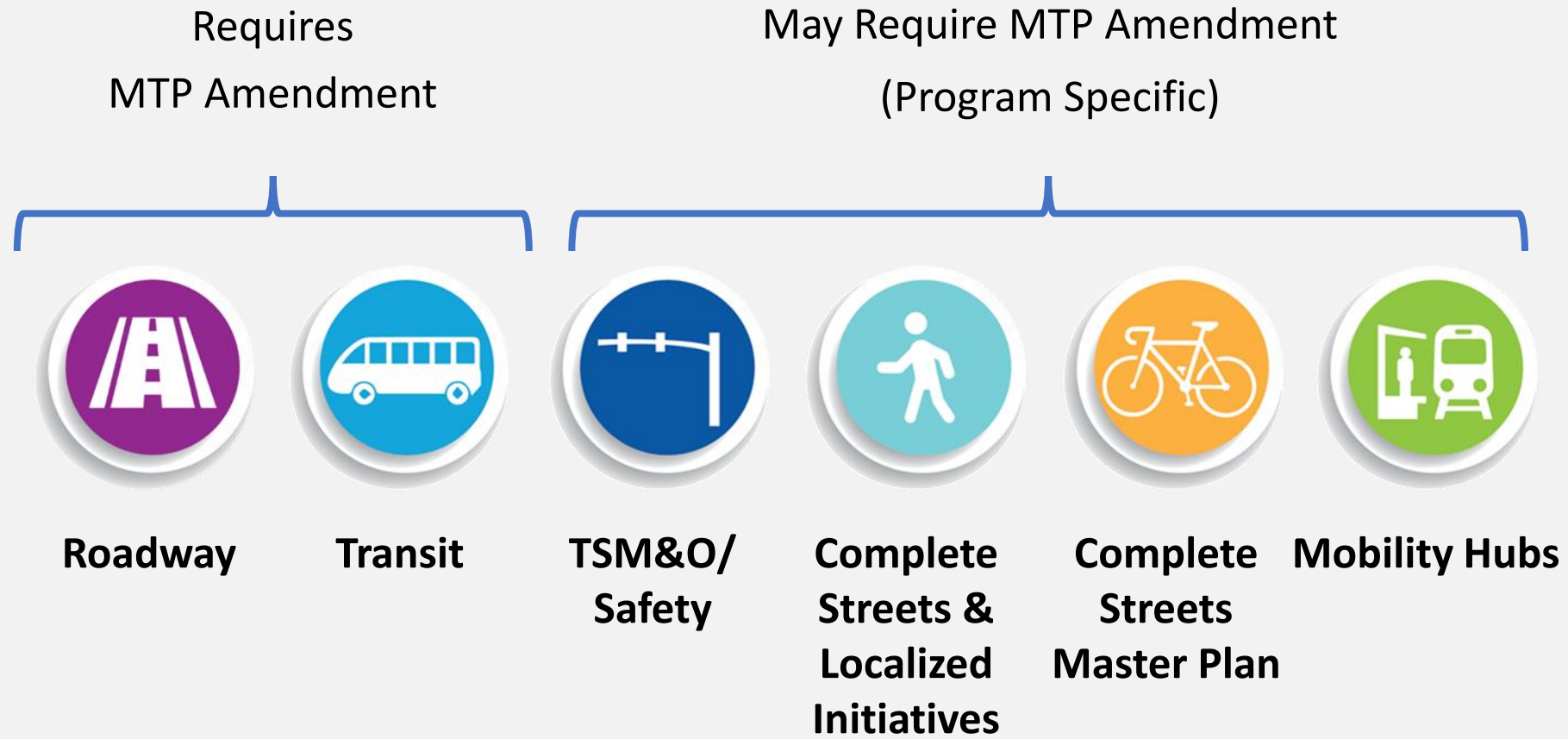


## MTP AMENDMENT OVERVIEW

- **23 CFR § 450.104**

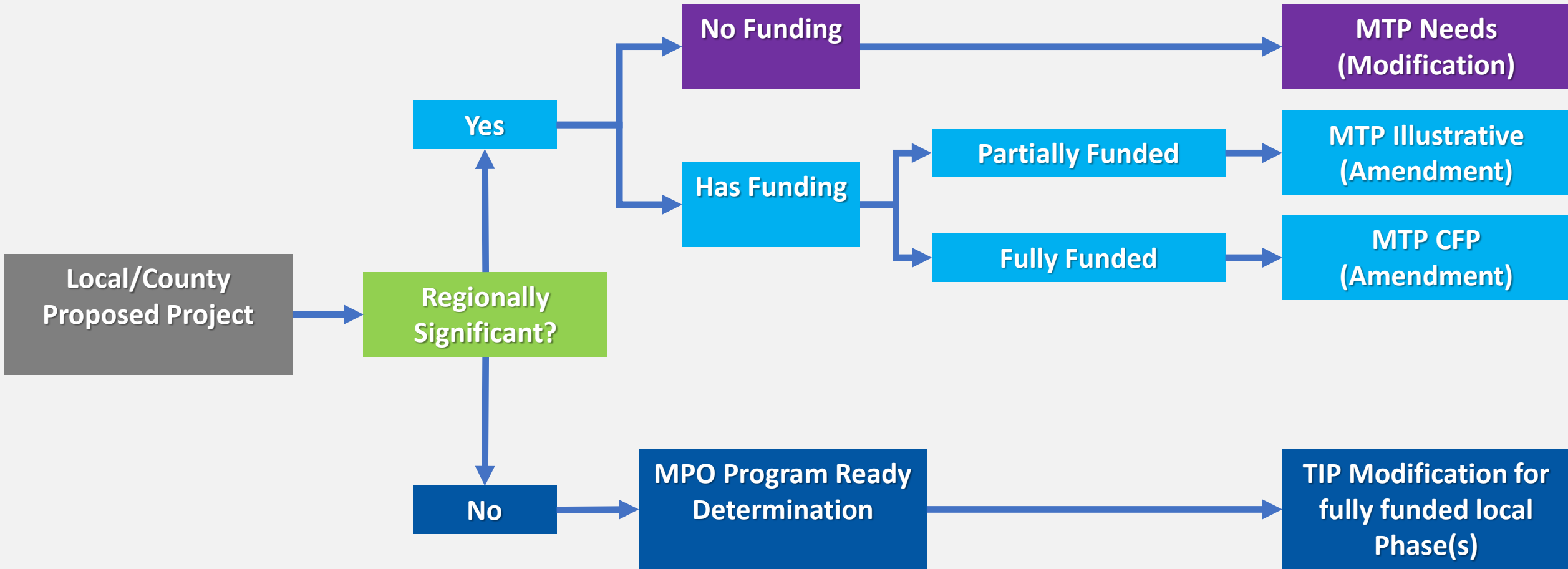
“**Amendment** means a revision to a long-range statewide or metropolitan transportation plan, TIP, or STIP that **involves a major change to a project included in a metropolitan transportation plan, TIP, or STIP, including the addition or deletion of a project or a major change** in project cost, project/project 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.**”

# MTP AMENDMENT OVERVIEW



# MTP AMENDMENT DECISION PROCESS\*

*\*This is a simplified approach. Consideration will need to be given to individual projects on a case by case basis. Partners are encouraged to meet with MPO staff to determine the best approach for their local project.*



## 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

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# PREPARING FOR FEDERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

*November 2021*



# PURPOSE OF SESSION

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1. Raise Awareness of Federal Grant Programs
2. Identify Promising Projects
3. Prepare Winning Applications
4. Develop a Project Portfolio

Use a proactive and strategic approach

- Project identification
- Funding & strategy development
- Resource planning for application development
- Project socialization





# SCHEDULE REVIEW: FEDERAL GRANT PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT

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FDOT FEDERAL GRANT PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT												
Activity/Task	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL NEW FY	AUG
Federal Grant Strategy Sessions	Future Updates			Develop 1st Portfolio								
Portfolio Candidate Project Review FMO & Executive Leadership			Future Updates			Develop 1st Portfolio						
Districts Review Grant Priorities												
Executive Office of the Governor (EOG) Review	ONGOING- SUBMIT ATLEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION TO USDOT											
FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAMS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS (BASED ON PROGRAM HISTORY)												
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ADS: Automated Driving Systems												
ACMTD: Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies												
BUILD: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development												
CRISI: Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements												
INFRA; Infrastructure For Rebuilding America												
PID: Port Infrastructure Development												



# FEDERAL GRANT OVERVIEW & BASICS

# FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAMS



**ADS** Automated Driving Systems

**ATCMTD** Advanced Transportation & Congestion Management Technologies

**RAISE** Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity

**CRISI** Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements

**INFRA** Infrastructure For Rebuilding America

**PID** Port Infrastructure Development

**Grants**

# FEDERAL GRANT ACRONYMS



**AOR:** Authorized Organization Representative

**BCA:** Benefit-Cost Analysis

**C.F.R.:** U.S. Code of Federal Regulations

**DUNS:** Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Numbering System

**EO 12372:** Executive Order 12372 Process

**NOFO:** Notice of Funding Opportunity

**POC:** E-business Point of Contact

**SAM:** System for Award Management

**SEP-14:** Experimental FHWA alternative contracting process

**SEP-15:** Experimental FHWA project delivery process

**SF-424:** Standard Form application for Federal assistance

**SF-424A:** Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs

**SF-424B:** Assurances for Non-Construction Programs

**SF-424C:** Standard Form budget information for construction programs

**SF-424D:** Assurances for Construction Programs

**SPOC:** State Single Point of Contact for Federal Executive Order 12372

**U.S.C.:** United States Code

# ADS BASICS | OVERVIEW



- ▶ Automated Driving System (ADS) appropriates funding for a “highly automated vehicle research and development program”
- ▶ **Funding Opportunity:** Up to \$60M (FY19)
- ▶ **Maximum Award:** \$10M per project /\$15M per state
- ▶ **Cost Share:** Not required, but encouraged
- ▶ **Typical Grant Cycle:** December - March



The program funds planning, direct research, and demonstration grants or ADS and other driving automation systems and technologies

# ADS BASICS | ELIGIBLE PROJECTS



- ▶ Large-scale projects that result in a significant benefit(s) to the public
- ▶ Projects where the industry lacks adequate incentives to participate. Specifically, where cost, risk, or complexity are too significant for any single private sector entity
- ▶ Projects supporting economic vitality at the national and regional level advancing domestic industry
- ▶ Projects promoting domestic development of intellectual property
- ▶ Projects that demonstrate automation, with preference for demonstrating Level 3 or greater automation technologies

## The 5 levels of driving automation

For on-road vehicles

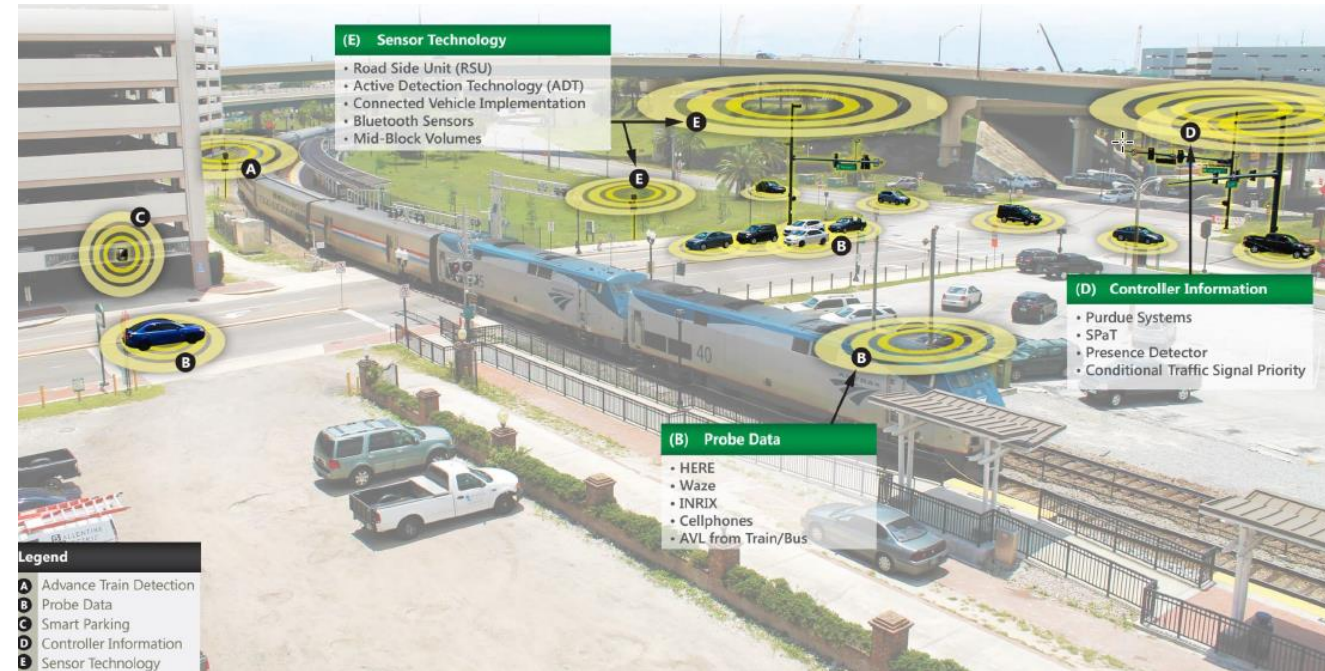


		Steering and acceleration/ deceleration	Monitoring of driving environment	Fallback when automation fails	Automated system is in control
Human driver monitors the road	<b>0</b> NO AUTOMATION				N/A
	<b>1</b> DRIVER ASSISTANCE				SOME DRIVING MODES
	<b>2</b> PARTIAL AUTOMATION				SOME DRIVING MODES
Automated driving system monitors the road	<b>3</b> CONDITIONAL AUTOMATION				SOME DRIVING MODES
	<b>4</b> HIGH AUTOMATION				SOME DRIVING MODES
	<b>5</b> FULL AUTOMATION				

# ATCMTD BASICS | OVERVIEW



- ▶ Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD)
- ▶ **Funding Opportunity: \$60M (FY19)**
  - A single grant recipient may not receive more than \$12M in one FY
  - 5-10 awards per FY
- ▶ **Cost Share: Up to 50%**
- ▶ **Typical Grant Cycle: June - July**



Development of model deployment sites for large scale installation and operation of advanced transportation technologies to improve safety, efficiency, system performance, and infrastructure return on investment.

# ATCMTD BASICS | ELIGIBLE PROJECTS



- ▶ Advanced traveler information systems
- ▶ Advanced transportation management technologies
- ▶ Infrastructure maintenance, monitoring, and condition assessment
- ▶ Advanced public transportation systems
- ▶ Transportation system performance data collection, analysis, and dissemination systems
- ▶ Technologies associated with autonomous vehicles and other collision avoidance technologies
- ▶ Integration of ITS with the Smart Grid and other energy distribution and charging systems
- ▶ Electronic pricing and payment systems
- ▶ Advanced mobility and access technologies
- ▶ Advanced safety systems, including V2V vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) and vehicle-to-infrastructure (V2I) communications

# RAISE BASICS | OVERVIEW



- ▶ Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)
- ▶ Supports roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports or intermodal transportation
- ▶ **Funding Opportunity: \$1B (FY21)**
- ▶ **Minimum Award: \$5M Urban/\$1M Rural/Planning no minimum**
- ▶ **Maximum Award: \$25M per project /\$100M per state**
- ▶ **Cost Share: Up to 80% Urban/100% Rural**
- ▶ **Rural Projects: 25% of funding reserved**
- ▶ **Typical Grant Cycle: April - July**



Discretionary grant program for investments in surface transportation infrastructure with a significant impact in local or regional communities

# RAISE BASICS | ELIGIBLE PROJECTS



- ▶ Road or bridge projects eligible under title 23, United States Code
- ▶ Public transportation projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, U.S.C.
- ▶ Passenger and freight rail transportation projects
- ▶ Port infrastructure investments (including inland port infrastructure)
- ▶ Intermodal projects



# CRISI BASICS | OVERVIEW



- ▶ Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI)
- ▶ **Funding Opportunity: \$362M (FY21)**
- ▶ **Cost Share: Up to 80%**
- ▶ **Rural Projects: 25% of funding reserved**
- ▶ **Typical Grant Cycle: August - October**



Discretionary grant program for projects that improve the safety, efficiency, and/or reliability of intercity passenger & freight rail systems

# CRISI BASICS | ELIGIBLE PROJECTS



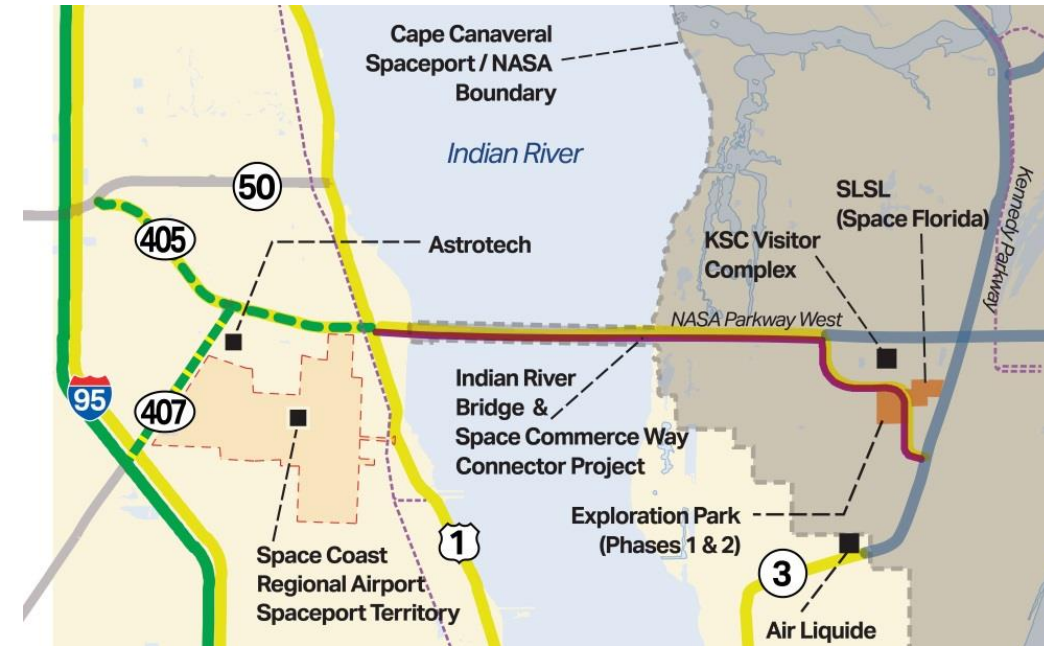
- ▶ Congestion mitigation
- ▶ Ridership growth facilitation
- ▶ Enhancements to multimodal connections
- ▶ Improvements to short-line or regional railroad infrastructure
- ▶ Railroad safety technology
- ▶ Grade crossing improvements

- ▶ Rail line relocation and improvement
- ▶ Regional, state, corridor planning and environmental analyses
- ▶ Safety programs and institutes
- ▶ Research, workforce development, and training
- ▶ Track, station and equipment improvements for intercity passenger rail

# INFRA BASICS | OVERVIEW



- ▶ Infrastructure For Rebuilding America (INFRA)
- ▶ **Funding Opportunity:** \$1B (FY21)
- ▶ **Funding Allocation:** 90% large projects/  
10% small projects
- ▶ **Minimum Award:** \$25M large projects/  
\$5M small projects
- ▶ **Cost Share:** Up to 80% (60% INFRA /20% Federal)
- ▶ **Rural Projects:** 25% of funding reserved
- ▶ **Typical Grant Cycle:** December-March



Discretionary grant program provides Federal financial assistance to highway and freight projects of national or regional significance

# INFRA BASICS | ELIGIBLE PROJECTS



- ▶ Highway freight project on the National Highway Freight Network (NHFN)
- ▶ Highway or bridge project on the National Highway System (NHS)
- ▶ Intermodal or freight rail project
- ▶ Intermodal/rail freight project within the boundaries of a public or private freight rail/maritime/intermodal facility
- ▶ Railway-highway grade crossing or grade separation project



# PID BASICS | OVERVIEW

- ▶ Port Infrastructure Development (PID)
- ▶ Grants for improvements within, or around, coastal seaports
- ▶ **Funding Opportunity:** \$225,000,000 (FY21)
- ▶ **Funding Allocation:** \$200M coastal seaports/ \$92.73M Top 15 coastal container seaports(FY19)
- ▶ **Florida Ports in Top 15:** JAXPORT, Port Miami, and Port Everglades
- ▶ **Minimum Award:** \$10M
- ▶ **Application Limit:** One per applicant
- ▶ **Cost Share:** Up to 80%
- ▶ **Typical Grant Cycle:** June-September



Projects improve the safety, efficiency, or reliability of the movement of goods into, out of, around, or within a port, as well as the unloading and loading of cargo at a port

# PID BASICS | ELIGIBLE PROJECTS



► Projects within the boundaries of a coastal seaport or outside the boundaries of a coastal seaport and directly related to port operations or to an intermodal connection to a port

► Examples:

- Port gate improvements
- Road & rail improvements both within and connecting to the port
- Berth improvements including docks, wharves, piers and dredging incidental to the improvement project
- Cargo moving equipment used shoreside
- Facilities necessary to improve cargo transport including silos, elevators, conveyors, container terminals, Ro/Ro facilities, etc.
- Utilities necessary for safe operations
- Port related intelligent transportation system hardware and software



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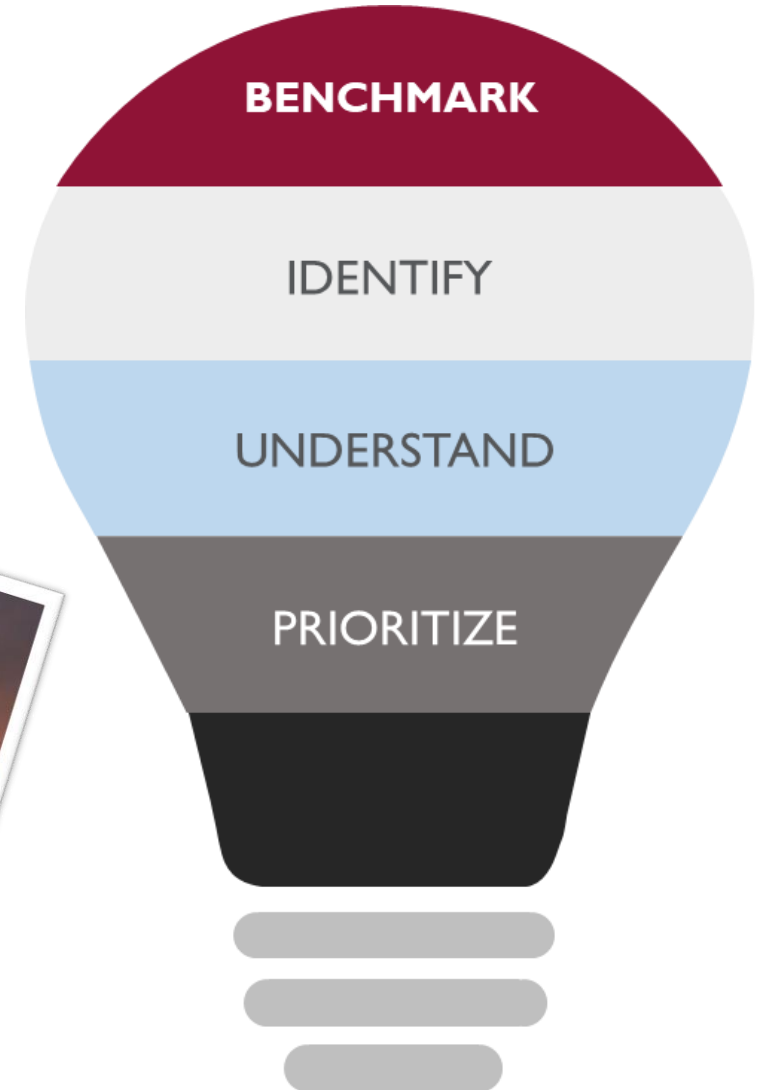
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- ▶ Benchmarking the competitive landscape
- ▶ Identifying the ideal project
- ▶ Understanding the project sponsors responsibilities
- ▶ Prioritize



# THE “4Ps” TO PREPARING WINNING GRANT APPLICATIONS



- ▶ Aligns well against merit selection criteria
- ▶ Public benefits exceed the costs
- ▶ Strong support/partnership (public and private support)
- ▶ Strong cost share/matching funds (federal and non-federal)
- ▶ Considers obligation/expenditure deadlines



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## Application Format

### Project Narrative

- Project Description
- Project Location
- Project Parties
- Grant Funds, Sources, and Uses
- Merit Selection Criteria
- Project Readiness

### Appendices

- Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA)
- Letters of Support/Funding Commitments
- Supplemental Information (if applicable)

## Application and Submission Information

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	Narrative	BCA	SF-424 (Verify Additional Tracks)
ADS	X		X
ATCMTD	X		X
RAISE	X	X	X
INFRA	X	X	X
CRISI	X	X	X
PID	X	X	X

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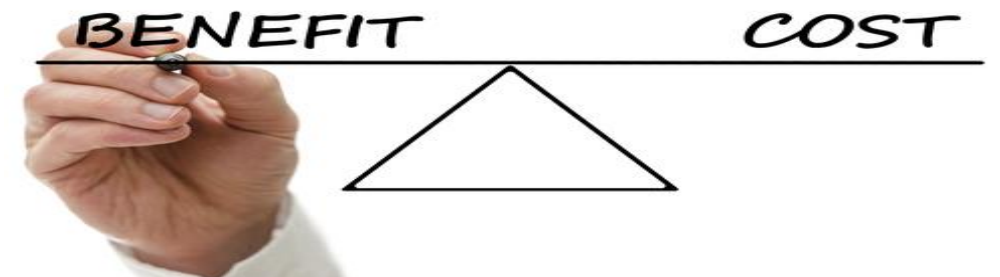


## Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA)

- Useful Life of Infrastructure (20 – 30 years)
- Cost and Start of Operation & Maintenance
- Need for Baseline and Projected Traffic Counts (Levels of Service, Land Use Master Plan)
- Project Area Crash History (Number and Severity)
- Traffic Simulation Modeling (Benefits/Costs)
  - Greenhouse Gas Emissions
  - Travel Time
  - Vehicle Operations
  - Fuel Consumption
  - Crash/Injury
  - Property Damage



Are your project's anticipated benefits greater than the cost?



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## Environmental Readiness

### Access

- Historic properties
- Wetlands/floodplain
- Endangered species
- Sole source aquifers
- Hazardous waste sites
- Socio-economic impact
- Others

### Determine Project Scope

- Categorical Exclusion (CE)  
(0-30 days)
- Environmental Assessment (EA)  
(60-120 days)
- Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)  
(120-360 days)

### Public Notice/Participation



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## What else should be considered?

- Secure Right-of-Way (ROW)
- Railroad support
  - Economic development metrics
  - Number and types of jobs created
- Capital investment
- Environmental permits

State & Local  
Planning & Approval

NEPA Approval &  
Re-Evaluation

Preliminary Design  
Activities

Final Design: Plans,  
Specs & Permitting

Railroad  
Implementation  
Agreements

Procurement &  
Construction

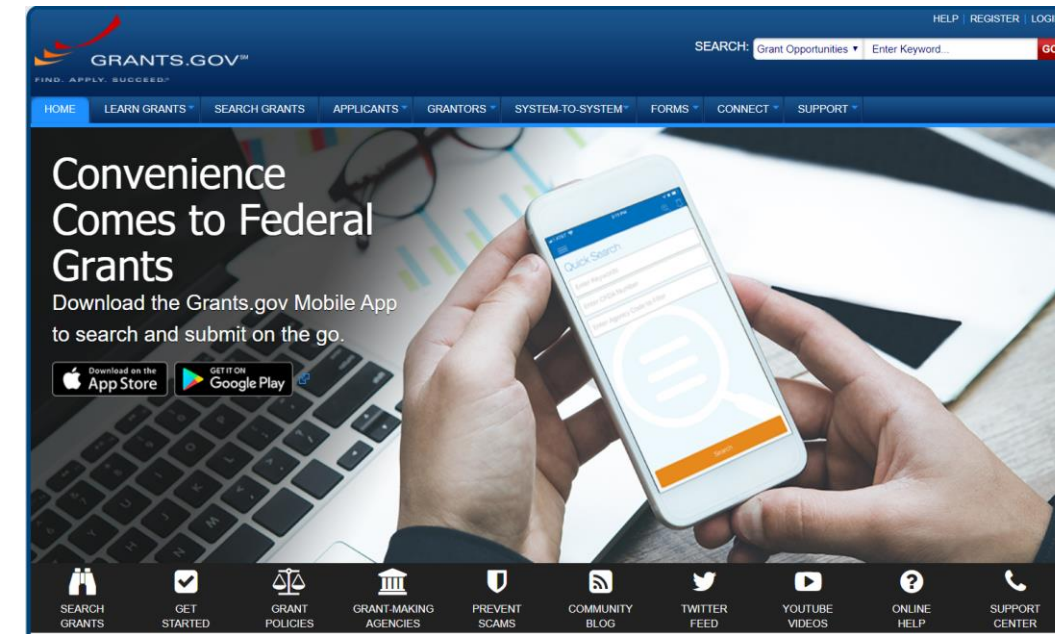
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## ► Applications must be submitted via [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov)

- Obtain a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number
- Register with the System for Award Management (SAM) at [www.SAM.gov](http://www.SAM.gov)
- Create a Grants.gov username and password
- The E-business Point of Contact (POC) must respond to the registration email from Grants.gov and login at Grants.gov to authorize the applicant as the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR)
- Please note that there can be more than one AOR for an organization

## ► Project(s) should be socialized to US DOT and Congressional delegation



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## ► Evaluation/Selection Process

- Intake Processing Team
- Technical Evaluation Teams
- Economic Analysis Team
- Project Readiness Team
- Senior Review Team
- Final funding awards decided by Secretary Pete Buttigieg



# THE “4Ps” TO PREPARING WINNING GRANT APPLICATIONS



## ► Project Advocacy

- US DOT – officials in Washington and regional offices
- Congressional delegation
- State elected officials
- Locals elected officials
- Business community
- Impacted residents





# AWARD EXPECTATIONS

# FEDERAL GRANT AWARD EXPECTATIONS



## ► USDOT

- Announcements
- Project assignments (FHWA, FTA, MARAD, FRA)
- Negotiations initiated
- Sign/Execute grant agreement
- Reporting requirements/project modifications
- Project completion/close-out
- Performance monitoring

## ► BMPO/Awarded Municipality

- Initial grant agreement preparation



# RESOURCES



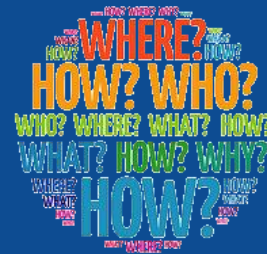
# RESOURCES



- ▶ [Automated Driving System Demonstration Grants \(ADS\)](#)
- ▶ [Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment \(ATCMTD\)](#)
- ▶ [Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity \(RAISE\)](#)
- ▶ [Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program \(CRISI\)](#)
- ▶ [Infrastructure For Rebuilding America \(INFRA\)](#)
- ▶ [Port Infrastructure Development \(PID\)](#)
- ▶ [Grants.gov](#)
- ▶ [Grants.gov Forms Repository \(SF-424 Family, Post Award Reporting etc.\)](#)
- ▶ [Sam.gov](#)
- ▶ [Benefit cost analysis guidance for discretionary grant programs](#)
- ▶ [FDEP Office of Intergovernmental Programs \(OIP\) Clearinghouse Program: EO 12372](#)



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# Broward MPO Grants Workshop

**Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Funding Opportunities & How to Socialize Your Priorities**

November 3, 2021

Lauri Hettinger and Lisa Barkovic

**Holland & Knight**

# Socializing Your Project Priorities

## Key Steps to Understanding Political Landscape Prior to Grant Opening

1. Identify **regional & local support** for you project. Does your project compete with any other local/regional projects? Why is this step necessary?
2. **Introduce** your project to U.S. DOT program staff prior to solicitation opening. Receive feedback and ask questions to gain insight into direction of program.
3. **Present** your project to your congressional delegation. You will need their support so they need to hear from you.

# Advocacy Checklist

TO-DO	TIME FRAME
Garner Support Letters – Congressional, State, & Business leaders	Never too early or late to ask. Aim for requests to be made as soon as solicitation opens
Brief U.S. DOT – again!	During open solicitation period
Engage House & Senate Appropriations Staff	During open solicitation period
Utilize local leadership – any local elected leader that supports project should be asked to promote at key opportunities.	Anytime, but focus on review period before award announced
Utilize Congressional Delegation – ask them to regularly check-in with DOT IGA.	Review period until award announced
Other Advocacy Efforts - Utilize social media to promote project, engage community to weigh-in, and follow-up with support letters.	Anytime until award announced



# Be Strategic

- There are a lot of opportunities in the infrastructure pipeline. Be thoughtful about the right approach. Sometimes the “spaghetti on the wall” approach does not always work.
- Be flexible. Think about scalability.
- Communicate often.
- Build partnerships.



# New Opportunities

- Earmarks – Community Project Funding/Congressional Directed Spending
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill
- Build Back Better – Reconciliation



# Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill

## Environmental Grant Opportunities

Program	Funding Level
<p><b>Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>New formula and competitive grant program; FDOT will allocate formula; local govts and MPO eligible for competitive grants</i></li> <li>Resiliency program</li> </ul>	<p>\$7.3 billion in formula funding;</p> <p>\$1.4 billion in competitive set-aside grants over five years</p>
<p><b>Carbon Reduction Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>New formula program; MPO eligible</i></li> </ul>	<p>\$6.42 billion over five years</p>
<p><b>Healthy Streets Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>New competitive grant program; local govts and MPO eligible</i></li> <li>Grants to deploy cool pavements and porous pavements, and to expand tree cover</li> </ul>	<p>\$500 million over five years</p>
<p><b>Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging and Refueling Grant Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>New formula and competitive grant program; local govts and MPO eligible</i></li> <li>Establishes a formula program to deploy publicly accessible alternative fuel vehicle charging infrastructure</li> <li>50% set aside each year for competitive grants -- prioritizing rural areas, low- and moderate income neighborhoods and communities with low ratios of private parking or high ratios of multiunit dwellings</li> </ul>	<p>\$2.5 billion over five years</p>
<p><b>EV Charging Formula Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>New formula program; funding through FDOT</i></li> <li>Establishes a National EV Formula Program to provide funding to states to deploy EV charging infrastructure</li> </ul>	<p>\$5 billion over five years</p>

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## New Grant Opportunities

Program	Funding Level
<b>Reconnecting Communities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>New competitive grant program; local govts and MPO eligible</i></li><li>• Planning and construction grants program to mitigate existing transportation facilities that create barriers to mobility, access, or economic development</li></ul>	Mandatory \$500 million over five years
<b>Railroad Crossing Elimination Competitive Grant Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>New competitive grant program; local govts and MPO eligible</i></li><li>• Competitive grant program for the elimination of hazards at railway-highway crossings</li></ul>	\$3 billion over five years
<b>National Infrastructure Project Assistance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Similar to existing INFRA competitive grant program; local govts and MPO eligible</i></li><li>• Competitive grant program for multimodal and multijurisdictional projects of national or regional significance</li></ul>	\$15 billion <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$10 billion is authorized</li><li>• \$5 billion in advance appropriations</li></ul>
<b>Congestion Relief Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>New competitive grant program; local govts and MPO eligible</i></li><li>• Grants to projects in large urbanized areas (more than 1 million people) to advance innovative, integrated, and multimodal solutions to congestion relief</li></ul>	\$250 million over five years

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<b>Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program (“Vision Zero”)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>New competitive grant program; local govts and MPO eligible</i></li><li>• Competitive grant program to develop and implement comprehensive safety plans and projects</li></ul>	\$6 billion over five years
<b>Stopping Threats on Pedestrians</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>New competitive grant program; local govts and MPO eligible</i></li><li>• Can be used for new bollard installation projects</li></ul>	\$25 million over five years
<b>Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>New grant program; local govts and MPO eligible</i></li><li>• Demonstration projects focused on advanced smart city or community technologies and systems to improve transportation efficiency and safety</li></ul>	\$500 million over five years
<b>Bridge Formula and Grant Programs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>New formula program through FDOT</i></li><li>• <i>New competitive grant program; local govts and MPO eligible</i></li><li>• Competitive large grants allocated through a FFGA like process</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$27.5 billion formula program over five years</li><li>• \$3.265 billion competitive grants over five years</li></ul>

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