



# **Broward MPO Grants Updates & Discussion**

**August 2025**

# Federal Grants and Intergovernmental Updates for Broward

## Coordination is Key

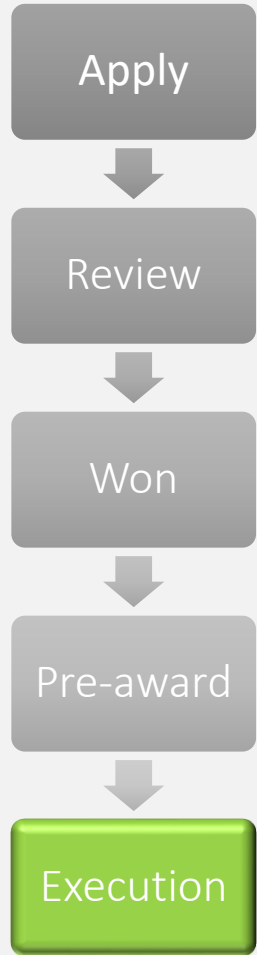
- Federal Government is highly interested in projects regional in nature and/or involving coordination with multiple jurisdictions
- TAC meetings, MPO Board meetings & monthly grants coordination meetings
  - Second Tuesday of each month
  - Bring project ideas, coordinate with partners

*Sign up for the MPO's Monthly Grants Coordination calls using the QR Code or via the link below:*



<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtcequqjwoHNSJf5NI5cAd-rjrWAYhX9EW>

# Thriving Communities Program (TCP) Award



Receiving capacity building, planning, and technical assistance for Complete Transit-Oriented Neighborhoods toolkit. Connected Communities Vision Kit.

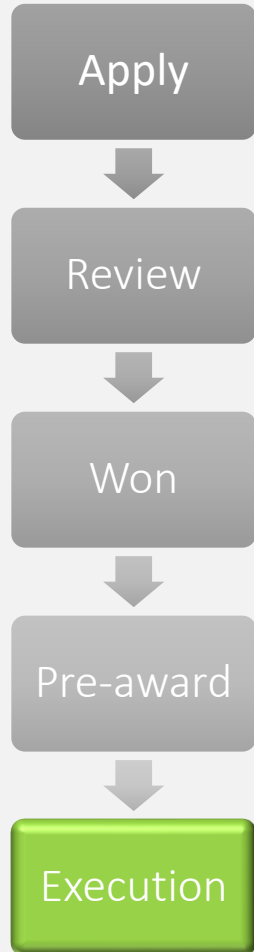


**Current Status:** Toolkit to be distributed via MPO website



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# Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation



Awarded \$2M in SMART grant funding to develop the SMART METRO.AI, an innovative transportation modeling platform that will use Artificial Intelligence technology to create a regional digital twin that integrates data and models for effective transportation solutions.



**Next Steps:** Work on the SMART METRO.AI project continues on key SMART Grant Stage 1 deliverables, including the Implementation Plan required for Stage 2 Grant. The Stage 2 Grant (Implementation) NOFO is expected in Fall of 2025.



**Current Status:** The Participated in the July 2025 SMART Summit at USDOT's HQ with over 160 attendees from across the country, received technical assistance from the subject matter experts and exchanged project insights, lessons learned, and Stage 2 Grant preparation strategies.

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# Railroad Crossing Elimination Program



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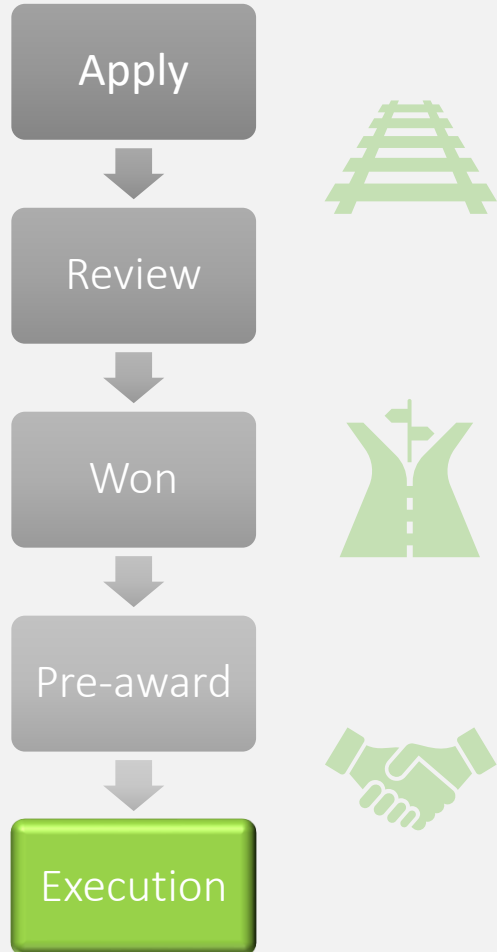
Awarded \$15,440,000 in RCE grant funding to support final design and construction activities for the Broward County Sealed Corridor Project. The project will include safety enhancements, such as exit gates and medians, at 21 grade crossings along Florida East Coast Railway’s rail line, a freight rail corridor shared with Brightline’s intercity passenger rail service.

**Next Steps:** Continue coordinating with the FRA to address review comments on preliminary design engineering plans, including potential sidewalk additions, to secure authorization for final design. Preparations are underway to procure the final design consultant.

**Current Status:** Grant Agreement executed on May 30, 2025. Completed and submitted the final initial draft of the Project Management Plan (PMP), a required grant deliverable to the FRA on 06/03/2025.

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# Reconnecting Communities



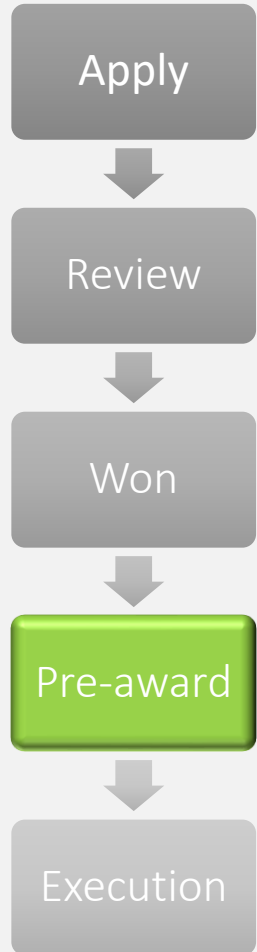
Planning grant to determine feasibility of linking roads below grade along the FEC railroad corridor. Project is Fort Lauderdale Roadway-Railroad Underpass Feasibility Study. \$1.5M ask with Fort Lauderdale committing \$375K in local match

**Next Steps:** First public meeting will be at the end of October 2025.

**Current Status:** Project Draft Public Participation Plan has been created. Data collection and Existing Conditions Analysis has begun.

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# Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP)



The Broward MPO was awarded \$2M. The purpose of PPPP is to support data-driven approaches to planning that, upon completion, can be evaluated for public benefit. The program provides funding to develop and implement a publicly accessible, transparent prioritization process for the ranking and selection of projects for inclusion in short-range and long-range transportation plans.



**Next Steps:** Moving forward! Obligation deadline is September 30, 2026.

**Current Status:** Kickoff meeting with FHWA on August 5, 2025.



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# Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)



Planning and Demonstration Grants provide Federal funds to develop, complete, or supplement a comprehensive safety action plan. They also fund supplemental planning and/or demonstration activities that inform the development of a new or existing Action Plan.

**Current Status:** Broward County applied before the deadline on June 26, 2025.

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# Open Grant Applications (As of 08/15/2025)

Opening Date	NOFO	Closing Date
01/31/2025	<a href="#"><u>Port Infrastructure Development Program</u></a>	09/10/2025
09/08/2025	<a href="#"><u>Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program</u></a>	10/08/2025

## Upcoming Grant Applications (As of 08/15/2025)

Opening Date	NOFO	Closing Date
Fall 2025	Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Stage 2	
2025	All Stations Accessibility Program	
2025	Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization (NGDISM)	
2025	Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities	

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Opening Date	NOFO	Closing Date
2025	Ferry Programs: Electric or Low Emitting Ferry; Ferry Service for Rural Communities; Passenger Ferry Boat Program	
2025	Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements	
2025	Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (NEC)	
2025	Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT)	
2025	Pilot Program for Transit Oriented Development	

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Opening Date	NOFO	Closing Date
2025	Congestion Relief Program	
2025	Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Grants (Community & Corridor charging) & NEVI 10% set-aside	
2025	Corridor Identification and Development Solicitation	
2025	Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (National)	

# Questions and Discussion

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