# **Federal Grants Update** Paul Calvaresi, Intergovernmental Manager Jad Salloum, Government Relations Planner **Broward MPO September - October 2022**



## **Current & Upcoming Federal Grants**



NOFO	Program	Partner Agency
June	Railroad Crossing Elimination Program	FDOT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  BROWARD  COUNTY  F L O R I D A
June	Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program	BROWARD COUNTY Metropolitan Planning Organization
July	Rail Vehicle Replacement Program	RT SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
	Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements Grant Program	FDOT SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOTTOM BY THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BY THE
	Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program	FDOTO Metropolitan Planning Organization  BROWARD  COUNTY  F L O R I D A



### Other grant programs MPO is awaiting



#### PROTECT Program

Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation Program will help make surface transportation more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through support of planning activities, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk costal infrastructure.

#### EV Corridor and Community Charging

Funding for electric vehicle charging stations along alternative fuel corridors and within local neighborhoods.





#### Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program

#### **UPDATES**

- ✓ Broward MPO and Broward County government submitted the joint action plan application on September 14, 2022
- ✓ Award announcements are expected as soon as February 2023





### Rail Crossing Elimination Grant Program



- Broward MPO is partnering with 8 cities along the FEC corridor, Brightline, FDOT, and Broward County to apply
- Improvements to safety equipment at 27 crossings
- Focus on preventing drivers from driving around the lowered gates when a train is approaching
- \$24 million opportunity
- Part of our effort to keep Quiet Zone in place along corridor
- Due October 4th, 2022



#### FDOT Regional Grant Information Session

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) encourages eligible local agencies to apply for the many new discretionary grant opportunities created through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). As such, FDOT wants to ensure our local partners are prepared with the knowledge, data, and resources to apply for and be direct recipients of federal discretionary dollars.

#### *Information sessions to cover:*

- Overview of the USDOT grant opportunities
- Regional improvements working together
- What do you need to know grant applications and implementation
- Collaborative discussions with FDOT District staff





October 12, 2022 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

District 4 Auditorium 3400 W Commercial Blvd, Ft Lauderdale



### Federal Grants and the Broward MPO



#### **Coordination is key**

- Fed. Government is highly interested in projects regional in nature and/or involving coordination with multiple jurisdictions
- TAC meetings, MPO Board meetings & bi-weekly grants coordination meetings

Sign up for the MPO's Bi-Weekly Grants Coordination calls using the QR Code or via the link below:



https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcuf-uvpz4tHNRIISgnH4IUzmMm3WKnAgRL



# Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (MPDG)

- Competitive Grant part of the FY22 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (MPDG)
  - Mega Grants: known statutorily as the National Infrastructure Project Assistance program (49 U.S.C. 6701)
  - INFRA Grants: known statutorily as the Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects program (23 U.S.C. 117)
  - Rural Surface Transportation Grant: (23 U.S.C. 173



#### The INFRA Grants Program

- INFRA awards competitive grants for multimodal freight and highway projects of national or regional significance
- Funding amount: \$7,250,000,000
- Eligible Uses: Projects that improve safety, generate economic benefits, reduce congestion, enhance resiliency, and hold the greatest promise to eliminate freight bottlenecks and improve critical freight movements.



#### **MPDG Quick Facts**

- May be used for up 60% of eligible project costs
- Mega program: projects greater than \$500 million in cost, and to projects greater than \$100 million but less than \$500 million in cost. (50/50 split)
- INFRA program: up to \$100M (Florida)
- Must be cost effective



# **Questions/Comments**

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