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ICYMI: Florida Receives More Than \$24 Million for Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) [recently awarded](#) Florida grant funding for more than \$24 million under the Fiscal Year 2020 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program.

"The Florida Department of Transportation is grateful for the Federal Railroad Administration's steadfast commitment to improving rail safety in Florida and across the country," said **Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Kevin J. Thibault, P.E.** "This grant funding is a critical investment which will allow Florida to continually work toward a safer, more efficient rail infrastructure for our state's residents and visitors."

The FRA announced funding totaling \$320.6 million for 50 projects in 29 states to receive competitive grant funding under the Fiscal Year 2020 CRISI Program.

FRA will provide rail safety improvement grants for the three projects in Florida below. Read more about the projects [here](#).

- **St. Lucie and Palm Beach Counties** – Rail Crossing Improvements and Dynamic Envelope Markings (Multiple Opportunity Zones) Up to \$2,309,531
- **City of Boca Raton** – Boca Raton Passenger Rail Station Up to \$16,350,000
- **Kissimmee** – Central Florida Rail Corridor (CFRC)/SunRail Phase 2 South Capacity Improvements Up to \$5,653,819

The FRA selected projects that included a wide variety of railroad investments that improve safety. The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act authorized the CRISI Program to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of intercity passenger and freight rail systems. Of the 50 projects USDOT awarded grants, 32 are located in [Opportunity Zones](#), which were created to revitalize economically distressed communities using private investments.

The Florida Department of Transportation urges motorists to use caution near all railroad crossings and when driving in areas with road construction.

- Only cross at designated rail crossings.

- Pay attention. Pedestrians and bicyclists: remove headphones and look up from cell phones.
- Trains move quickly and cannot stop quickly. Red lights mean a train is on its way. Do not walk or drive around lowered gates.
- Never stop a vehicle on train tracks. Do not walk along train tracks and, as a bicyclist, walk bicycles across the tracks with plenty of time.
- Please slow down and stay alert.

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