

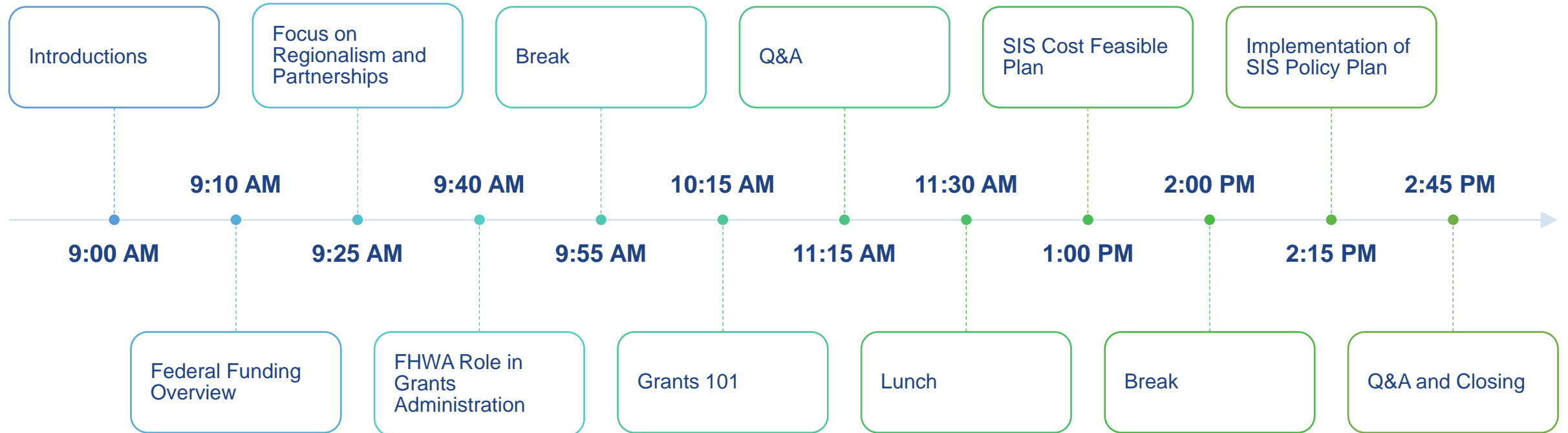


# 2023 Regional Grant Information Sessions



Strategic  
development

# Agenda





# Introductions

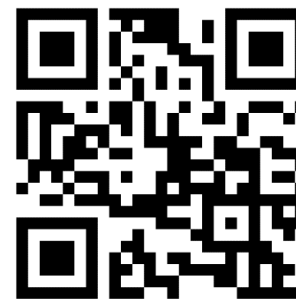


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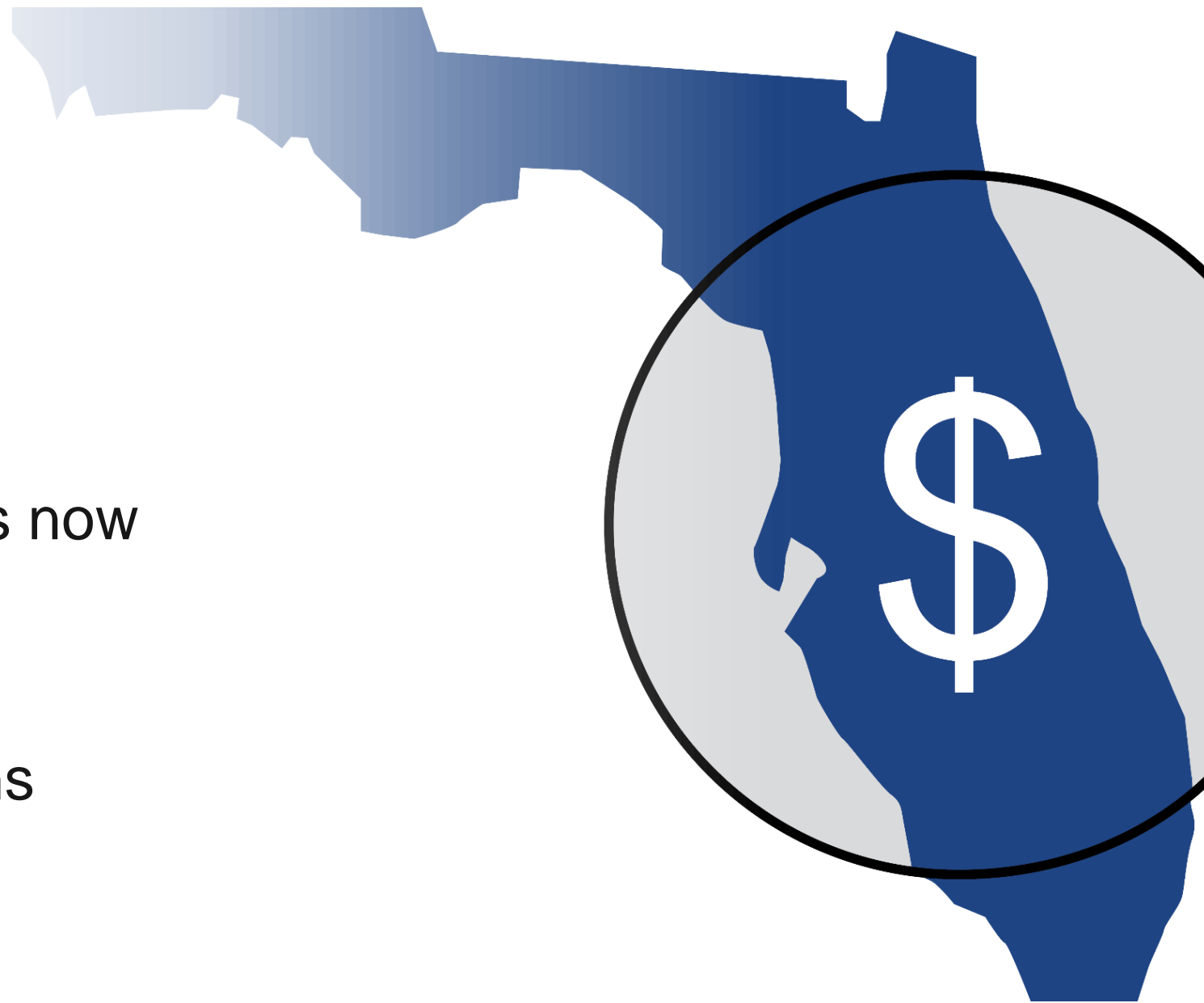
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# Working Together, Florida Wins

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- Discuss project partnerships now
- Implement regional visions
- Support project diversity
- Find creative match solutions
- Commit to project delivery

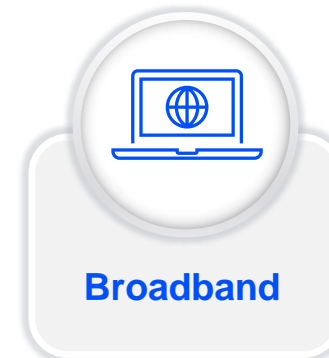
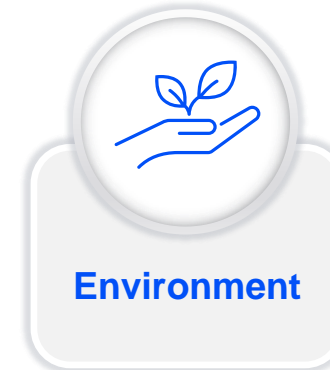
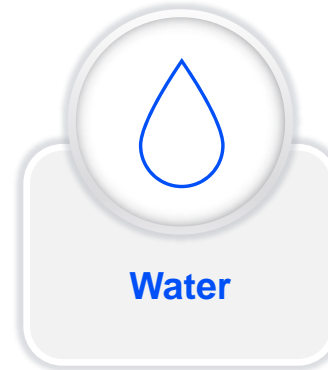




# Federal Funding Overview

# IIJA Investments

**\$500  
BILLION**  
FOR NEW  
INVESTMENTS



# What is Formula Funding?

- Noncompetitive funding programs
- Congress determines the recipients
- Congress sets the formulas

# What is Competitive Funding?

- Discretionary funds to address specific program purposes
- New focus areas
  - Safety
  - Multimodal
  - Equity
  - Resiliency



# Competitive Funding Program Overview

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**13**  
Existing

**21**  
New

**\$187**  
***BILLION***  
in Total Potential  
Funding

# Guidebook to the BIL

- Resource for state and local leaders
- Program-by-program information
- Information for all BIL funding opportunities
- Includes tips and 65+ technical assistance resources



# Poll





# Focus on Regionalism and Partnerships

## West Central Florida I-4 Truck Parking Facility

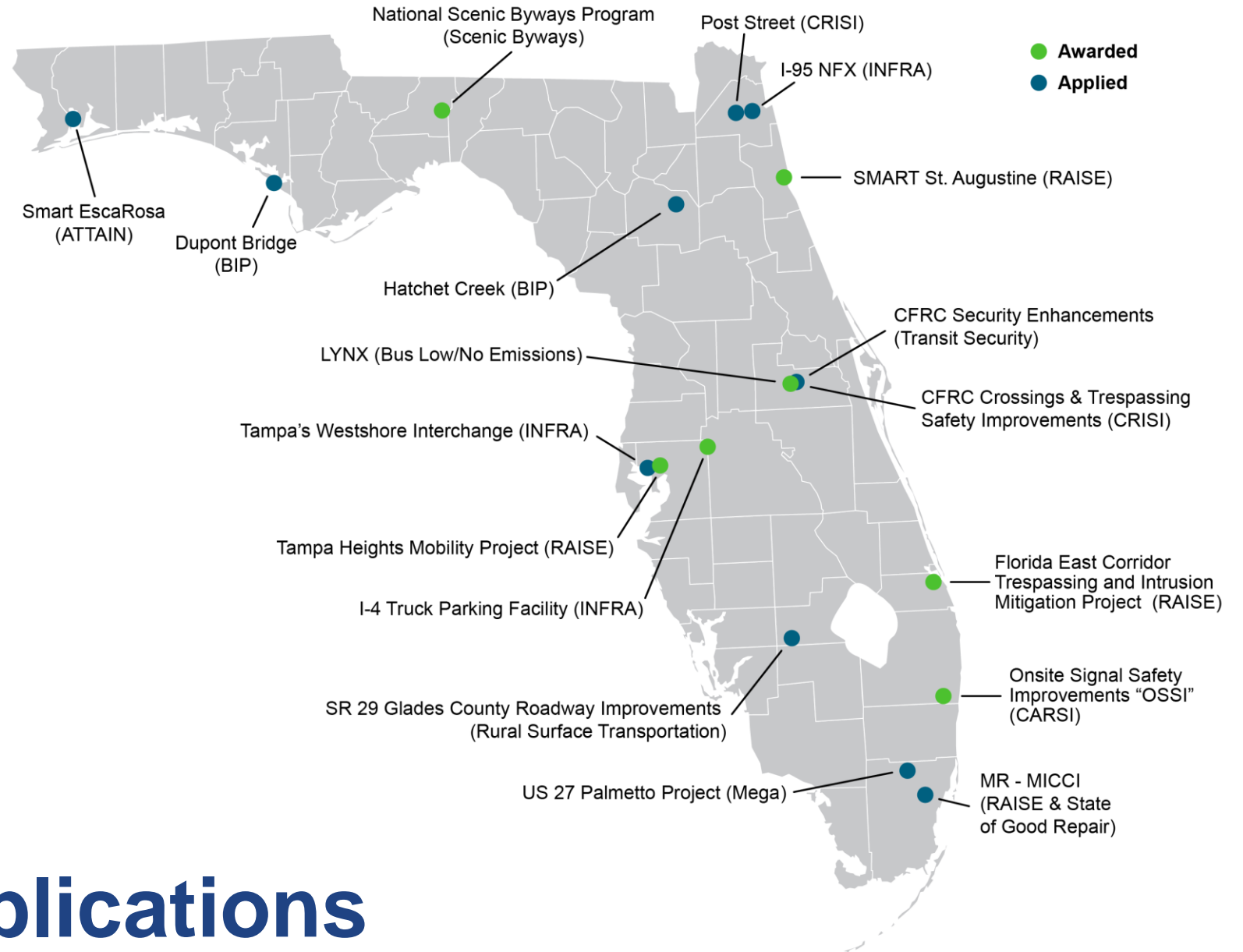
Florida  
May 23,

### SMART ST. AUGUSTINE

Funding Opportunity for the Department of  
Transportation's National Infrastructure Investments  
Program (NII) through the RAISE program

### ONSITE SIGNAL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS (OSSI)

Volume 1 & 2: Federal Grant Opportunity for Commuter Authority  
Rail Safety Improvement (CARS) for Fiscal Year 2022



# FDOT Grant Applications



# Recent Partner Successes

May 18, 2020

**Tampa Multimodal Network and Safety Improvements**

CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA application for  
Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD)  
NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NO. D70559-20-RA-BUILD

*City of Tampa*  
Florida

## SMART ST. AUGUSTINE

Funding Opportunity for the Department of Transportation's National Infrastructure Investments Program (NAIIP Grant) for Fiscal Year 2021  
NOFO: G4910-9X

## IMMOKALEE COMPLETE STREETS

Growing Connections to Create Mobility Opportunities

GRANT	TIGER IX (FY 2017)
LOCATION	Immokalee, FL 34142
PROJECT APPLICANT:	Collier County Board of Commissioners
GRANT NUMBER:	07699779000000
GRANT REQUESTED:	\$3,032,691
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$3,283,173 (20% match)
TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$16,415,864

Collier County

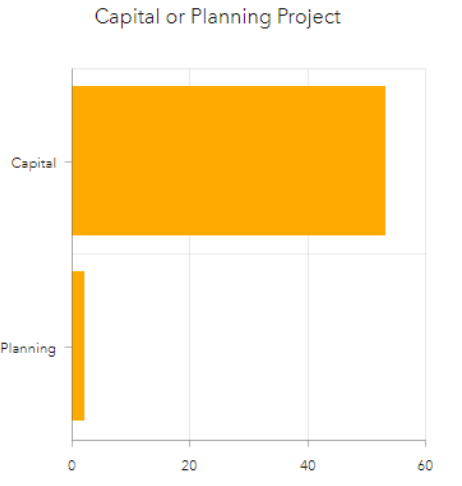
# Florida Discretionary Federal Grant Awards Dashboard

## User Guide

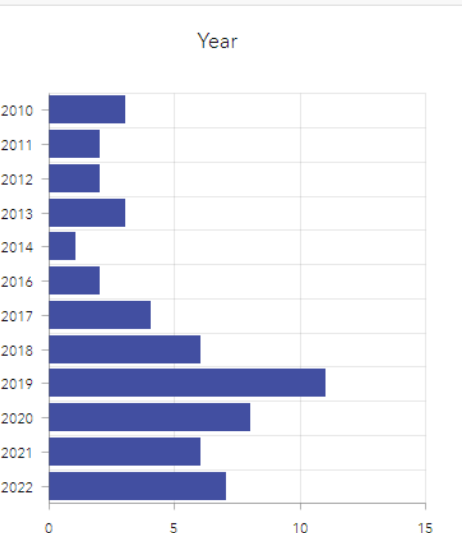
Data as of 11/17/2022.

Please note the widgets will update to reflect the projects within the map view.

FAA Grants are not included. Please view FAA resources at these locations: [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - Airport Infrastructure and 2022 Airport Improvement Program \(AIP\)](#).

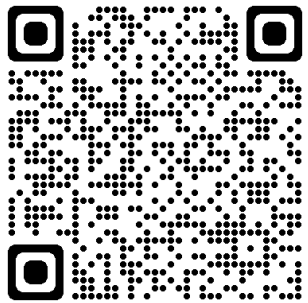
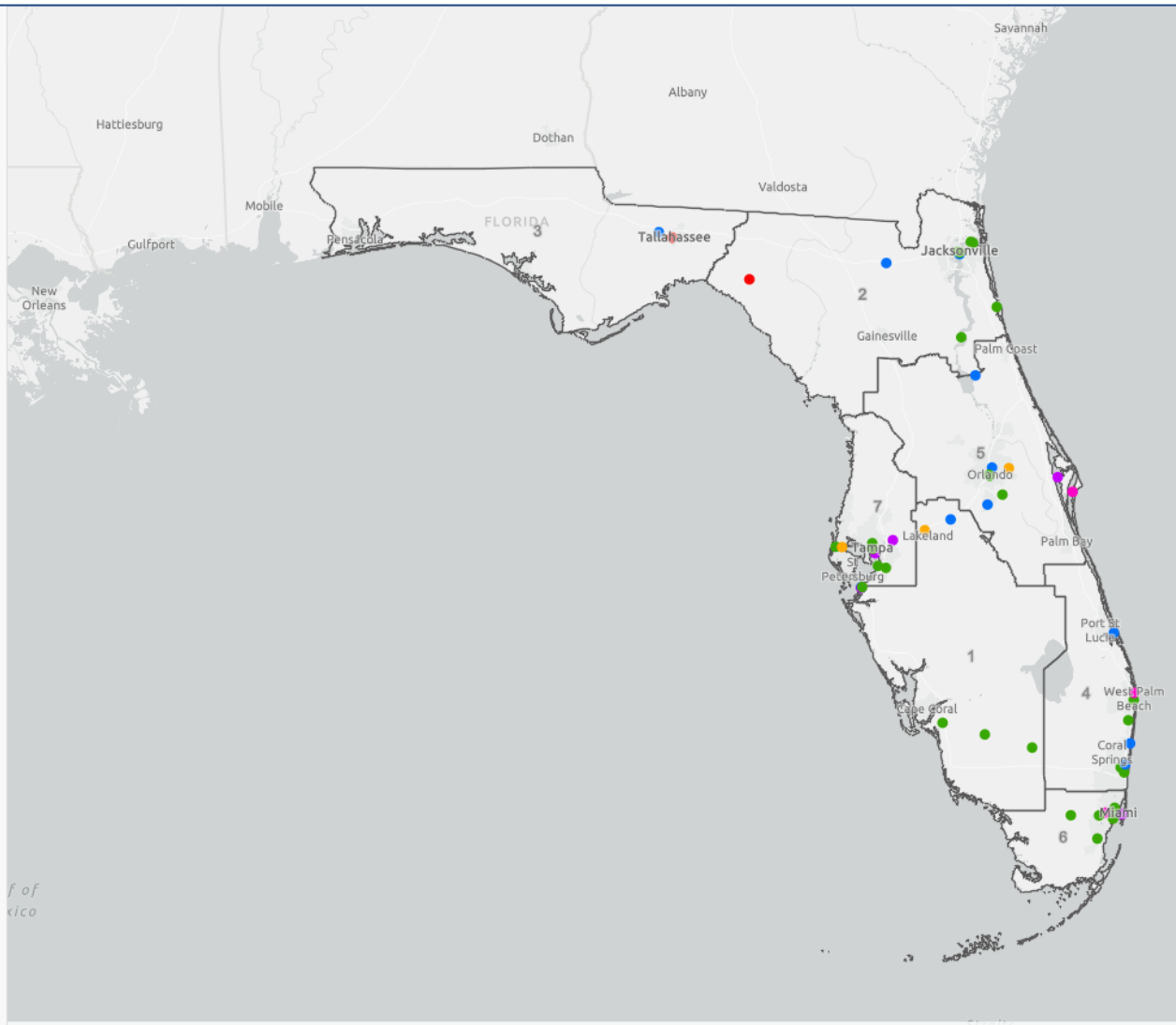


Type  Program  Applicant



Proposed Award Total  
**\$775.1M**

Proposed Project Cost  
**\$2B**





## Partnership and Coordination

- Coordinate with state and regional agencies
- Identify roles, time, effort, and expectations
- Ensure planning consistency if regional
- Formalize with an agreement



# New USDOT Guidance

## Key Messages

- Promote diverse outreach methods
- Provide meaningful access and reasonable accommodations
- Ensure communities have an equitable voice

## Document all Outreach

- ✓ Demonstrates consistency with guidance for meaningful public involvement
- ✓ Confirms compliance with federal laws





# Break (10 Minutes)



# Grants 101

*Photo Source: TheUnderline.org*

# Federal Grant Steps

Learn

Register on Grants.gov, gather information, review grant opportunities

Identify

Identify partnerships, priorities, match sources, ROW and environmental needs

Apply

After all of this is complete, you are ready to apply for the grant

Deliver

# Step 1: Learn



# FOR APPLICANTS



## Check Your Eligibility

Are you or your organization eligible for a grant? Learn how to check your eligibility here.

[Check Your Applicant Eligibility »](#)



## Get Registered

To apply, you need to register an account with Grants.gov. Begin registering today.

[Applicant Registration »](#)

[Organization Registration »](#)



## Apply for Grants

Ready to apply? Create a workspace to apply for a grant.

[Apply for a Grant Opportunity](#)

[Today »](#)

[Workspace Overview »](#)



## Track Your Application

Enter your Grants.gov tracking number to follow the progress of up to five applications at a time.

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# Before the NOFO

## *First Steps*

# Multimodal Competitive Programs

PROGRAMS	AMOUNTS	AVIATION	FREIGHT & RAIL	SEAPORT	SPACEPORT	TRANSIT
Rebuilding American Infrastructure With Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)	\$7.5 Billion	✓	✓	✓		✓
Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (NEW)	\$15 Billion	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI)	\$5 Billion	✓	✓	✓		✓



# New Competitive Programs – Local Interest

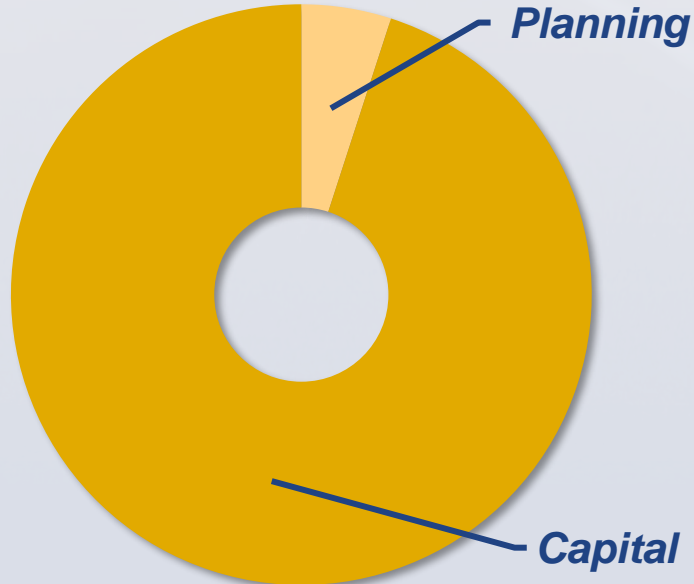
PROGRAMS	AMOUNTS (5 YEAR)
Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) (NEW)	\$1.4 Billion
Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (NEW)	\$350 Million
Safe Streets and Roads for All Program (NEW)	\$5 Billion
Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Program (NEW)	\$1 Billion
EV and Alternative Fuel Infrastructure (NEW)	\$2.5 Billion
Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (NEW)	\$1 Billion

# 2023 Notice of Funding Opportunities

Opening Date	NOFO	Operating Administration/Office
Winter 2023	<a href="#">Charging and Fueling Infrastructure</a>	Federal Highway Administration
March - April 2023	<a href="#">Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Program</a>	Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
April 2023	<a href="#">Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program</a>	Office of the Secretary
April 2023	<a href="#">Ferry Programs: Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Program; Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program; Passenger Ferry Boat Program</a>	Federal Transit Administration
May 2023	<a href="#">Transit-Oriented Development Pilot Program</a>	Federal Transit Administration
<b>Spring 2023</b>	<b>Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (<b>Mega</b>, <b>INFRA</b>, and <b>Rural</b>)</b> ★	<b>Office of the Secretary</b>
Spring 2023	<a href="#">Thriving Communities</a>	Office of the Secretary
Late Spring 2023	<a href="#">Reconnecting Communities Program and Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program</a>	Office of the Secretary/Federal Highway Administration
Late Spring/Early Summer 2023	<a href="#">Fueling Aviation's Sustainable Transition through Sustainable Aviation Fuels (FAST-SAF) and Technology (FAST-Tech) Programs</a>	Federal Aviation Administration
July 2023	<a href="#">All Stations Accessibility Program</a>	Federal Transit Administration
July 2023	<a href="#">Rail Vehicle Replacement Program</a>	Federal Transit Administration
<b>Summer 2023</b>	<b><a href="#">Bridge Investment Program</a></b> ★	<b>Federal Highway Administration</b>
<b>Summer 2023</b>	<b><a href="#">Railroad Crossing Elimination Program</a></b> ★	<b>Federal Railroad Administration</b>
<b>Fall 2023</b>	<b><a href="#">Consolidated Rail Infrastructure &amp; Safety Improvements Grant Program</a></b> ★	<b>Federal Railroad Administration</b>
Fall 2023	<a href="#">Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program</a>	Office of the Secretary
Winter 2023 - 2024	<a href="#">National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grants</a>	Federal Highway Administration

# Planning and Capital Grants

## RAISE Grant Funding



### Planning

- Smaller funding pool
- Fewer requirements
  - Benefit-Cost Analysis
  - NEPA

### Capital

- Often 80/20 match
- Majority of the funding pool
- More information needed in application
- FDOT's primary target



## Project Tips

- Find a grant that fits your project, don't make your project fit a grant
- Coordinate with potential partners
- Confirm project readiness
- Mitigate risks early
- Understand program evaluation criteria

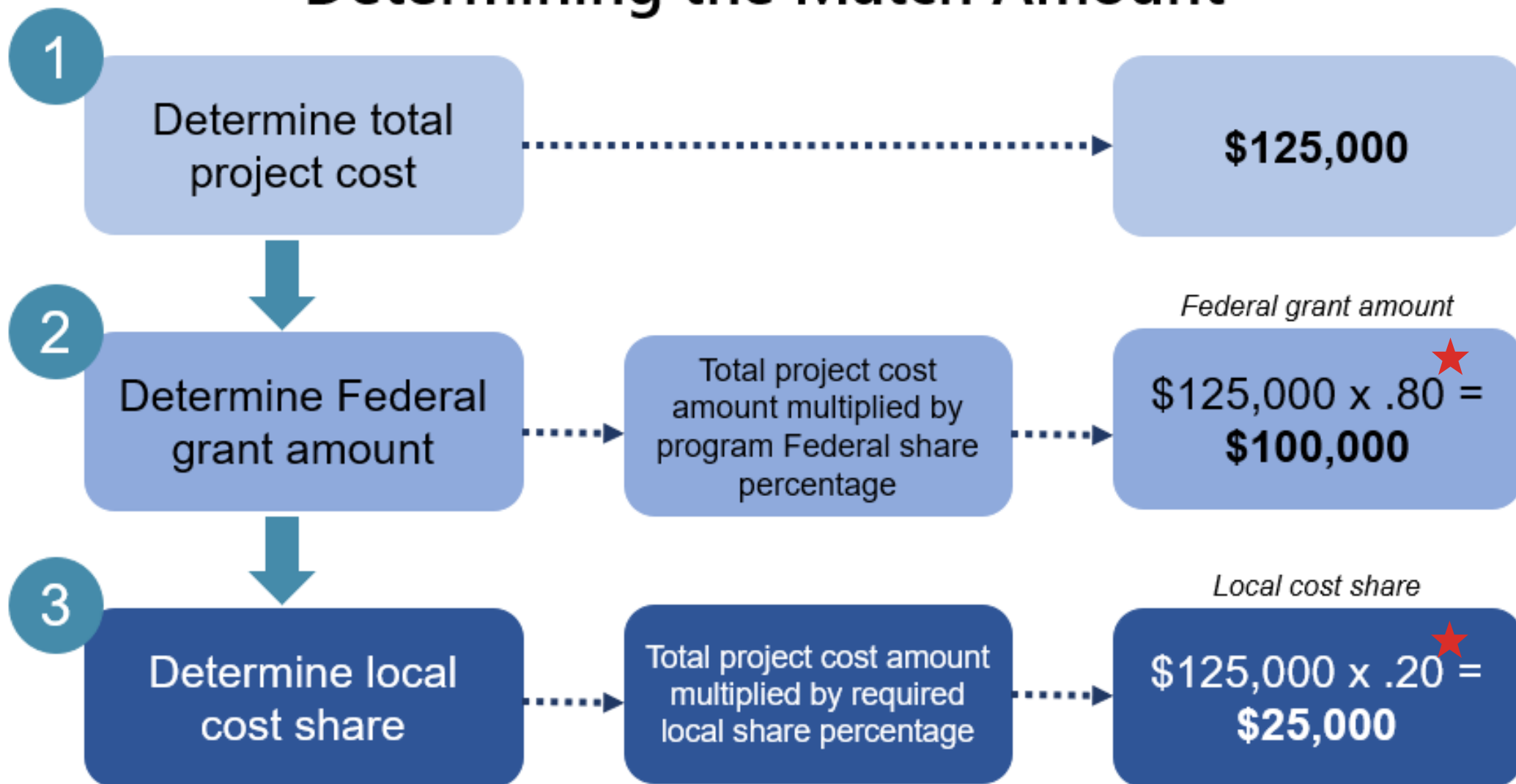
# Step 2: Identify

# Eligibility and Readiness

- Project programmed with local cost share
- Consistent with planning documents
- Aligns with local, state, and federal priorities
- Competitive with scoring criteria
- Public benefits exceed costs

Project Phases	Locally Funded Schedule	Federally/State Funded Schedule
<b>Environmental Review</b>	6 - 12 months	0 – 3+ years
<b>Final Design</b>	1 - 2 years	2 - 3 years
<b>Land Acquisition / Right of Way</b>	6 - 12 months	1.5 - 2 years
<b>Utilities Relocation</b>	6 - 12 months	6 - 12 months
<b>Construction</b>	1 - 2 years	1 - 4 years
<b>TOTAL</b>	3.5 – 7 years	7 - 13 years

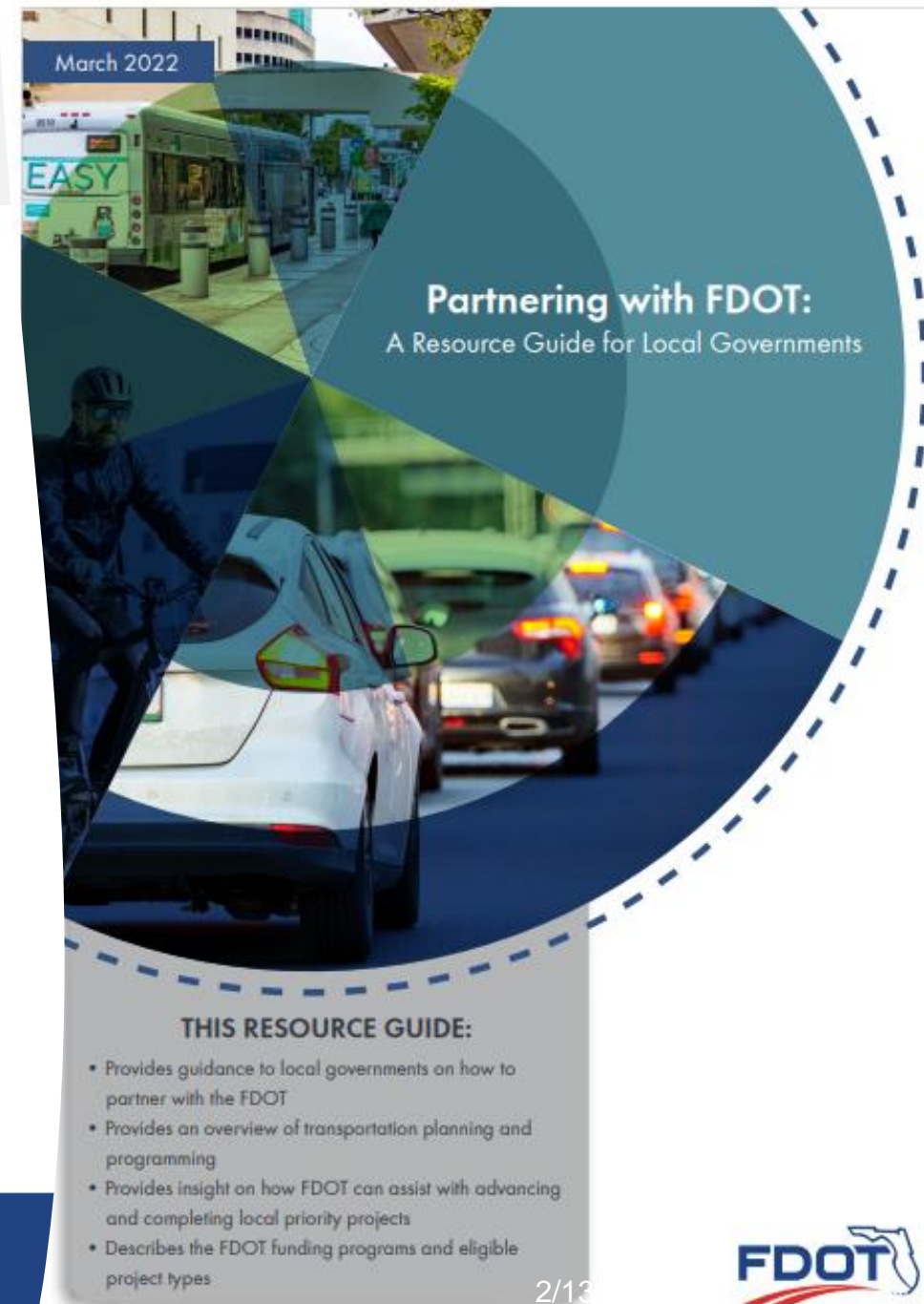
# Determining the Match Amount



Note that this is an example 

# Find Matching Funds

- Identify partners that can potentially provide match
- Funds must be state or local
- Think outside of the box




March 2022

**Partnering with FDOT:**  
A Resource Guide for Local Governments

**THIS RESOURCE GUIDE:**

- Provides guidance to local governments on how to partner with the FDOT
- Provides an overview of transportation planning and programming
- Provides insight on how FDOT can assist with advancing and completing local priority projects
- Describes the FDOT funding programs and eligible project types

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# Planning Consistency

- Document consistency with long-range plans
  - statewide transportation plan
  - state freight plan
  - metropolitan plans
  - transportation improvement program
  - capital improvement plan (non-MPO)
- Request letter of consistency from FDOT



# Workforce Development

- Include how the project will
  - Create good-paying jobs
  - Expand workforce opportunities
  - Plan for worker training and education
- Partner with Florida's Statewide Workforce Development Program





# Poll



# Project Champions

- Every project needs a local champion to move it from concept to reality
- Champions may come from a non-profit, local resident, agency, or other
- Champions convene stakeholders and generate local/political support





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JARED W. PERDUE, P.E.  
SECRETARY

April 14, 2022

Hydi Webb  
Port Director & CEO  
PortMiami  
1015 North America Way,  
Miami, Florida 33132

RE: Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant, FY 2022  
PortMiami Net Zero Program: Cargo Supply Chain Master Plan Project

Dear Mrs. Webb:

This letter confirms the Florida Department of Transportation and Miami Dade County have previously executed a contract to provide funding for PortMiami's Upland Cargo Improvements. The project programming is included in a prior Transportation Improvement Program/State Transportation Improvement Program.

FPID 440616-1-94-02

- Contract Executed in State Fiscal Year 2020/2021
- Contract Expiration: June 30, 2026
  - State Funds: \$18,340,024
  - Local Funds: \$18,340,024

Please note only work started after execution of a contract amendment would be eligible for federal reimbursement if PortMiami is successful with their application.

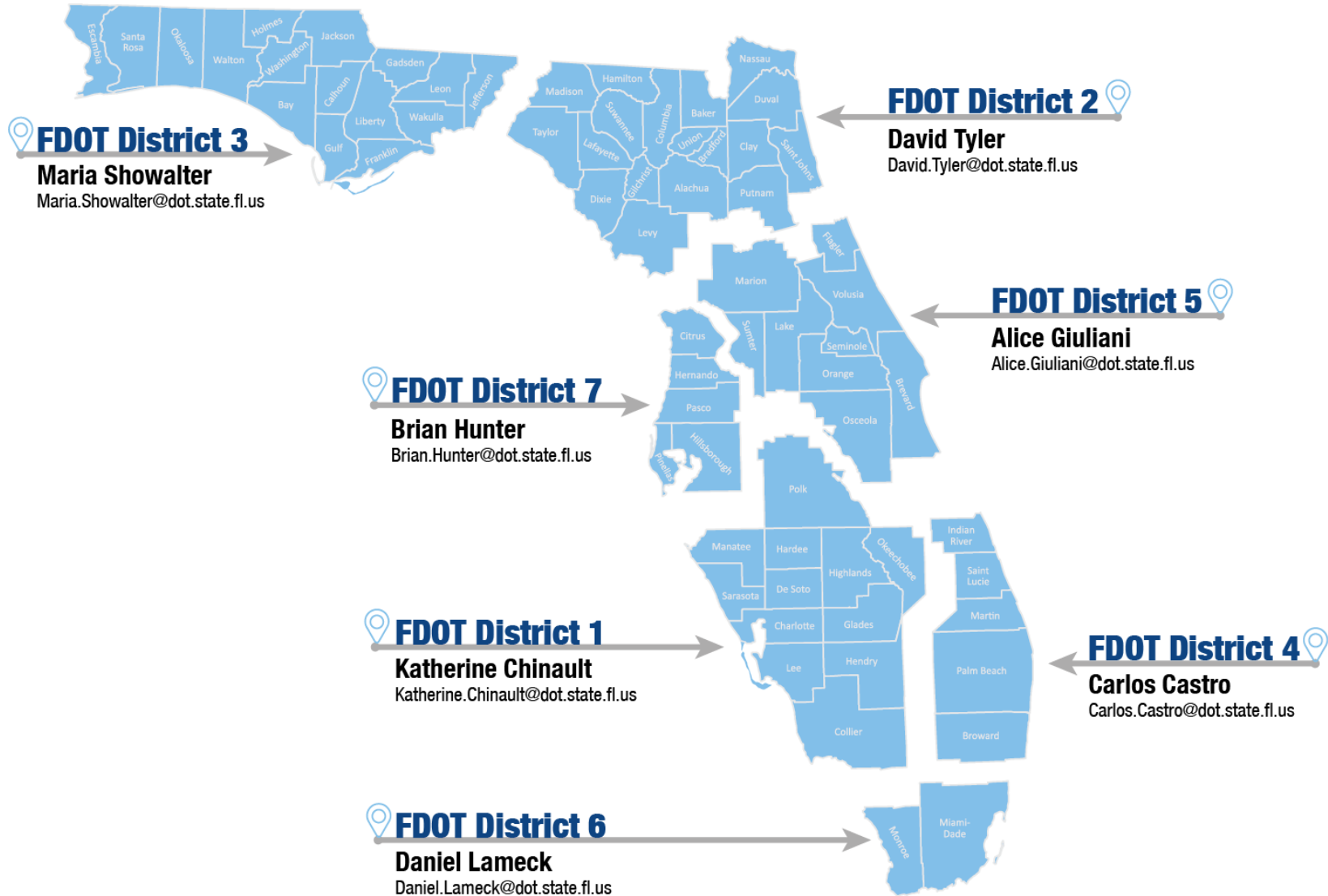
Once completed, this capital investment in surface transportation will improve the safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, economic competitiveness, and efficiency of the movement of goods in the Southeast.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:  
  
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Stacy L. Miller, P.E.  
District Six Secretary

# Letters of Consistency

- Issued by FDOT for local projects
- Projects consistent with Work Program or Florida Transportation Plan
- Coordinate through local District
- Reach out early in application development process



# Grant Coordinators

# Step 3: Apply

# Components of the Application

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- Project Planning and Scope
- Project Performance and Execution
- Funding Indicators
- Project Impact





# Narrative Tips

## Tell The Story

- Compelling to reader
- Comprehensive details
- Tailor to the opportunity

## Demonstrate

- Funding need
- Commitment to project
- Impact on community
- Include visuals



*Photo Source: Collier County*

# PLANNING DATA RESOURCES



**Mobility Data  
Integration Space**



**The FDOT  
Source Book**



**FDOT Mobility  
Monitor**



**Equity Data  
Resources**



**Hurricane Ian  
Evacuation Analysis**



**GIS Resources**





# Poll



# National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

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Ensures agencies consider the significant **environmental consequences** of their proposed actions and **inform the public** about their decision making



# FDOT NEPA Assignment Renewal May 26, 2022

- **FDOT** assumed legal responsibility and liabilities for ensuring compliance with environmental requirements for NEPA from FHWA
- **FDOT** provides approval for federal aid projects involving FDOT and local agencies with a LAP agreement
- **FHWA** will approve NEPA documents for local agencies who receive funds directly from the federal government



# NEPA Considerations

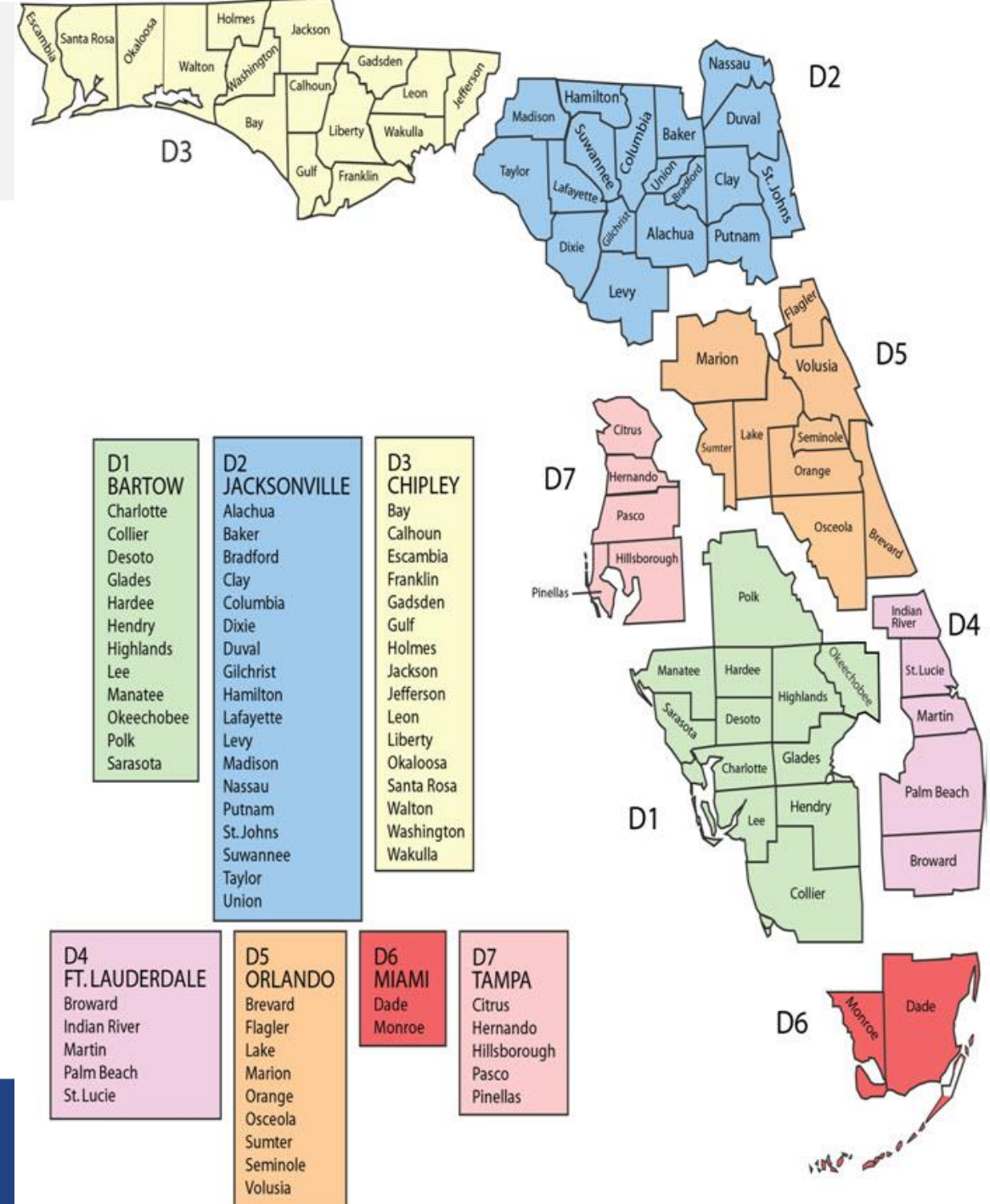
- Is the grant the primary source for **funding** the project?
- What is the **scope** of the project? (Note that larger projects will require more time for NEPA documentation)
- When should the NEPA begin to meet the needs of the project **schedule**, as required by the grant?
- Does the local agency want to enter into a **LAP agreement** with FDOT to administer grant funds?





# Contacts

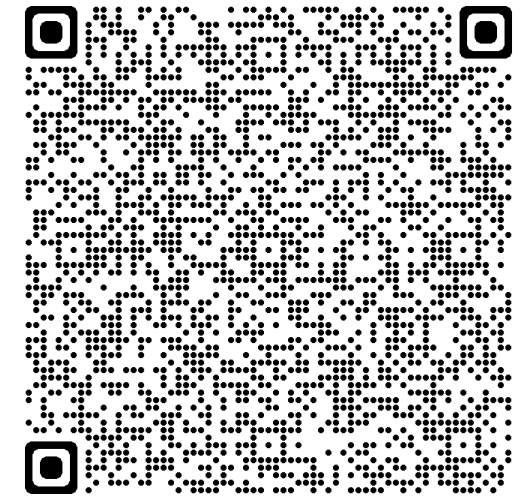
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  - Jennifer Marshall, Director  
[Jennifer.Marshall@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Jennifer.Marshall@dot.state.fl.us)
  - Local District Environmental Management Office
- FHWA
  - Joe Sullivan ([Joseph.Sullivan@dot.gov](mailto:Joseph.Sullivan@dot.gov))  
– Districts 1,2,3,7
  - Luis D. Lopez ([Luis.D.Lopez@dot.gov](mailto:Luis.D.Lopez@dot.gov))  
– Districts 4,5,6



# Local Agency Program Delivery

- Local agencies may apply for a federal aid project to be delivered through the LAP process
- Project delivery options include:
  - LAP Certification of your agency
  - Project delivered by another LAP Certified agency
  - FDOT delivers the project on behalf of the agency

## Self Assessment Tool



*Reach out to your LAP coordinator as soon as possible*





# LAP Tips and Tricks

- Proactively prioritize projects
- Allow time for ROW
- Prepare for environmental requirements
- Bundle low-cost projects to maximize federal funding
- Space out delivery of high dollar, high risk projects
- Ensure ADA Design Accessibility

# Step 4: Deliver



# Pieces of Project Delivery





# Pre-NOFO Summary of Steps

- ✓ Register on Grants.gov
- ✓ Create Unique Entity Identifier
- ✓ Review grant opportunities
- ✓ Establish partnerships
- ✓ Receive letters of support and consistency
- ✓ Identify match sources
- ✓ Address right of way & environmental needs
- ✓ Watch for the NOFO



# RESILIENCE ACTION PLAN

*Grant Information Session*

# RESILIENCE ACTION PLAN GOALS



Recommend strategies to enhance infrastructure and operational resilience



Recommend design changes for existing and new facilities



Enhance partnerships to address multijurisdictional resilience needs

# RESILIENCE ACTION PLAN STRATEGY AREAS



Planning/PD&E



Design &  
Construction



Operations



Asset  
Management



# CARBON REDUCTION STRATEGY

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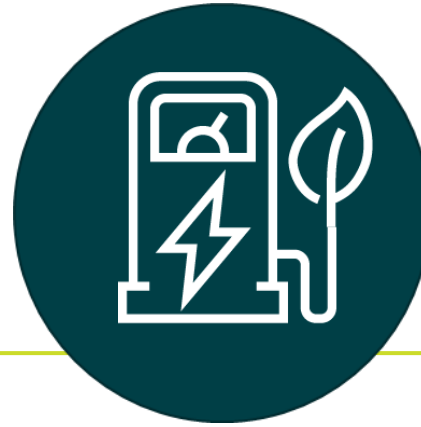
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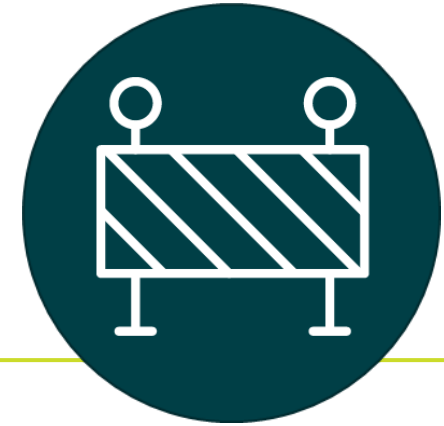
## Reduce transportation emissions by:



Reducing  
single-occupant  
vehicle trips



Facilitating the use of  
vehicles or modes of  
travel that result in  
lower emissions



Facilitating approaches  
to construction that  
result in lower  
emissions

# Carbon Reduction Strategy Approach

**Data and Research**

**Internal and  
External Outreach**

**Tools and Guidance**

**Objectives and  
Strategies**



# Poll



# Q&A

*ONE LIFE LOST IS **TOO MANY***

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**FATALITIES**

**&**



**SERIOUS INJURIES**

*ON FLORIDA'S ROADS **EACH DAY***



**Questions?**

**Ask your District Experts!**