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### The Broward MPO Signs TIGER Grant Agreement with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Celebrates a Major Milestone for Broward’s “Complete Streets”



**Fort Lauderdale, FL** - The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) was awarded a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation for its Regional Complete Streets Initiative in 2016. Since the award, the Broward MPO and implementation partner, Florida Department of Transportation District Four (FDOT D4), have been working diligently on the implementation of the projects identified in this grant. The latest milestone in this grant process is a major development, as of August 2019, the TIGER agreement (between FHWA, FDOT D4 and the Broward MPO) has been executed. This allows the Broward MPO and FDOT D4 to begin utilizing these federal funds received as a part of the grant.



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This highly competitive grant encompasses safety, economic competitiveness, quality of life, state of good repair, innovation and partnerships with a broad range of stakeholders. The Regional Complete Streets Initiative (the TIGER grant application) focuses on completing a 70-mile bicycle and pedestrian network located on the east side of Broward County. It will also help fund more than \$19.1 million dollars in bike and pedestrian improvements in the cities of Fort Lauderdale, Lauderdale Lakes, Oakland Park and Pompano Beach. Design work on the TIGER began in 2017, with a heavy emphasis on incorporating the local perspective into the final scope. In addition, the Broward MPO has committed \$1.5 million towards the effort in federal funding to compliment and ensure that the projects are delivered on time (within scope and budget).

“The Regional Complete Streets Initiative is actually 5 projects that fill in the gaps within our local transportation network,” says Gregory Stuart, Executive Director for the Broward MPO. “Together with our partners, Broward County, FDOT D4, City of Fort Lauderdale, City of Oakland Park, City of Pompano Beach and City of Lauderdale Lakes, we have made a firm commitment to enhance our active transportation system. Speaking of commitment, our partners have contributed a 40% match (\$7,730,517.00) of the total cost of \$19,173,888.00.”

Incorporating safe and continuous bicycle and pedestrian facilities into Broward’s transportation network is a part of the Broward MPO’s goals to reduce crashes and provide an enhanced quality of life for residents and visitors. In addition to completing the network, another win for the local community is transforming Broward’s existing bicycle and pedestrian footprint by constructing critical facilities, including for those without personal access to a vehicle, and providing affordable multi-modal connections to jobs, schools, businesses, retail, hospitals, parks and service centers.

To-date, the Broward MPO has programmed over \$300 million in bicycle and pedestrian facilities to create safer and healthier streets, adding nearly 100 miles of bicycle facilities and 40 miles of sidewalk improvements.

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The **Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)** is a transportation policy-making board responsible for transportation planning and funding allocations. The Organization works with the public, planning organizations, government agencies, elected officials, and community groups to develop transportation plans in Broward.

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