

## 2017 Broward MPO Federal Legislative Priorities

- Increase funding for programs that are vital to the Broward MPO
  - Advocate for the passage of a federal infrastructure package and ensure that funds are eligible for direct allocation to MPOs.
  - Ensure the long term sustainability of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant program by increasing yearly allocations above the current \$500 million.
  - Secure funding levels through the appropriations process for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) that are consistent with funding levels allocated by the FAST Act.
- Ensure that policy changes from USDOT and Congress benefit the Broward MPO
  - Work with companion MPOs and national partners to advocate for substantial changes in USDOT’s proposed “Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform Rule.”
  - Promote passage of the *Metropolitan Planning Enhancement Act*, sponsored by Rep. Lois Frankel, which would reward high performing MPOs like the Broward MPO with additional funding.
- Secure federal grants to promote high visibility Broward MPO projects
  - Collaborate with partners to bring USDOT Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) money to Broward.

- Apply for Fostering Advancement in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-Term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) Grant for enhancements to Port Everglades.
- Monitor for grant opportunities for autonomous vehicle pilot programs to bring new autonomous vehicle technology to Broward.
- Apply for Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Grants to improve safety, efficiency, and system performance of transportation network in the region.

### **2017 Broward MPO State Legislative Priorities**

- Restore funding for the Transportation Regional Incentive Program to promote regional planning and project development.
- Establish a revolving fund to be utilized by metropolitan planning organizations to advance the use of federal funds prior to reimbursement from USDOT.
- Oppose Senate Bill 596, the “Advanced Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Act,” which would not allow local governments to regulate, charge, or prohibit the placement of wireless antennas and other communications equipment on public structures and public right-of-way.
- Support legislation that would require utility work on public right-of-way to be done in evening hours so as not to impede traffic flow or emergency vehicles.