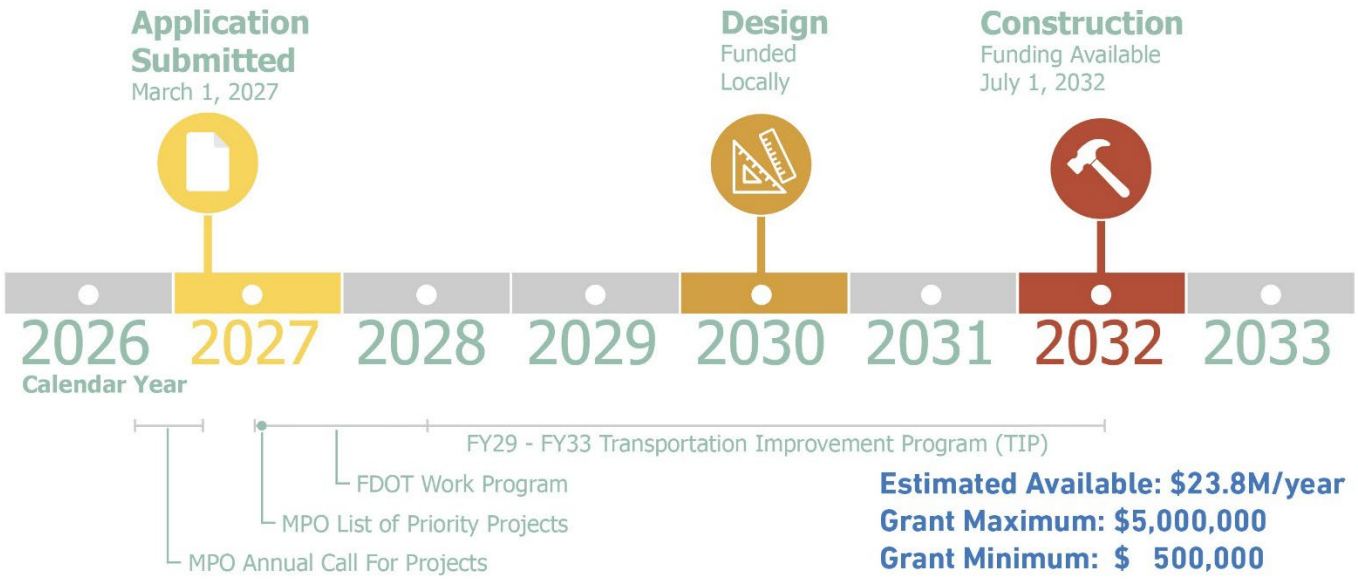
2027 Annual Call for Projects
Major Projects Program Overview
Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization

The Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Major Projects Program prioritizes state and federal funds for projects that advance the MPO's Vision in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Funding for projects included in the List of Priority Projects is typically available as noted below.



ELIGIBLE PROJECT APPLICANT (Requires Local Agency Program (LAP) Certification)

- Local Governments
- Natural Resource or Public Land agencies
- School District or local education agencies
- Regional Transportation Authorities and Public Transit Agencies

HOW TO APPLY FOR MAJOR PROJECTS

1. **Participate in the MPO Virtual Funding Programs Workshop on November 3, 2026 (optional)**
   Learn about project eligibility, Local Agency Program (LAP) Certification, and have your specific questions answered by FDOT and MPO staff.
2. **Attend Pre-Application Meeting with MPO and FDOT Staff (required)**
   All applicants must attend a pre-application meeting with MPO and FDOT between November 4, 2026 and February 19, 2027. MPO staff will schedule these meetings with FDOT and applicants.
3. **Host a Public Workshop / Meeting on the Proposed Improvements.**
   A standing meeting (e.g., Council or Planning Board) does not sufficiently address this requirement. The meeting must be publicly advertised and open to all to attend.
4. **Gather Required Documents**
   Each project submittal requires an application, online form, and supporting documents outlined in the Submittal Checklist provided below. Missing or late documents may result in project ineligibility.
5. **Submit Online via Palm Beach MPO Application Portal by March 1, 2027, at 11:59 PM**
   The application process requires the submittal of the application document with associated attachments via the MPO Application Portal.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & LIMITATIONS

- Applicants to the LOPP are limited to a maximum of two (2) each year, except Palm Beach County, which may submit a maximum of six (6) applications across all departments. Only one project will be placed on the LOPP per municipality or county department.
- All applicants will be required to meet with MPO and FDOT staff to discuss projects for the LOPP. Applicants must only submit applications discussed in the meeting. Projects must be disclosed in sufficient detail in the pre-application meeting for funding consideration.
- Projects will be prioritized until funding is exhausted. If a project is not prioritized or funding is not available in the work program, the project will not be included in the LOPP and must resubmit the following application cycle to be considered for funding.
- All applicants must submit to FDOT and MPO staff ample and complete commentary on any project-related concerns to mitigate possible design and construction issues before inclusion in the LOPP.
- Applications must include all required documents listed in the Submittal Checklist.
- The awarded agency must ensure "After" construction photos are shared with the MPO. These photos of project completion should be at the same location where pre-construction photos were taken. Photos must be high quality (at least 1200x800) and should not be packaged within a PDF or word document.
- Applications will be ranked by a system derived from Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).
- All submitted projects must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and conform with required federal, state, and local standards such as, but not limited to: Florida's Manual of Uniform Minimum Standards for Design, Construction and Maintenance for Streets and Highways (Florida Greenbook), Florida Design Manual (FDM), FDOT Traffic Engineering Manual (TEM), National Association of City Transportation Officials (for non-NHS projects by eligible entities only) etc. Projects utilizing experimental design considerations must provide documentation of proof of interim approval of such activities at application submittal. Failure to provide proof will result in project ineligibility.
- Projects facing single-family residential lots with primary access to the proposed roadway must provide proof of public outreach and support. Applicants must provide proof of notification to all directly impacted properties and documentation of at least 25% in support of the project. Projects that do not meet the required applicable support will be flagged for MPO Governing Board review.
- MPO attributable funding is available up to the designated cap for participating (reimbursable) items. Applicants include inflation factors in cost estimates. Costs associated with non-participating (non-reimbursable) items, as well as cost increases exceeding the participating amount maximum, must be covered by the local applicant. Additional cost increases should be understood before applying.
- Projects included in the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) must document the design and permitting funds in the applicant's capital improvement program or budget.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY GUIDANCE

Projects must be located on federal aid-eligible roadways or facilities (those classified as urban minor collector and above). More eligibility details: fhwa.dot.gov/infrastructure-investment-and-jobs-act/stbg.cfm

Projects on the state highway system (SHS) require support from FDOT before submittal.

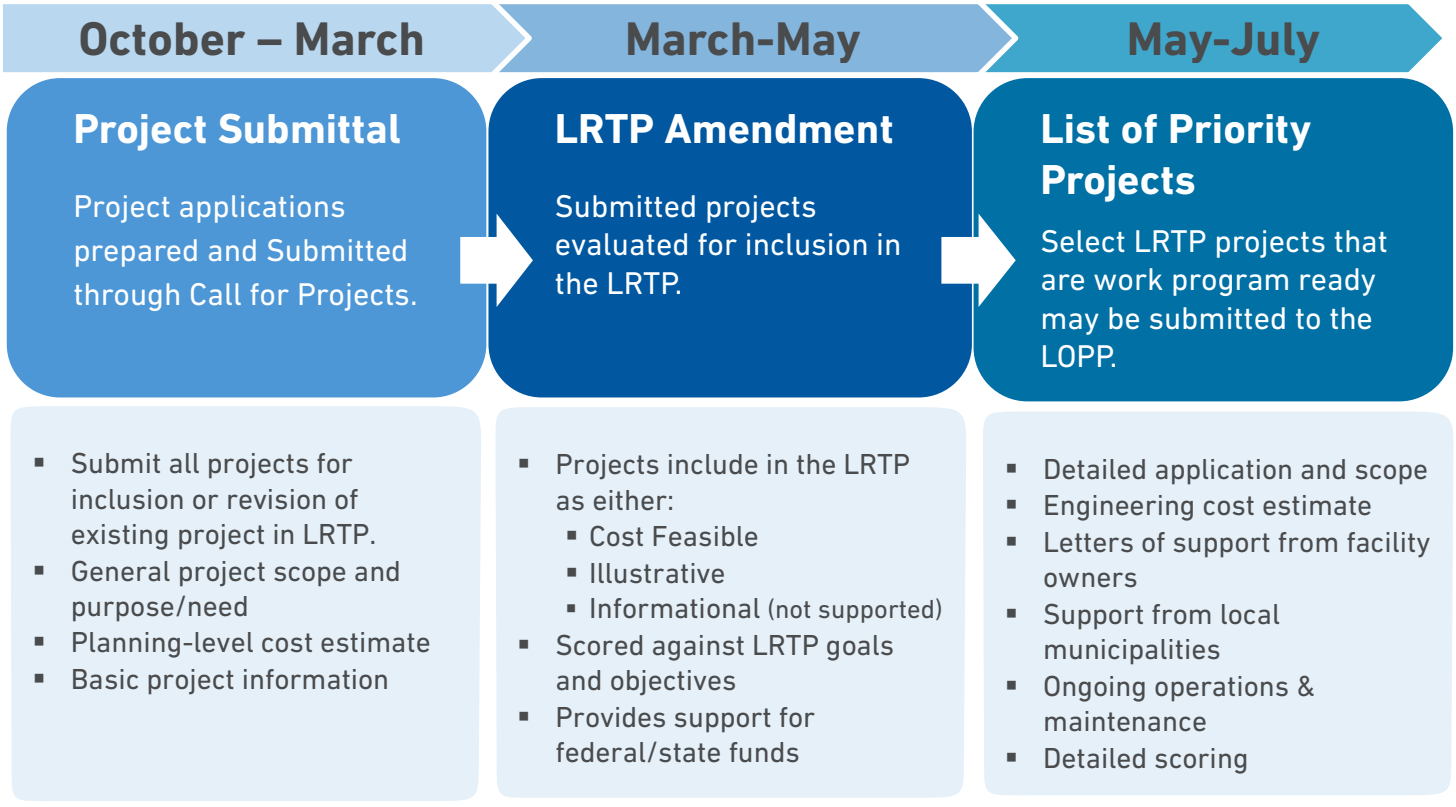
- **Safety Improvements** (recommendations in a Vision Zero or Safety Action Plan)
- **Bicycle & Pedestrian Infrastructure** (separated bike lanes, sidewalks, protected intersections)
- **Transit Infrastructure and Capital** (vehicle purchases, shelters, technology)
- **Roadway / Bridge Infrastructure** (roundabouts, lane repurposing, lane reconfigurations, widening)
- **Freight Improvements** (airport, seaport, rail, truck parking, technology)
- **Transportation Operations & ITS** (TSM&O, signals, communication, TMC)
- **Environmental Mitigation & Enhancement** (infrastructure hardening, drainage)
- **School Accessibility Improvements** (sidewalk or pathway connectivity, traffic calming)
- **Other Eligible Activity under 23 U.S.C. §133(b)**

PROJECT SUBMISSION TO TIP PROCESS

Palm Beach MPO's annual Call for Projects is the formal process for submitting new or updated transportation projects to:

- Amend the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to include projects that seek federal and state transportation funding prioritized by the MPO, or through other discretionary programs administered directly between the granting agency and the local recipient.
- Advance existing or new LRTP projects for consideration in the List of Priority Projects (LOPP), making them eligible for Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) attributable funding.

The process to document and amend the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) so projects can be included in the MPO's List of Priority Projects (LOPP) is presented in the figure below.



SCHEDULE	
October 22, 2026	**Program Kick-off.** MPO Board approves program.
November 3, 2026	**Program Application Workshop.** Workshop to review program application, scoring criteria, schedule, and project implementation requirements. MPO distributes program overview and application information to local agencies and opens the online application portal.
November 4, 2026 – February 24, 2027	**Pre-Application Meetings.** Required one-on-one meetings with MPO and FDOT representatives to discuss project specifics and clarify application requirements.
March 1, 2027	**Application Deadline.** All materials submitted via the online application portal by 11:59 p.m.
March 5, 2027	**MPO Submits Draft Project List and Tentative Ranking to FDOT.** MPO submits tentative project rankings to FDOT for project feasibility and eligibility determination.
FDOT/MPO VETTING PROCESS BEGINS	
Late March 2027	**First Email to Applicants.** After initial application review, FDOT emails applicants requesting additional clarification needed before field reviews. If ineligible, MPO to send a formal response.
Early April 2027	**Applicant Responses Due.** Applicants provide FDOT and MPO responses to requested clarifications.
Mid April 2027	**Field Visits.** FDOT and applicants perform field reviews to ensure the potential project is constructible, requires no right-of-way acquisition, and determine if drainage is warranted.
Late April 2027	**Second Email to Applicants.** FDOT sends an email to applicants with comments on issues/concerns, clarifications, updated cost estimates, and/or requests for missing or updated documentation.
April 23, 2027	**Resolution of Support Due to MPO.** Applicants must submit a resolution from their governing body and/or the governing body of the facility owner endorsing the project and committing to funding of operations and maintenance.
May 3, 2027	**Response from Applicants Due.** Deadline for applicants to resolve outstanding eligibility issues and submit final requested documentation to FDOT and MPO.
FDOT/MPO VETTING PROCESS ENDS	
May 28, 2027	**FDOT D4 returns Eligibility Determinations.** FDOT sends MPO final eligibility determinations to finalize draft priority ranking.
June 17, 2027	**Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment.** Projects are amended into the LRTP before inclusion in the List of Priority Projects (LOPP).
July 7 - 8, 2027	**Draft LOPP to Committees.** MPO staff presents a draft List of Prioritized Projects to MPO committees for review and input before the MPO Board considers it.
July 15, 2027	**Final List of Priority Projects Approval by MPO Board.**
July 16, 2027	**Submit Project Priorities to FDOT.** MPO submits adopted LOPP to FDOT and notifies applicants of final priority rankings.

* Program schedule subject to change.

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2027 MPO MAJOR PROJECTS PROGRAM SCORING			
CRITERIA	**DESCRIPTION**	**VALUE**	**MAX**
Bicycle Facility Type NOTE: Multiply total mileage by factor shown in the Value column	10'+ shared use path	5	10
	Separated or raised bicycle lanes	4	
	Buffered bicycle lanes	3	
	Designated bicycle lanes	2	
Pedestrian Facility Type NOTE: Multiply total mileage by factor shown in the Value column	10'+ shared use path	5	10
	8'-9' paved path	4	
	5'-7' sidewalk	3	
	5'+ unpaved path (ADA compliant)	2	
	Sidewalk or shared use path widenings	1	
	New crosswalk and/or enhancements	0.5	
Vehicular Facilities	Project includes (TSM&O) components (e.g. connected signals, cameras, vehicle sensors, etc.)	5	20
	Project reduces transit travel time (e.g. queue jumps)	5	
	Project improves efficient movement of freight in region (e.g. port access, freight parking, etc.,	5	
	Capacity project improves travel time reliability (e.g. widening, turn lanes, etc.)	5	
Project reduces conflict points and/or implements proven safety countermeasures that improve safety for all roadway users. Note: Each intersection is considered one scoring area, multiple locations may be added for a total value up to maximum.	Grade separation, roundabout, protected intersection	10	15
	Raised crosswalk or intersection; or median or refuge island enhanced intersection or crosswalk	7	
	Crosswalk visibility, marking, and traffic calming, including bulb outs, curb radii, new crosswalk or crosswalk enhancement, traffic circle, or other countermeasures	5	
Project provides safety benefits on the designated High Injury Network		9	9
Project improves travel time reliability (transit or vehicle) on the National Highway System (NHS), to a Freight Activity Area, or on the 561 Network Corridor.		8	8
Project improves pedestrian/bicycle facilities in Ped Gap/Bicycle Corridor	Tier 1	5	5
	Tier 2	3	
	Tier 3	1	
Project benefits disadvantaged communities NOTE: Disadvantaged communities index within 1 mile of project.	Very High	8	8
	High	6	
	Medium	3	
	Low	0	
Project improves aging/deteriorating infrastructure or hardens/sustainably replaces at-risk or critical infrastructure.	On the NHS	5	5
	On non-NHS, federal-aid eligible facilities	3	
Project improves performance of a state hurricane evacuation route (must be on evacuation route and improve the reliability or capacity of the route)		3	3
Project reduces susceptibility to inundation by sea level rise and/or annual flooding		3	3
Project incorporates practical environmental measures (e.g., mitigation, pollution prevention, stormwater management, pervious materials).		4	4
Deduction		**TOTAL**	**100**
Applicant canceled a previously prioritized or funded project within the past 12 months		-5	0

SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST FOR APPLICANTS TO THE LOPP

The checklist will help ensure all documents are included in your submission by the application deadline. See the MPO's Major Projects webpage for example submission materials and additional resources.

- ☐ Application
- ☐ Attendance and description of project at pre-application meeting.
- ☐ Location Map (Aerial)
- ☐ Clear Photographs of project before construction (Google Map photos are not acceptable)
- ☐ Conceptual Typical Section or Planview Sections (Existing and Proposed)
- ☐ Detailed Cost Estimate Spreadsheet (Signed by Professional Engineer)
- ☐ Right-of-Way Ownership Verification (Plats, deeds, prescriptions, surveys and/or easements)
- ☐ Commitment Letter from administering agency's Director of Engineering or Public Works Department clearly indicating they will "administer and construct the project if funded by the Palm Beach MPO" is required (due at application deadline – **March 1, 2027**)
- ☐ Proof of public outreach and support required if proposed project modifies a roadway that provides access to single family residential lots. ***NOTE***: *Attendance at a council meeting for the resolution of support is not considered a public outreach meeting.*
  - Must have >25% of all landowners in support of the project, whose parcel is facing the project.
  - The following documentation must be submitted with the application in the form of:
    - Responses to mail outs sent to landowners/residents; Or,
    - Sign-In signatures and input obtained at a neighborhood/public meeting.
- ☐ Resolution of Support from governing body of the facility owner(s) clearly indicating that the project may be constructed as proposed and a commitment to fund ongoing operations and maintenance of the project - due within 60 days of application due date.