UNIVERSITY CITY PROSPERITY PROJECT

APPlicant/Sponsor: Florida International University

Total Project Cost: $123,809,794

Grant Funding: $11,397,120

Project Description

TIGER funds will be used to support an innovative package of technology, streetscaping and transit improvements to connect the town of Sweetwater with Florida International University (FIU). Together they will increase access to jobs on the FIU campus and link two portions of campus that are currently disconnected. TIGER funds will be used to construct a new pedestrian bridge over a busy arterial road. These infrastructure improvements will support the economic growth of a major public research university and an adjacent small city.

Project Highlights

» Utilizes innovative Intelligent Transportation System features to assist students, university staff, and community members to move efficiently to and through the FIU campus.

» Creates a complete street connection between two portions of the campus currently disconnected, including a new pedestrian bridge over a major street.

» Constructs complete streets improvements and campus walkways with a Boardwalk and Entry Plaza and Pavilion Project on campus.

Project Benefits

The project will facilitate transit use and safe pedestrian-oriented transit access via an advanced and comprehensive electronic wayfinding system. This unique and innovative combination of computing technology, transit station improvements, and pedestrian-oriented infrastructure will increase transit ridership and reduce congestion. This innovative approach to campus connectivity is a first-of-its-kind effort that serves as a model for other communities throughout the nation.