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Miami's Underline snags a \$22M grant. Now its new phase can be built in Coral Gables.

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Miami's 10-mile Underline trail and park is starting construction. This is what the park, which will extend from downtown Miami to Dadeland under the Metrorail's elevated tracks, will look like. BY [MARTA OLIVER CRAVIOTTO](#)

Ambitious plans for construction of the Underline, a 10-mile-long "linear park" for people on foot and on bikes that would run beneath the elevated Metrorail tracks, got a significant lift with the announcement Wednesday of a \$22.3 million federal grant for the project.

The [BUILD transportation grant](#) to Miami-Dade County's transit agency will pay for design and construction of a two-and-a-half mile segment running through Coral Gables, said Meg Daly, founder of [Friends of the Underline](#), the nonprofit group that has conceived and coordinated the plan.

That means there's now enough funding to complete the full three-mile portion of the Underline through the Gables from Douglas Road south to Red Road, Daly said. Private developers building mixed-use projects along that stretch are responsible for the pieces running along their properties. The city of Coral Gables, meanwhile, expects to contribute about \$5 million from impact fees collected from new development along the planned trail, said Vice Mayor Vince Lago.

"That's a big win," Lago said of the federal grant. "This is going to be a world-class amenity."



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