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Secretary LaHood Announces \$527 Million in Funding for New Round of Popular TIGER Grant Program

Competitively Chosen Projects Will Create Jobs, Lay Foundation for Growth

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood today announced that \$527 million will be available for a third round of the highly successful TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) competitive grant program, which funds innovative transportation projects that will create jobs and have a significant impact on the nation, a region or a metropolitan area.

"Through the TIGER program, we can build transportation projects that are critical to America's economic success and help complete those that might not move forward without this infusion of funding," said Secretary LaHood. "This competition empowers local communities to create jobs and build the transportation networks they need in order to win the future."

In the FY11 budget President Obama signed in April, \$527 million was directed to the Department of Transportation for critical investments in the nation's transportation infrastructure. States, cities, local governments, and other partnerships and groups will have until this fall to prepare their applications for the popular TIGER program, which has funded high-impact projects including roads, bridges, freight rail, transit buses and streetcars, ports, and bicycle and pedestrian paths.

The previous two rounds of the TIGER grant program provided \$2.1 billion to 126 transportation projects in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Demand for the program has been overwhelming, and during the previous two rounds, the Department of Transportation received more than 2,500 applications requesting more than \$79 billion for transportation projects across the country.

Projects will be selected based on their ability to contribute to the long-term economic competitiveness of the nation, improve the condition of existing transportation facilities and systems, improve energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improve the safety of U.S. transportation facilities and improve the quality of living and working environments of communities through increased transportation choices and connections. The Department will also focus on projects that are expected to quickly create and preserve jobs and spur rapid increases in economic activity.

For more information, please visit <http://www.dot.gov/tiger/>.

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USDOT will be hosting a half day seminar and webcast providing information and guidance on the TIGER application process July 18th from 1 to 4 PM. More online resources for applicants and updates to come.

FY 2011 TIGER Grants

DOT is authorized to award \$526.944 million in TIGER Discretionary Grants pursuant to Div. B of the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (Pub. L. 112-010, Apr. 15, 2011). This appropriation is similar, but not identical to the appropriation for the "TIGER" program authorized and implemented pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and the National Infrastructure Investments or "TIGER II" program under the FY 2010 Appropriations Act. Given that funds have now been appropriated for these similar programs in three separate statutes, DOT is referring to the grants for National Infrastructure Investments under the FY 2011 Continuing Appropriations Act simply as "TIGER Discretionary Grants." As with the TIGER and TIGER II programs, funds for the FY2011 TIGER program are to be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area or a region. View a copy of the full [Interim Notice of Funding Availability](#).

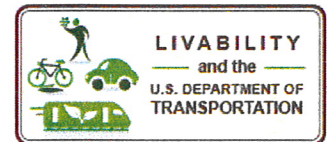
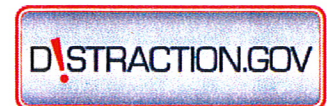
Prospective applicants are encouraged to look through Frequently Asked Questions, webinars and other guidance at the [Application Resources](#) page.

Program Background

The Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER Discretionary Grant program, provides a unique opportunity for the U.S. Department of Transportation to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve critical national objectives. Congress dedicated \$1.5 billion for TIGER I and \$600 million for TIGER II to fund projects that have a significant impact on the Nation, a region or a metropolitan area. TIGER's highly competitive process, galvanized by tremendous applicant interest, allowed DOT to fund 51 innovative capital projects in TIGER I, and an additional 42 capital projects in TIGER II. TIGER II also featured a new Planning Grant category and 33 planning projects were also funded through TIGER II. Each project is multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional or otherwise challenging to fund through existing programs.

The TIGER program enables DOT to use a rigorous process to select projects with exceptional benefits, explore ways to deliver projects faster and save on construction costs, and make investments in our Nation's infrastructure that make communities more livable and sustainable.

"These are innovative, 21st century projects that will change the U.S. transportation landscape by strengthening the economy and creating jobs, reducing gridlock and providing safe, affordable and environmentally sustainable transportation choices," said Secretary LaHood. "Many of these projects could not have been funded without this program." View the grant awards here:



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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2011-0107]

Interim Notice of Funding Availability for the Department of Transportation's National Infrastructure Investments under the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations, 2011; and Request for Comments

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary of Transportation, DOT

ACTION: Interim Notice of Funding Availability, Request for Comments

SUMMARY: This interim notice announces the availability of funding and requests proposals for the Department of Transportation's National Infrastructure Investments, or "TIGER Discretionary Grants." In addition, this interim notice announces selection criteria and pre-application and application requirements for these grants.

On April 15, 2011, the President signed the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations, 2011 (Div. B of the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (Pub. L. 112-010, Apr. 15, 2011)) ("FY 2011 Continuing Appropriations Act"). The FY 2011 Continuing Appropriations Act appropriated \$526.944 million to be awarded by the Department of Transportation ("DOT") for National Infrastructure Investments. This appropriation is similar, but not identical to the appropriation for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or "TIGER Discretionary Grant", program authorized and implemented pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the "Recovery Act"), and the National Infrastructure Investments or "TIGER II Discretionary Grant" program under the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for 2010 ("FY 2010

Appropriations Act”). Because of the similarity in program structure, DOT has referred to the grants for National Infrastructure Investments under the FY 2010 Appropriations Act as “TIGER II Discretionary Grants”. Given that funds have now been appropriated for these similar programs in three separate statutes, DOT is referring to the grants for National Infrastructure Investments under the FY 2011 Continuing Appropriations Act simply as “TIGER Discretionary Grants.” As with the TIGER and TIGER II programs, funds for the FY2011 TIGER program are to be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area or a region. Through this interim notice, DOT is soliciting applications for TIGER Discretionary Grants.

This interim notice requests comments on the proposed selection criteria and guidance for awarding funds. DOT will take all comments into consideration and may publish a supplemental notice revising some elements of this notice. If substantive changes to this notice are necessary, DOT will publish a supplemental Federal Register notice. In the event that this solicitation does not result in the award and obligation of all available funds, DOT may decide to publish an additional solicitation(s).

DATES: Comments must be received by July 18, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. EDT. Late-filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable. Pre-applications should be submitted by October 3, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. EDT (the “Pre-Application Deadline”). Final applications must be submitted through Grants.gov by October 31, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. EDT (the “Application Deadline”). The DOT pre-application system will open on or before August 23, 2011 to allow prospective applicants to submit pre-applications. Subsequently, the Grants.gov “Apply” function will open on October 5, 2011, allowing applicants to submit applications. While applicants are encouraged to submit pre-

applications in advance of the Pre-Application Deadline, pre-applications will not be reviewed until after the pre-application deadline. Similarly, while applicants are encouraged to submit applications in advance of the Application Deadline, applications will not be evaluated, and awards will not be made, until after the Application Deadline.

ADDRESSES: *For Comments:* You must include the agency name (Office of the Secretary of Transportation) and the docket number DOT-OST-2011-0107 with your comments. To ensure that your comments are not entered into the docket more than once, please submit comments, identified by the docket number DOT-OST-2011-0107, by only one of the following methods:

Website: The U.S. Government electronic docket site is www.regulations.gov. Go to this Website and follow the instructions for submitting comments into docket number DOT-OST-2011-0107;

Fax: Telefax comments to 202-493-2251;

Mail: Mail your comments to U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Docket Operations, M-30, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590; or

Hand Delivery: Bring your comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions for submitting comments: You must include the agency name (Office of the Secretary of Transportation) and Docket number DOT-OST-2011-0107 for this notice at the beginning of your comments. You should submit two copies of your comments if you submit them by mail or courier. For confirmation that the Office of the Secretary of Transportation has received your comments, you must include a self-addressed stamped

postcard. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided, and will be available to Internet users. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published April 11, 2000, (65 FR 19477), or you may visit www.regulations.gov.

For Pre-Applications and Applications: Pre-applications must be submitted electronically to DOT and applications must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov. Only pre-applications received by DOT and applications received through Grants.gov will be deemed properly filed. Instructions for submitting pre-applications to DOT and applications through Grants.gov are included in Section VII (*Pre-Application and Application Cycle*).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information concerning this notice please contact the TIGER Discretionary Grant program manager via e-mail at TIGERGrants@dot.gov, or call Robert Mariner at 202-366-8914. A TDD is available for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing at 202-366-3993. In addition, DOT will regularly post answers to questions and requests for clarifications on DOT's website at www.dot.gov/TIGER.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This notice is substantially similar to the Final notice published for the TIGER II Discretionary Grant program in the Federal Register on June 1, 2010. However, there are a few significant differences that applicants should be aware of. These differences are as follows:

1. Unlike the FY 2010 Appropriations Act, the FY 2011 Continuing Appropriations Act does not provide any funding for projects solely for the planning, preparation,