

FEDERAL DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM (TIGER II)

DESCRIPTION

This discussion item focuses on candidate transportation projects for submission to the USDOT for funding under the National Infrastructure Investment Program, referred to as TIGER II Discretionary Grants.

The USDOT is authorized to award \$600 million in TIGER II Discretionary Grants pursuant to the federal FY 2010 Appropriations Act. Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area or a region. This agenda item will allow staff to brief the commission on projects identified from across the state as potential candidates and to seek direction from the commission on how to proceed with selecting projects to be submitted.

ISSUES:

- Eligibility - Capital investments in
 - Highway or bridge
 - Public transportation projects
 - Passenger and freight rail projects
 - Port infrastructure investments
 - Intermodal facilities
- Funding made available for
 - State
 - Tribal and local governments
 - Transit agencies
 - Port authorities
 - Metropolitan planning organizations
 - Multi-jurisdictional entities
- TIGER II state applications will focus on rail, port and intermodal facilities
- Evaluation criteria
 - State of Good Repair
 - Economic competitiveness
 - Livability
 - Sustainability
 - Safety
 - Job Creation and Economic Stimulus
 - Innovation
 - Partnership

REFERENCES:

- Federal Register, Vol. 75, No. 79, April 26, 2010 Notice, Interim Notice of Funding Availability for the Department of Transportation's National Infrastructure Investments Under the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for 2010; and Request for Comments
- TIGER II Fact Sheet, Federal Highway Administration

DESIRED RESULTS:

Receive direction from the commission for the submission of candidate projects for TIGER II.

DIST	Sponsoring Entity	Project Type	Project Name	TIGER Funding Request (million)	Total Project Cost (million)	Status of Environ Clearance	Status of STIP	Anticipated Project Completion Date
FTW	North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)	Rail	Tower 55	\$58.4	\$93.7	Pending	Included	Oct-12
HOU	Gulf Coast Freight Rail District	Rail	UP Englewood - HBT	\$18.6	\$23.9	Not started	Revision required	Dec-12
PHR	Brownsville Navigation District / Port of Brownsville	Port	Dock and rail yard	\$28.0	\$35.0	Pending	Revision required	Dec-12
CRP	Ports of Corpus Christi and Brownsville	Port/Rail	Strengthen bridges - UP Angleton Subdivision	\$13.2	\$16.5	Approved	Revision required	Dec-12
ELP	TxDOT / El Paso District	Rail	Plan yard relocation – acquire ROW	\$10.1	\$12.6	Planning	Revision required	Jun-12
DAL PAR	TxDOT / Oklahoma DOT / Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department	Rail	DGNO/TNER KRR rehabilitation	\$17.1	\$21.3	Pending	Revision required	Dec-11
PAR ATL	TxDOT / Atlanta and Paris Districts	Rail	NETEX rehabilitation	\$12.0	\$15.0	Pending	Revision required	Dec-11
ODA SJT	TxDOT / Odessa and San Angelo Districts	Rail	SORR rehabilitation	\$20.4	\$25.5	Approved	Included	Dec-11
BWN	TxDOT / Brownwood District	Rail	SORR Interchange	\$1.6	\$2.0	Pending	Revision required	Dec-12
BMT	Sabine Pass Port Authority	Port	Port rehabilitation and repair	\$25.9	\$32.4	Not Started	Revision required	Dec-11