

TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT GENERATING ECONOMIC RECOVERY III
(TIGER III)

DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of this presentation is to brief the commission on the USDOT's notice of funding availability for TIGER 3 Grants. Congress approved \$527 million in funding for these grants as part of the FY 2011 Continuing Appropriations Act. The notice lays out the criteria on which the applications will be judged and deadlines for submission.

ISSUES:

- TXDOT and any other applying entity can only be lead applicant on three projects.
- Up to \$150 million can be used for TIFIA

REFERENCES:

- Interim Notice of Funding Availability for the USDOT's National Infrastructure Investments Under the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations, 2011
- FY 2011 Continuing Appropriations Act

DESIRED RESULTS:

Brief the commission on the current TIGER 3 proposal and receive input on how the department should proceed with selecting projects to submit for consideration.

FURTHER ACTIONS

With direction from the commission, department staff will proceed with the pre-application process on the desired projects. Prior to submission to the USDOT, the commission will be briefed on the project specifics.

TIGER III Discretionary Grant Program

Texas Transportation Commission Meeting
Austin, Texas
July 28, 2011

TIGER Grant Program

- ◆ \$527 million available nationwide
- ◆ Similar to TIGER and TIGER II
- ◆ Notice published on July 1st
 - Eligible applicants
 - Eligible Projects
 - Selection Criteria
 - Project Identification & Selection

Eligible Applicants

- ◆ Projects may be submitted by any state or local government, tribal government, transit agency, port authority, or political subdivision of state or local governments.
- ◆ Maximum of 3 applications each

Eligible Projects

- ◆ Highways & bridges
- ◆ Public Transportation
- ◆ Passenger and freight rail
- ◆ Port infrastructure
- ◆ Others

Selection Criteria

Primary Criteria

- ◆ Long-term outcomes
 - State of good repair
 - Economic Competitiveness
 - Livability
 - Sustainability
 - Safety
- ◆ Job Creation & Near Term Economic Activity

Selection Criteria

Secondary Criteria

- ◆ Innovation
- ◆ Partnership

TIGER III Grant Program Overview

\$527 Million Nationwide

- ◆ Competitive Selection
- ◆ \$10 - \$200 million projects
- ◆ Waiver for smaller projects
- ◆ \$131.75 million maximum to any state
- ◆ \$140 million minimum for rural projects
- ◆ \$150 million maximum for TIFIA

TIGER III Grant Program Overview

- ◆ Applications due October 31, 2011
- ◆ Pre-applications due October 3, 2011
- ◆ Funds must be obligated by
September 30, 2013