

# **TIGER Grant for the TPB Regional Priority Bus Project**

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# TIGER funding is a critical first step in developing a Regional Bus Priority System.

- The only TIGER grant to be awarded to a metropolitan area for a large-scale, multi-modal regional project
- \$26 million for improving bus transportation along priority corridors in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia
  - Dedicated bus lanes, transit signal priority, limited stop service, enhanced pedestrian access, real-time passenger information, and enhanced bus stops
- \$19.9 million for multimodal improvements in the I-95/I-395 corridor for priority bus transit connecting portions of Northern VA with the District of Columbia
- \$12.3 for a new multimodal Takoma/Langley transit center in Prince George's County



# Initial Activities

- FTA designated as the USDOT modal administration responsible for administering the region's TIGER Grant
- On 15 March 2010, TPB staff advised project owners of FTA's request to finalize project scopes, budgets and schedules for FTA approval.
- TPB staff, project owners, and FTA met 15 April 2010 to review scoping requirements, clarify FTA requirements, and discuss how the grant will be administered.



# How will the regional project be administered?

- Once scopes, budgets, and schedules are approved (by mid-May), FTA will execute a grant agreement with TPB, the grant applicant.
- TPB will hire a consultant to provide necessary support to administer the grant with project owners and comply with all reporting requirements.
  - Compile compliance documentation from owners into a single progress report for the entire project
  - Remove administrative burden from project owners and TPB staff
- Because not all of the terms and conditions of the overarching TIGER grant are currently defined, it is still unclear how much grant funding will be necessary for administrative costs.
- All administrative costs are eligible grant expenditures, and are expected to be in the range of three to five percent of total grant funds.



## 5 Project Owner agencies will implement the components of the TIGER Grant.

1. WMATA (\$11.4 million)
  - Addison Road Station Improvements
  - VA 7 (Leesburg Pike) Bus Priority
  - I-95/395 Multimodal: Pentagon Station Improvements
2. DDOT (\$13.6 million)
  - 16th Street Bus Priority
  - Georgia Avenue Bus Priority
  - H Street/Benning Road Bus Priority
  - Wisconsin Avenue Bus Priority
  - T.R. Bridge to K Street Bus Priority
  - 14th Street Bus Priority
3. MDOT (\$14.6 million)
  - SHA (\$2.3 million)
    - University Blvd. Bus Priority
    - US Route 1 Bus Priority (MD)
    - Veirs Mill Road Bus Priority
  - MTA (\$12.3 million)
    - Takoma/Langley Transit Center
4. City of Alexandria (\$9.2 million)
  - US 1 Transitway (VA)
  - Van Dorn-Pentagon Rapid Bus
5. PRTC (\$10.0 million)
  - I-95/395 Multimodal: Purchase 13 buses, real-time bus info.



## What needs to happen next?

- Scopes, budgets and schedules due to TPB by 22 April for FTA approval by mid-May
- FTA must define terms and conditions of grant and enter into a grant agreement with TPB.
- MOUs between TPB (grant recipient) and 5 project owners (sub recipients) must be developed.
- Procure consultant services.
- Project implementation/monitoring
- Grant compliance/reporting activities



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