# Briefing on the Implementation of the TIGER Grant for Priority Bus Transit in the National Capital Region

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Project Implementation Update
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#### **Overview of the TIGER Grant**

- The TPB's Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Agreement with USDOT was signed on December 14, 2010.
  - \$58.8 million in capital funding (100% Federal) for priority bus transit improvements.
  - Sixteen component projects with five implementing organizations:
     City of Alexandria, DDOT, MDOT, PRTC, and WMATA.
- TPB last briefed in June 2014.
  - Official correspondence among FTA, COG, and implementing organizations discussed at October and November TPB meetings.
  - On January 15, 2015, FTA approved MWCOG's grant revision request (submitted October 28). This amended project scopes and budgets and enabled final design and manufacture to proceed.

#### **Overview of the TIGER Grant**

#### Progress to Date / Remaining

Period of Performance:

Actual/Anticipated Expenditures:

To Date:

Four years and one month (71%)
\$22.5 million
(38%)

**Remaining:** 

20 months to go (29%)

\$36.3 million (62%)

Franconia-Springfield & Pentagon transit stations

#### Project Status

Completed to Date
 US-1 (VA) / Potomac Yard Transitway
 PRTC Bus Purchase (13 Buses)
 Takoma/Langley Transit Center
 Real Time Passenger Info Displays
 Transit Signal Priority
 Bus Corridor Capital Projects

# **TIGER Projects Nearing Completion**

- Buses and ITS (PRTC)
  - Computer-Aided Dispatch and Automatic Vehicle Location (CAD/AVL) system in minifleet testing. Complete in June 2015

- Takoma/Langley Transit Center (MDOT)
  - Scheduled for opening in Fall 2015.

- Real Time Passenger Information (DDOT, WMATA, MDOT, Alexandria)
  - Installation and testing of 179 RTPI signs in progress. Complete mid-2015.



### **TIGER Projects Completing Design**

- Bus Corridor Priority Treatments
   (DDOT, WMATA, MDOT, Alexandria)
  - Transit Signal Priority (TSP)
    - Prototype deployment on VA-7 (Leesburg Pike)
       scheduled for March 2015. Install signals through 2016.
    - Signal optimization in Downtown Core: May 2015.

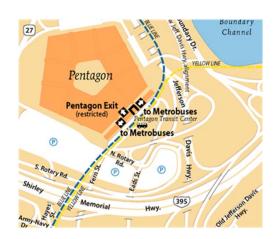


- Georgia Avenue Bus-Only lane: March 2016
- Van Dorn-Pentagon Corridor: 2016.
- University Boulevard, Veirs Mill Road, US 1 (MD): 2016.

#### • Franconia-Springfield and Pentagon (WMATA)

- Franconia-Springfield: Bus stop canopies and additional safety improvements for pedestrians.
- Pentagon Transit Center: Pedestrian access treatments and security systems. TIGER will also fund first half of construction of alternative bus bay site on Army-Navy Drive.





## **Completing the TIGER Projects**

Successful completion of the TIGER Projects still depends on successful accomplishment of several critical implementation steps.

- 1. Transit Signal Priority (TSP) Systems
  - Procurement of wayside equipment is still in progress. Installing TSP Systems across multiple wayside traffic signal systems is technologically challenging and may experience delays.
- 2. Pentagon and Franconia Springfield transit station projects
  - Design for elements of both projects is still in progress, to be followed by procurement for constructions, which may experience delays.
  - Permitting and easement approvals are also required.
- 3. Funds Expiration and Performance Monitoring
  - Work must be completed by the end of June 2016 to ensure timely invoicing before funds expire in September 2016.
  - Performance monitoring and reporting of the grant projects will continue through 2018.

Propose to next brief TPB in July 2015 on progress of the TIGER Grant.

