

# FY 2011 TIGER Discretionary Grant Program

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# TIGER Discretionary Grant Program

- Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) published July 1.
  - Pre-application due: October 3
  - Application: October 31
- \$527 million for funding capital projects.
  - No funding “solely for planning, preparation, or design”.
  - Must be obligated by Sep. 30, 2013.
- Requires 20% local match, public or private monies.
  - Additional non-federal funds make applications more competitive.
- Awards will take into consideration geographic and modal equity (\$140 million reserved for rural projects).
- Minimum application amount: \$10 million (urban).
  - Not including 20%+ match (i.e., overall at least \$12.5M).

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- Project Selection Criteria:
  - State of Good Repair,
  - Economic Competitiveness,
  - Livability,
  - Environmental Sustainability,
  - Safety, and
  - Job Creation and Near-Term Economic Activity.
  - *Secondary criteria*: Innovation, Partnership.
- Projects submitted require detailed Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA), with all benefits and costs quantified.

# Goals of TPB Proposal for FY 2011 TIGER Funding

- Encourage development of locations well-served by transit, but currently underutilized for housing and employment.
- Alleviate pressures on the transportation system by using seats on trains in reverse-commute directions or by selling the same seat twice in peak commute directions.
- Promote mixed-use development near rail station areas to reduce distances between housing and employment, thereby reducing VMT and congestion.

# TPB Proposal for FY 2011 TIGER Funding

- The proposal would request funding for capital improvements that are ready for implementation, and are “the result of a planning process which coordinated transportation and land use planning decisions and encouraged community participation.”
  - TLC projects and the WMATA Station Access Study focus on collaboration and coordination.
- Projects would be multimodal, multijurisdictional, multi-partnered and difficult to implement under other “modal” funding sources.

# TPB Proposal for FY 2011 TIGER Funding

- Fund small-scale, innovative transportation capital projects, including pedestrian, bicycle, streetscape or other circulation improvements to improve access to selected rail stations (existing or under construction).
- Include up to six rail station areas around the region (two from each state-level jurisdiction), totaling up to a request for approximately \$20 million.
- Ensure that the project package includes innovative models that may be replicable around the region.

# Possible Regional Partners for TPB's FY 2011 TIGER Application

- The NOFA states “DOT will give priority to projects that demonstrate strong collaboration among a broad range of participants.” Possible partners include:
  - State Departments of Transportation,
  - Local Governments,
  - Public Transit Agencies,
  - The Development Community, and
  - Community-Based Organizations .

# Suggested Criteria for the Selection of Projects to Include in the TPB's FY 2011 TIGER Application

- Projects should:
  1. Be located within ½ mile of a rail transit station.
  2. Be located in an existing, underutilized, or emerging employment or housing center.
  3. Demonstrate support and coordination with development in the center (e.g., including private matching funds).
  4. Have fairly well completed project planning.
  5. Be part of larger developments/projects that exemplify the regional goal of balanced growth.
  6. Provide replicable regional examples that are innovative in design, concept, or implementation.



# Timeline for TPB Proposal for FY 2011 TIGER Funding

- Following TPB approval, TPB staff will solicit projects for inclusion in the application.
- Milestones:
  - August 10: Deadline for project submissions
  - August 17: Meeting to discuss project proposals
  - August 31: Final meeting to finalize projects
  - September 21: TPB approval of recommended projects and pre-application package
  - October 3: Pre-application deadline
  - October 19: TPB approval of final application package
  - October 31: Final application deadline

# Other FTA Competitive Grant Programs

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Announced June 24, 2011

1. FTA Transit Investments in Greenhouse Gas & Energy Reduction (TIGGER) and Clean Fuels - \$49.9M & \$51.5M
  - Capital grants to reduce emissions and greenhouse gases.
2. FTA Bus Livability Grants - \$150M
  - Capital projects for bus that meet livability principles.
3. FTA Alternatives Analysis Grants - \$25M
  - Project/Corridor planning.

Projects:	Livability Grant	Alternatives Analysis
Applicants:	States, Section 5307 recipients (e.g., WMATA, MTA). MPO Endorsement needed.	States, MPOs, Local Governments
Funding:	20% Local Match	

4. FTA Bus State of Good Repair - \$750M
  - Capital projects for bus and bus facilities. 20% local match.

# Competitive Grant Summary

Program	Amount	Due Date
TIGER Grant Program	\$528M	Comments: July 18 Pre-application: October 3 Application: October 31
TIGGER Grant and Clean Fuels Grant Programs	\$49.9M & \$51.5M	August 23
FTA Bus Livability	\$150M	July 29
FTA Alternatives Analysis	\$25M	July 29
FTA Bus SGR	\$750M	July 29

# Regional Requests for TPB Endorsement of FTA Grant Applications

## 1. Montgomery County (2)

- \$13 million under the Bus State of Good Repair (SGR) Grant Program, to purchase 48 diesel buses to replace a series of cutaway buses that are unreliable.
- \$6 million under the Clean Fuels Grant Program to purchase 11 hybrid buses and 5 CNG buses.

## 2. Prince George's County (3)

- \$1.79 million under the Bus SGR Program to purchase five Gillig and two Eldorado vehicles to replace vehicles past their useful life.
- \$8.93 million under the Clean Fuels Grant Program to purchase 20 hybrid buses.
- \$6.358 million under the FTA's Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities Livability Initiative Program Grant, to fund comprehensive bus stop and necessary accessibility improvements.

## 3. Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)

- \$4.48 million under the Bus SGR Program to fund the mid-life overhaul of 28 OmniRide buses.