

ARRA TIGER DISCRETIONARY GRANTS PROGRAM: SUBMITTED PROJECTS

The U.S. Department of Transportation received nearly 1,400 applications (\$57 billion) from all 50 states, territories, and the District of Columbia vying for a share of the \$1.5 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grants Program. The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) will award for innovative transportation projects that show significant economic and environmental promise for the nation, a region, or metropolitan area. Of the \$57 billion in TIGER grants requested, more than half of the applications are for highway or bridge projects, with the rest of the applications focusing on transit, railroad, port infrastructure, multimodal, or other investments.

On July 15, 2009, the HRTPO Board endorsed three regional projects and eight local projects as candidate projects for the TIGER Grants Program. Among the eleven candidate projects, eight projects were submitted by their respective jurisdiction/agency by the September 15th deadline to the USDOT (see table below).

Submitted TIGER Grant Candidate Projects

Submitted By	Project	Grant Funding Amount Requested
City of Chesapeake	Dominion Blvd Right-of-Way Acquisition	\$ 12,000,000
Hampton Roads Transit/City of Norfolk	HRT Multimodal Transportation Facility and Norfolk Light Rail Transit Improvements*	\$ 65,500,000
City of Newport News	Amtrak Station Relocation*	\$ 20,000,000
City of Newport News	Bridge Replacement Program	\$ 22,200,000
City of Norfolk	North Military Highway Widening	\$ 95,000,000
City of Virginia Beach	Lesner Bridge Replacement	\$ 79,800,000
City of Suffolk	Holland Road Widening	\$ 54,000,000
Virginia Port Authority	I-564 Intermodal Connector*	\$ 98,524,000

* Regional project endorsed by the HRTPO Board.

Projects selected for TIGER Discretionary Grants will be announced by the USDOT as soon as possible after the September 15th deadline but not later than February 17, 2010.