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Dear Transportation Partners:

On April 22, 2013, a final Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was published in the Federal Register to announce the United States Department of Transportation's (US DOT) \$474 million National Infrastructure Investments "TIGER Discretionary Grants" Program (TIGER 2013). The application deadline is June 3, 2013 and only three applications can be submitted by an Agency. If you submit any projects on the State Highway System, please ensure you inform and consult with the appropriate District Director.

The final NOFA is available at the following link:

<http://www.dot.gov/policy-initiatives/tiger/tiger-notice-funding-availability-2013>

A detailed discussion of the program and resources about specific subjects are available as online webinars from US DOT. You are encouraged to view the appropriate webinars at:

<http://www.dot.gov/tiger/application-resources>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Malcolm Dougherty".

**MALCOLM DOUGHERTY**  
Director

Attachment

TIGER 2013 Program Summary

c: District Directors, California Department of Transportation

## **TIGER 2013 Program Summary**

### **Eligibility**

- TIGER is a multimodal, merit-based discretionary grant program.
- Surface transportation capital projects only (includes transit and rail).
- Open to state, tribal, and local entities, and other subdivisions.

### **Funding**

- No more than 25 percent of total TIGER III program funds may be awarded to projects in a single state. This means the maximum amount that could be awarded for all projects, from all applicants, to California is \$118 million.
- Match:
  - Rural area applications - no match is required.
  - Urbanized area applications - 20 percent minimum match is required though a higher match is encouraged.
- Minimum grant amount:
  - Rural area grants: \$1 million
  - Urbanized area grants: \$10 million
  - In previous rounds, single grant amounts were limited to \$25 million. However, for TIGER 2013, US DOT has indicated they might award as high as \$45 million for highly competitive grants.

### **Selection Criteria**

- Projects ready to proceed that have a significant impact on desirable long-term outcomes for the Nation. Projects must meet all federal requirements for obligation no later than August 2014.
- Primary selection criterion includes the following considerations; State of Good Repair, Economic Competitiveness, Livability, Environmental Sustainability, Safety, and Project Readiness.
- Secondary selection criterion includes the considerations for both innovation and partnership.

### **Benefit/Cost Analysis**

- Required for all applications.
- Applications that demonstrate new, national benefits are more competitive than those that simply result in swapped local benefits.
- Applicants should review the US DOT webinar “Benefit/Cost Analysis for Transportation Infrastructure: A Practitioner’s Workshop on the resources page at the link above.

### **Technical Assistance**

- TIGER III website: [www.dot.gov/tiger/](http://www.dot.gov/tiger/)