



## Transportation Committee

July 29, 2009

### **Stimulus: Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Funding Program Recommendations—Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba Counties**

**Issue:** Whether or not to confirm the SACOG staff recommendations for TIGER grant program funding.

**Recommendation:** That the Transportation Committee review the full list of twenty projects and recommend that the Board approve staff's recommended top three projects.

**Discussion:** This is a unique, limited funding opportunity. Neither the state nor the region is guaranteed of any funds through this competitive process. The federal government's priorities seem to be focused on multi-modal, innovative, and port projects. SACOG staff's final top three projects are indicated immediately below and the full list of twenty projects submitted for consideration is attached. It has not been an easy task to arrive at these recommendations, and SACOG staff very much appreciates the give and take with agency partners that occurred during the ranking process. Following the July 7th TIGER workshop, staff considered additional information provided by the Port of West Sacramento (Northern California Marine Highway), the City of Sacramento (Intermodal Transportation Facility), Yuba County (North Beale Complete Streets Project) and Regional Transit (South Line Extension). Early on, SACOG staff had set a top limit of \$75 million as a very aggressive target for the region. To go beyond \$75 million seemed unrealistic, given the relatively small size of the nationwide program (\$1.5 billion).

1. City of Sacramento: Intermodal Transportation Facility (\$30 million)
2. Port of West Sacramento: Northern California Marine Highway (\$9.4 million)
3. County of Sacramento: U.S. 50 at Watt Ave. Interchange (\$35 million)

There were many excellent projects submitted that did not make the priority list for this particular—and very targeted— federal program. It was very difficult to rank the projects because of the high quality of many of them; however, we believe that projects selected best meet the criteria of the TIGER program and stand the best chance of being included in the Caltrans package and being successful at the national level. The Intermodal project helps realize one of the largest infill opportunities in the country and represents both a signature land use plan and multi-modal transportation hub that includes, bus, light rail, intercity rail, and, potentially, high speed rail. The funds for this project will be used to relocate the light rail tracks, station, and bus area; build heavy rail access tracks to the State Railroad Museum; construct onsite articulation roadways; provide a variety of transportation infrastructure improvements; and complete selective rehabilitation projects for the historic depot. The Port of West Sacramento's Marine Highway project is one element of a three-way link-up with the Ports of Oakland and Stockton; it will benefit the region's strong agricultural economy (as evidenced by active support from California Department of Food and Agriculture Secretary A.G. Kawamura) and has already drawn high-level interest at U.S. DOT. The

U.S. 50 Watt Avenue Interchange is a one of the region's busiest and least efficient facilities on one of its most congested corridors. It has many innovative design features and will accommodate HOV lanes and Bus Rapid Transit facilities; it will also provide easy access to light rail and allow for a convenient bicycle/pedestrian connection between Folsom Boulevard and the American River Bike Trail.

While staff has forwarded its recommendations, per the direction provided by the Board at its June 18 meeting, Transportation Committee changes to the project priorities are still possible. Although it is probably too late for submittal of substitute project applications as part of the state process, the region could submit a revised package directly to the U.S. Department of Transportation. Staff does not recommend this approach, as we believe it would significantly reduce the region's opportunities in a very competitive process. We are committed to working with our members and partners to find funding for those projects from other sources in the future.

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TIGER Project Staff Composite Scores - Weighted  
**Re-evaluated 7/15/09**

Rank	ID	County	Lead Agency	Project Title	State of Good Repair	Economic Competitiveness	Livability	Sustainability	Safety	Job Creation & Economic Stimulus	Deliverability	Innovation	Partnership	National & Regional Significance / Competitiveness	Weighted Score	TIGER Request
1	9.1	Sacramento	City of Sacramento	Sacramento Intermodal Transportation Facility - Phase 2	25	25	29	29	20	0	22	20	21	30	461.79	\$30,000,000
2	17	Yolo	Port of West Sacramento	Northern California Marine Highway	20	28	18	23	20	0	24	13	19	30	413.93	\$9,400,000
3	11	Sacramento	Sacramento County	US50 at Watt Avenue Interchange	24	25	26	19	28	0	20	20	28	20	409.46	\$35,000,000
4	13	Sacramento	Sacramento Regional Transit District	South Line Phase 2	16	20	28	25	13	0	21	30	25	20	378.93	\$25,000,000
5	15	Sutter	City of Yuba City	Fifth Street Bridge Replacement Project	30	24	22	11	18	0	19	10	30	20	365.89	\$32,000,000
6	20	Yuba	Yuba County	North Beale Road Complete Street Revitalization Project	28	27	27	22	23	0	22	10	19	10	364.32	\$20,000,000
7	18	Various	SACOG	Sacramento Regional Bus and Bus Facilities Grant Application	27	25	23	25	15	0	25	25	18	10	361.43	\$32,110,000
8	7	Sacramento	City of Galt	Central Galt Interchange	29	25	21	13	20	0	25	10	25	15	358.04	\$20,000,000
9	19	Yolo	City of Woodland	NB I-5/SB SR113 Interchange	20	23	16	11	20	0	23	10	18	20	332.50	\$46,000,000
10	1	Sacramento	City of Citrus Heights	Antelope Road/Highway 80 Overpass Seismic, Pedestrian and Vehicle Safety Project	25	13	19	15	27	0	19	10	20	15	326.43	\$32,000,000
11	9.2	Sacramento	City of Sacramento	Railyards Roadway Infrastructure	10	20	18	15	10	0	34	10	20	20	323.57	\$75,000,000
12	2	Sacramento	City of Citrus Heights	Auburn Boulevard Enhancements/Complete Streets Project	25	15	21	20	20	0	23	10	25	10	322.38	\$12,000,000
13	10	Sacramento	Sacramento County	SR 99 at Elverta Road Interchange Improvements	20	20	16	13	30	0	16	13	20	15	320.89	\$23,000,000
14	14	Sutter	City of Yuba City	Bridge Street Widening	23	25	16	13	20	0	19	10	11	10	290.36	\$18,500,000
15	8	Sacramento	City of Rancho Cordova	Road Rehabilitation Projects	25	18	13	15	15	0	24	10	15	10	283.57	\$20,000,000
16	4	Sacramento	City of Folsom	Folsom Boulevard Bike/Pedestrian Overcrossing Project	12	12	24	22	20	0	17	10	10	10	272.62	\$5,000,000
17	16	Sutter	Sutter County	Acacia Ave / SR 20 Traffic Signal Improvements	15	20	13	11	20	0	24	10	10	10	266.07	\$3,300,000
18	5	Sacramento	City of Folsom	Green Valley Road Widening/Realignment Project	14	15	16	10	15	0	17	10	14	15	256.79	\$7,000,000
19	6	Sacramento	City of Folsom	Oak Avenue at US 50 Interchange	10	16	17	11	13	0	15	10	19	15	251.79	\$5,000,000
20	12	Sacramento	Sacramento Regional Transit District	RT Headquarters Consolidation	11	16	13	21	10	0	19	20	10	10	249.64	\$22,500,000
21	3	Sacramento	City of Elk Grove	SR 99 Beautification and SR 99/Elk Grove Blvd. Interchange Reconstruction	12	10	10	20	10	0	22	10	15	10	233.10	\$31,613,350

Primary Criteria weighted x2  
Secondary Criteria weighted x1  
National/Regional significance weighted x2