



## Transportation Committee

November 25, 2009

### **Stimulus Update: Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Funding Program**

**Issue:** What is the status of the TIGER project applications submitted, per the Board's action at its August 20, 2009 meeting for Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba Counties?

**Recommendation:** None; this is for information only.

**Discussion:** At the August SACOG Board meeting, the Board acted to endorse SACOG staff's recommendations of three projects for a total "ask" of \$74.4 million. The three projects were:

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

In mid-September, Caltrans sent its recommendations to the Business Transportation and Housing (BT&H) Agency and staff was advised that SACOG's top two projects were prioritized on the list sent to BT&H. At this time, SACOG staff understands that BT&H has submitted its recommendations to the Governor, but that the Governor's Office has not yet sent a letter of endorsement to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

In the meantime, project sponsors submitted their applications directly to DOT, as directed by Caltrans. To date, we understand that the City of Sacramento has received a call from DOT staff with clarifying questions. City staff considers this an encouraging sign, but when they have asked for additional information regarding the status of their project, they were politely informed, "Don't call us, we'll call you."

While the official date for releasing the results of the TIGER Program is February 17, 2010, DOT Secretary Ray LaHood has stated that he intends to make the announcement by mid-January. There is some speculation that the announcement will be done in coordination with the State of the Union Address. As staff receives additional information, we will report back to the Transportation Committee and to the SACOG Board.

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