Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act 2017 Report to Congress Letters of Interest Submitted Under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act



U.S. Department of Transportation



# Introduction

### **Legislative History**

Congress created the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) credit program as part of its 1998 enactment of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA 21) (Public Law 105-178, §§1501-04), as amended in 1998 by the TEA 21 Restoration Act (Title IX of Public Law 105-206), further amended in 2005 by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) (Public Law 109-59), amended and restated in 2012 by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21) (Public Law 112-141), and most recently, as amended in 2015 by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST) (Public Law 114-94). The TIFIA statute is codified within Sections 601 through 609 of Title 23 of the United States Code (U.S.C.), 23 U.S.C. §§601- 609, with supporting regulations appearing in part 80 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), 49 CFR 80.

Section 609(b) of Title 23 U.S.C., as amended by Section 2002 of MAP-21, requires the Secretary of Transportation (the Secretary) to submit an application process report to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure that includes a list of all letters of interest and applications received from project sponsors during the preceding fiscal year.

### **Background on the TIFIA Credit Program**

TIFIA established a Federal credit program for eligible transportation projects of national or regional significance under which the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT or the Department) may provide three forms of credit assistance featuring maturities up to 35 years after substantial completion of the project—secured (direct) loans, loan guarantees, and standby lines of credit. *Secured loans* are direct Federal loans providing long-term financing of capital costs with flexible repayment terms. *Loan guarantees* provide full-faith-and-credit guarantees by the Federal Government of a portion of project loans made by institutional investors. Standby *lines of credit* represent secondary sources of funding in the form of contingent Federal loans that can supplement project revenues during the first 10 years of project operations.

The TIFIA program is intended to fill market gaps and leverage substantial non-Federal public and private co-investment by providing flexible credit assistance to projects of national or regional significance to make critical improvements to the Nation's surface transportation system. Private investment can be in the form of debt or equity. Debt can be in the form of bonds, sold as taxable or tax-exempt investments in the United States (U.S.) capital markets, or private bank loans.

To be eligible for credit assistance, a project must have at least \$50 million in total costs (intelligent transportation systems may have total project costs of no less than \$15 million, while transitoriented development, rural infrastructure, and local infrastructure projects may have total project costs of no less than \$10 million). Additionally, the senior debt must be rated investment grade by two rating agencies (unless the project cost is less than \$75 million), have dedicated revenues



for repayment, and meet all applicable Federal requirements. DOT awards credit assistance to eligible applicants, which include State departments of transportation, transit operators, special authorities, local governments, and private entities. Highway, transit, passenger rail, certain freight facilities, certain port projects, transit-oriented development, and rural infrastructure projects may receive credit assistance through the TIFIA program. Rural infrastructure projects may also be eligible for TIFIA direct loans at a discounted interest rate of one-half of the Treasury rate, providing a significant additional incentive to support infrastructure project delivery.

Identifying a constructive role for Federal credit assistance begins with the acknowledgement that, when compared to most investors, the Federal Government has a naturally longer-term investment horizon, which enables it to more readily absorb the relatively short-term risks of project financings. Absent typical capital market investor concerns regarding return horizons and financial liquidity, the Federal Government can become the "patient investor" whose long-term view of asset returns enables the project's non-Federal financial partners to meet their investment goals, allowing the borrower to receive a more favorable financing package. The program demonstrates that the Federal Government can perform a constructive role in supplementing, but not supplanting, existing markets for financing transportation infrastructure projects.

## **FAST Act – Program Funding**

The FAST Act authorizes \$1.435 billion in capital over five years for the TIFIA credit assistance program: \$275 million in FY 2016, \$275 million in FY 2017, \$285 million in FY 2018, \$300 million in FY 2019, and \$300 million in FY 2020 contract authority for the TIFIA program to cover the budgetary cost/subsidy cost of providing credit assistance. On average, TIFIA's budget authority is a fraction of the total loan amount, only about 7 percent of the face value of the loan. In simple dollar terms, one dollar of TIFIA program funds can support a loan of approximately 14 dollars and result in infrastructure investment of up to 40 dollars. Historically, TIFIA has leveraged 3 to 4 times its loan amount.

### **TIFIA Program Administration**

Implementation of the TIFIA program is the responsibility of the Secretary of Transportation. The DOT administers the TIFIA program through the National Surface Transportation and Innovative Finance Bureau (known as the Build America Bureau, or the Bureau) under the Office of the Under Secretary for Policy. The Secretary of Transportation established the Bureau on July 18, 2016, in accordance with the FAST Act. The FAST Act also established the DOT Council on Credit and Finance (CCF) to provide policy direction and make recommendations to the Secretary regarding the selection of projects for credit assistance. The DOT CCF members include five representatives from the Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST): the Deputy Secretary of Transportation (Chair), the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs (Vice-Chair), the Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, the General Counsel, and the Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy. The Administrators of the Federal Highway Administration (FRA) also sit on the DOT Credit Council. Additionally, the Secretary may designate up to three DOT officials to serve as at-large members of the DOT CCF.



The Bureau's Credit Programs Office is organized by three key program areas: loan underwriting, portfolio management, and risk management. In addition, the Bureau is supported by counsel in the Office of the General Counsel and Bureau leadership, which is headed by an Executive Director, pursuant to the FAST Act.

### **TIFIA Review Process**

At the core of the Bureau's Outreach functions, Project Development Leads (PDLs) are Bureau team members that conduct proactive outreach and education activities. This includes direct engagement with project sponsors; organization of and participation in industry events; development and dissemination of educational materials; and regular communications with DOT field offices and modal regional offices. As the initial point of contact for Bureau engagement, PDLs work with project sponsors to determine project needs and the specific ways in which the Bureau can provide TIFIA and other DOT credit assistance.

Based on the specific questions, challenges, opportunities, and information needs related to a particular project, appropriate Bureau expertise is assigned and brought to bear for projects. This may require the assignment of more specialized PDL assistance for projects that involve greater complexity in terms of such factors as scope, modal elements, regulatory requirements, private-sector involvement, and financing plan. This approach helps ensure that the project has followed statutory and regulatory requirements and that it appears to be eligible. The intent of this process is to identify major hurdles that might delay a project early in the process. A customized project development team works closely with the project sponsor to navigate relevant Federal processes and to ensure that key program requirements are satisfied.

Although letters of interest (LOI) may be submitted on a rolling basis (i.e., at any time), the Bureau recommends that project sponsors consult the Bureau before submitting LOIs to ensure that the relevant programmatic requirements are met and initial risk assessments are completed. This ensures that all key project elements are in place for an efficient underwriting process. Once these milestones are complete, the DOT can expeditiously accept the LOI, and formally move the project into the credit underwriting process.

The Bureau then performs a creditworthiness review, and upon a positive evaluation, issues a formal invitation to apply for credit assistance. A decision on the assistance is rendered by the Secretary within 60 days after the DOT notifies a project sponsor of application completeness.

It is important to note that the speed by which projects advance through the TIFIA credit assistance process is dependent, in part, on the ability of project sponsors to provide required financial information and utilize TIFIA's standard loan terms. The Department works closely with project sponsors to ensure that the requirements of each phase can be met in a timely and thorough manner, while balancing the burden on project sponsors with the need to safeguard Federal resources.

The Bureau has worked to improve the expediency and clarity of the review process by making template documents available on the TIFIA website, including: (1) a program guide, updated to reflect changes under the FAST Act, that provides information about eligibility, credit terms, the application and selection process, and typical monitoring and oversight requirements; and (2) a



TIFIA Loan Agreement template that provides TIFIA's standard loan terms, gives project sponsors a clear idea of DOT's requirements, and provides an opportunity for sponsors who wish to move through the TIFIA process quickly the ability to streamline negotiations.

By providing this information in advance and better informing project sponsors about DOT's expectations and requirements, projects move more quickly through the review process. The DOT works closely with project sponsors to ensure that the requirements of each phase can be met in a timely and thorough manner while balancing the burden on project sponsors with the need to safeguard Federal resources.

### Letter of Interest

Each potential applicant must submit a detailed Letter of Interest (LOI) when the project is ready to proceed. The LOI form allows potential applicants to describe the project (including location, purpose, and cost), demonstrate the project sponsor's ability to meet the requirements related to satisfying the project fundamentals, detail how the TIFIA statutory eligibility requirements are met, and outline the proposed financial plan, including the requested TIFIA credit assistance. The DOT will review this submission to determine whether the project meets the requirements for TIFIA participation and will contact the potential applicant subsequently to review the project's eligibility and readiness to apply for program assistance. The initial eligibility review of an LOI is intended to identify any major statutory, regulatory, financing, or timing issues that would prevent the project from receiving TIFIA credit assistance.

#### **Creditworthiness Review**

After determining that the project is reasonably likely to satisfy all of the eligibility, creditworthiness, and readiness requirements of the TIFIA Program, the DOT will accept the LOI and conducts an in-depth creditworthiness review of the project sponsor and the proposed revenue stream proposed as the source for loan repayment. The creditworthiness review involves evaluation of the plan of finance, financial model, and feasibility of the anticipated pledged revenue. Associated with this review, the DOT will ask project sponsors to provide any additional materials necessary to facilitate its review of the project's creditworthiness. The DOT will ask a project sponsor to provide an indicative rating opinion letter from at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization and submit a processing fee to the DOT to reimburse it for the costs incurred for services provided by its outside financial and legal advisors in connection with the review of the TIFIA LOI and application and the negotiation of the TIFIA transaction documents.

Following completion of the DOT's in-depth review of the LOI and receipt of an indicative rating opinion letter and the fee, the DOT will request that the potential applicant give an oral presentation on the project and its plan of finance to the DOT, followed by a question and answer session.

### Application

Potential applicants will be invited to submit a formal application with all required materials once the DOT has satisfactorily completed its review of a project's eligibility, including a satisfactory review of the creditworthiness of the project. This includes a demonstrated capacity to repay the Federal credit assistance, as well as a determination that the project has appropriate security



features, such as appropriate coverage ratios, rate covenants and reserves, as applicable. The DOT will not review incomplete applications or applications for projects that do not fully satisfy TIFIA requirements.

As an integral part of the project review and selection process, DOT also relies on external financial and legal professionals to help DOT evaluate the proposed credit assistance terms and creditworthiness of the borrower. The Bureau continues to utilize a pool of legal and financial advisors to ensure that the office can expeditiously perform needed reviews in a timely and thorough manner.

In order to increase transparency to stakeholders throughout the project review stage, DOT has posted a tracking chart for the projects that have submitted letters of interest under the FAST Act on the TIFIA website explaining each phase of the TIFIA review process and providing indicative time frames for completing each step. The information is available publicly on the TIFIA website at: <a href="http://www.transportation.gov/tifia/financing-requests">http://www.transportation.gov/tifia/financing-requests</a>.

# **FAST Act Letters of Interest**

This report includes a summary of activity on all of the letters of interest and applications received from project sponsors during the 2017 Fiscal Year.

### **Details on FAST Act Projects Submitting Letters of Interest**

The Department received five letters of interest from project sponsors seeking approximately \$1.8 billion in TIFIA credit assistance during FY 2017. There was tremendous diversity in credit assistance request amount, procurement method, and project location among the submissions. DOT has seen growing interest in credit assistance from States that had not previously used TIFIA credit assistance for an array of projects across urban, suburban, and rural communities. The Department also continues to review LOIs which were submitted since the enactment of MAP-21 on July 6, 2012, but prior to the enactment of the FAST Act.

Of the five projects seeking assistance during FY 2017, four LOIs were submitted for highway projects, and one was submitted for a transit project.

As a part of the LOI review process, during FY 2017, the Department has obligated or committed, but not disbursed, nearly \$530 million in carried over MAP-21 and FAST Act contract authority for 22 projects that have reached financial close or are reasonably expected to meet creditworthiness and eligibility rules. After accounting for these commitments, the Department has approximately \$1.5 billion<sup>1</sup> in budget authority remaining to cover the cost of extending new loans for TIFIA eligible projects. The progress of these projects can be tracked on the TIFIA website at: <u>http://www.transportation.gov/tifia/projects-financed</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This figure accounts for the reduction of TIFIA FAST authorized contract authority to match available annual obligation limitations and fund program administrative expenses.



## **Details on MAP-21 and FAST Act Projects Submitting Formal Applications**

During FY 2017, the Department invited ten projects to formally submit applications and approved ten applications totaling nearly \$2.2 billion in TIFIA credit assistance.

The enclosed summary table provides each project's name, modal type, sponsor, location, LOI receipt date, application submission date, application completeness notification date, and application approval date.

# **Program Benefits**

### Overview

As part of the TIFIA LOI and application process, project sponsors are required to demonstrate the anticipated benefits that their project will generate locally, regionally and/or nationally. Project benefits vary widely, but generally include the following: economic development, job creation, transportation safety, environmental improvement, traffic congestion reduction, among others.

The TIFIA program has played a significant role in delivering infrastructure projects. Since its launch in 1998 through the end of FY 2017, the TIFIA program had financed 72 diverse projects across the U.S., including 5 intermodal projects, 46 highway projects, and 21 transit projects. As of September 30, 2017, the TIFIA program's portfolio represents over \$102 billion in infrastructure investment spread across the country. Under MAP-21 and the FAST Act, the TIFIA program dramatically increased its investment and expanded its portfolio into new states and municipalities, and the Bureau has continued this under the FAST Act. For instance, the TIFIA program's portfolio spans all regions in the country, covering a total of 23 states, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

The TIFIA program will accelerate delivery of significant transportation projects throughout the United States. It will also facilitate projects that would otherwise be delayed or deferred because of lack of funding. By stimulating investment in the country's transportation infrastructure, the TIFIA program will improve the economy – it will help create jobs and opportunities, improve mobility and enhance transportation options, help American businesses improve productivity and competitiveness, and improve access to opportunities in local communities.

### **Benefits of Recent Projects**

### Fiscal Year 2017

In FY 2017, the Department extended over \$3.8 billion in credit assistance for 12 loans that will help finance over \$14.6 billion in transportation infrastructure investment across the U.S. The Parallel Thimble Shoal Tunnel Project is one example.



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The Parallel Thimble Shoal Tunnel Project: The Department approved a \$338.5 million loan to help fund a \$1.07 billion project sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel District (CBBT) to construct a new 5,700-foot bored tunnel connecting two southbound trestles of the existing CBBT, a 17.6-mile



structure connecting the Hampton Roads area to Virginia's Eastern Shore. Once complete, the new tunnel will carry two lanes of traffic southbound and the existing tunnel will carry two lanes of traffic northbound. In addition to the TIFIA loan, the project is being financed with senior bonds, a loan from the Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank, as well as funds invested from the District's General Fund. Construction began October 2017, and is expected to take approximately five years to complete. The Parallel Thimble Shoal Tunnel project is a regional priority, included in the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization's long-range planning and improvement program. The new tunnel will carry more traffic safely and efficiently, further improving transportation for the entire region.

### Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019 Pipeline

The Department has a robust and active pipeline of 12 projects from around the country in various stages of the creditworthiness review process. The Department is actively reviewing these projects, estimated to add nearly \$14 billion in infrastructure investment when constructed. Like the TIFIA portfolio itself, the pipeline of projects includes a diverse mix of rural and urban, public private partnerships (P3) and public projects, as well as projects in States using TIFIA for the first time.

### **Beneficial Impacts on the American Public**

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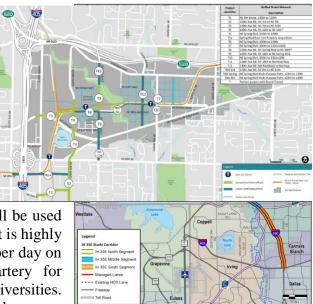
### Stimulating Significant Economic Benefits, including Job Creation

TIFIA credit assistance provides improved access to capital markets, flexible repayment terms, and more favorable interest rates than can be found in private capital markets for similar instruments. In this way, the TIFIA Program can help accelerate delivery of qualified projects that otherwise might be delayed or deferred because of size, complexity, or uncertainty over the timing of revenues. Below is an example of a complex project that benefited greatly from TIFIA assistance and will in turn have a positive economic impact.



The Texas Transportation Commission's (Commission) 35 Express Project: The Commission received a \$285 million TIFIA loan from the Department to finance the reconstruction and expansion of a section of I-35E in the Dallas metro area, the 35 Express Project. This Project, to be completed in phases, will reconstruct and expand a 28-mile section of I-35E between I-635 to U.S. 380, serving the areas of southern and central Denton County and other major Dallas

suburbs north of the I-635. The TIFIA loan will be used towards funding the first phase of the project that is highly congested, serving more than 200,000 vehicles per day on certain sections. Besides being a major artery for commuters, it is a primary link to Denton-area universities. The improvements include one additional general purpose



lane in each direction and two reversible priced lanes. The lanes will be priced according to time of day and will be shifted in the direction of heavy traffic flow during peak times to relieve congestion. The project also includes numerous frontage road, interchange and ramp additions and upgrades, especially along the Lake Lewisville section where there are no current north-south commuting alternatives to I-35E and constructs a new bridge will also be constructed over the lake.

This investment has significant economic advantages. According to Commission estimates, the 35 Express Project is expected to create or sustain over 33,000 jobs during construction. After construction, lower levels of traffic congestion will improve access to jobs in the rapidly growing areas of Denton and Dallas Counties.

### **Accelerating Project Delivery**

Ultimately, the most beneficial impact of TIFIA may be its ability to accelerate delivery of transportation infrastructure. TIFIA can expedite the financing and accelerate the delivery of a project which may otherwise not be built until years into the future. In some cases, TIFIA assistance is essential to the viability of a project's financial plan. For example, without the interest cost savings or flexible repayment terms of a TIFIA loan, a given revenue stream may be insufficient to support a given project. In other cases, a public project sponsor may have access to adequate revenue and private capital markets to finance the project, but TIFIA assistance helps advance the project more quickly and at a lower cost, freeing up resources to tackle other infrastructure projects. One example is the BelRed Street Network Project in Bellevue, Washington. The project sponsor utilized a streamlined application process that was implemented pursuant to the FAST Act in order to obtain a faster lending decision.

*The BelRed Street Network Project:* In June 2017, the Department closed a \$99.6 million loan to the City of Bellevue, Washington to support the development of the BelRed Street Network



Project within the new BelRed neighborhood – a growing economic center geographically connected to Seattle, the University of Washington, the Port of Seattle, and the greater Eastside. The BelRed project will provide nearly 10 new miles of roadway lanes, 25,000 sidewalk feet, 21,000 feet for bike lanes, more than 5.5 acres of water quality treatment facilities and approximately 90 new or upgraded curb ramps and pedestrian access improvements to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The BelRed project, which coincides with Sound Transit's East Link light rail construction, will enhance multi-modal mobility, improving access to transit options and employment centers. This project, located at the center of a regional system of interstate highways, local street networks, and transit facilities is intended to serve as a catalyst for redevelopment. According to the City of Bellevue, the TIFIA loan will accelerate the transformation of the BelRed area, presenting an opportunity to create thousands of new jobs and housing units that leverage the regional investment of a multimodal transportation system.

### **Attracting Private Debt and Equity**

In addition to stimulating new revenue streams, TIFIA credit assistance can help attract private debt and equity participation to transportation projects. TIFIA has been an integral part of P3s in the U.S., with almost a third of the TIFIA Program's portfolio funded as P3 projects. One such example is New York City's Moynihan Train Hall Redevelopment Project, which closed July 2017.

*The Moynihan Train Hall Redevelopment Project:* The Moynihan Train Hall Redevelopment Project is part of the first stage of the widely-anticipated Gateway Program and aims to transform the James A. Farley Post Office Building into a modern, state of the art transportation facility. The Department is providing a \$526.1 million TIFIA loan to fund the \$1.85 billion project. The project, being completed in two phases, is expected to deliver critical improvements, mediate congestion and delays, and facilitate future passenger demand at New York City's Penn Station, the busiest passenger transportation facility in the U.S. with estimated volume of over 650,000 passengers per weekday. The TIFIA loan will provide critical financing

to this public-private partnership, in which Empire State Development, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Amtrak, and private developers will provide the remainder of the approximately \$1.3 billion in funding for the project.

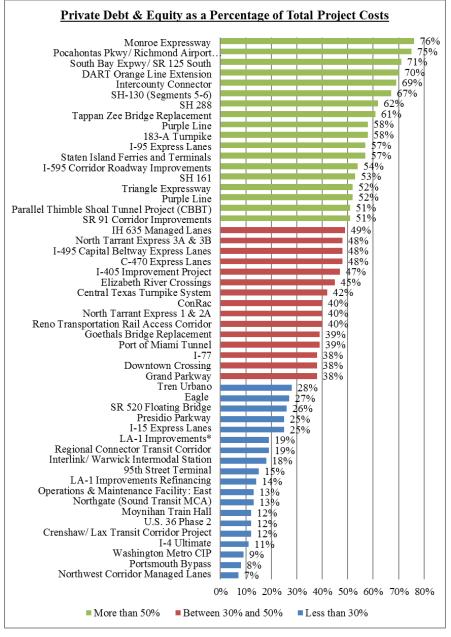
The Moynihan Train Hall Redevelopment Project is just one of many examples of projects that have attracted direct and indirect private investment and participation. In total, there have been 21 projects financed with



TIFIA that have advanced as P3s, and the private equity committed to these projects exceeds \$4 billion. On the debt side, TIFIA has been combined with other debt sources including Private Activity Bonds (PABs), bank debt, and GARVEE Bonds, that total over \$12 billion in financing



for surface transportation. Currently, over a third of the entire portfolio has received a level of private participation in financing, as shown in the following chart.





#### **Enhancing Economic Competitiveness**

By facilitating projects that would have been delayed or deferred, the TIFIA Program is helping to modernize our transportation system, thereby creating access to opportunities that will advance communities and help American businesses compete and grow in the global economy. The TIFIA program accelerates project delivery by stimulating new revenue streams for transportation projects and attracting private investment. Furthermore, TIFIA funding leverages limited Federal funds, so that a relatively small Federal commitment will stimulate a large amount of State, local, and private investment.

### TIFIA Project Status Report as of Fiscal Year 2017 (Includes status/activity of LOIs received under MAP-21 and the FAST Act)

Project Name	Туре	Project Sponsor	Location	Requested Assistance (in MM) <sup>1</sup>	Receipt of LOI	Application Submission	Application Completeness	Application Approval
I-77 HOT Lanes	Highway	North Carolina Department of Transportation	Charlotte, NC	\$221	8/7/2012	3/5/2015	4/7/2015	5/7/2015
SH 288	Highway	Texas Department of Transportation	Houston, TX	\$108	8/22/2012	9/1/2015	9/29/2015	11/30/2015
Purple Line	Transit	Maryland Department of Transportation	Montgomery County, MD	\$732	8/9/2013	4/1/2016	5/2/2016	6/8/2016
CTA Railcars	Transit	Chicago Transit Authority	Montgomery County, MD	\$250	8/17/2013	11/3/2015	11/17/2015	1/15/2016
183 S	Highway	Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority	Austin, TX	\$364	4/16/2014	9/28/2015	10/20/2015	11/17/2015
Morgantown PRT Modernization	Transit	West Virginia University	Morgantown, WV	\$32	9/5/2014	The Morgantown PRT Modernization project's sponsor indicated that it was completing other modernization projects and reviewing its plan of finance, but has not formally withdrawn its TIFIA Letter of Interest.		
Westside Subway Section 2	Transit	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	Los Angeles, CA	\$307	12/05/2014	9/7/2016	10/7/2016	12/6/2016
Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project	Transit	San Diego Association of Governments	San Diego, CA	\$647	12/18/2014	11/2/2016	12/5/2016	1/19/2017

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Requested TIFIA credit assistance amounts are derived from original LOI requests. Project sponsors retain the flexibility to modify the requested amount of assistance throughout the review process, and project costs are subject to eligibility review. As such, final loan amounts may vary from the amount of the original request.



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Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (Thimble Shoal)	Highway	Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel District, VA	Cape Charles, VA	\$373	Resubmitted 12/31/2014	9/23/2016	10/19/2016	10/26/2016
I-93 Improvement Project	Highway	New Hampshire Department of Transportation	Manchester, NH	\$200	01/07/2015	3/7/2016	4/5/2016	5/12/2016
C470 Express Lanes	Highway	Colorado Department of Transportation	Denver, CO	\$108	03/06/2015	2/6/2017	3/8/2017	5/4/2017
I-70 East Corridor Project	Highway	Colorado Department of Transportation	Denver, CO	\$450	03/24/2015	11/15/2017	11/27/2017	12/8/2017
Midtown Express (original LOI as SH 183)	Highway	Texas Department of Transportation	Dallas, TX	\$388	Resubmitted 05/11/2015	See explanation below		
Sacramento Streetcar Project	Transit	City of Sacramento, CA	Sacramento, CA	\$30	06/01/2015	Project scope milestones to be completed		
Knik Arm	Highway	Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority	Anchorage, AK	\$378	Resubmitted 07/16/2015	Withdrawn from LOI process		
Monroe Expressway	Highway	North Carolina Department of Transportation/ North Carolina Technology Association	Mecklenburg County, NC	\$166	07/22/2015	10/27/2016	11/21/2016	1/23/2017
Transform66 (I-66)	Highway	Virginia Department of Transportation	Prince William County, VA	\$725	09/01/2015	9/5/2017	10/5/2017	10/17/2017
Toll 49	Highway	North Eastern Texas, Regional Mobility Authority	Smith County, TX	\$49	09/04/2015	Withdrawn from LOI process		
Lake Pontchartrain Bridge Improvements	Highway	Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission	Jefferson and St. Tammany Parish, LA	\$41	09/09/2015	Withdrawn from LOI process		
Port Newark Container Terminal	Highway	Port Newark Container Terminal	Newark, NJ	\$112	09/23/2015	See explanation below		
Grand Parkway Segments H&I	Highway	Texas Department of Transportation	Houston, TX	\$532	10/19/2015	See explanation below		
RCTC I-15	Highway	Riverside County Transportation Commission, CA	Riverside County, CA	\$152	11/3/2015	5/30/2017	6/22/2017	7/16/2017
Sound Transit MCA	Transit	Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority	Seattle, WA	\$1,300	11/3/2015	11/16/2016	12/14/2016	12/19/2016
Massachusetts Bay Trans. Authority-PTC	Transit	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority	Eastern Massachusetts	\$150	2/3/2016	7/13/2017	8/11/2017	10/10/2017
Centennial Corridor	Highway	City of Bakersfield, CA	Bakersfield, CA	\$197	2/22/2013; resubmitted 2/5/2016	Project scope milestones to be completed		



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OCTA I-405	Highway	Orange County Transportation Authority, CA	Orange County, CA	\$561	2/17/2016	5/18/2017	6/16/2017	7/25/2017
SANBAG I-10	Highway	San Bernardino Association of Governments, CA	San Bernardino County, CA	\$203	3/10/2016	See explanation below		
CTA RPM	Transit	Chicago Transit Authority	Chicago, IL	\$622	7/12/2016	See explanation below		
Potomac Yard Metrorail	Transit	City of Alexandria, VA	Alexandria, VA	\$88	7/26/2016	See explanation below		
BelRed Street Network	TOD	The City of Bellevue, WA	Bellevue, WA	\$100	8/3/2016	3/17/2017	4/17/2017	5/26/2017
I-395 Extension	Highway	Virginia Department of Transportation	Alexandria, VA	\$146	10/6/2016	Withdrawn from LOI process		
Moynihan Train Hall	Transit	Empire State Development Corp.	New York City	\$333	11/23/2016	6/23/2017	6/27/2017	7/5/2017
NTE Segment 3C and 3A	Highway	Texas Department of Transportation	Fort Worth, TX	\$291	4/6/2017	See explanation below		
Nice Bridge Replacement	Highway	Maryland Department of Transportation	Southern Maryland	\$250	5/5/2017	See explanation below		
290E	Highway	Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority	Austin, TX	\$740	8/21/2017	See explanation below		