• $527 million multimodal, merit-based discretionary grant program
• $140 million for rural areas
• Up to $150 million for TIFIA payments
• Last round the average award was $13.25 million
• Geographic diversity requirement
2011 Application Process

Sept. 9\textsuperscript{th} - Pre-Application Registration

October 3\textsuperscript{rd} - Pre-Applications Due

October 4\textsuperscript{th} - Final Applications Open

October 31\textsuperscript{st} - Final Applications Due
Changes from TIGER 2

- No Planning Funds this round
- 3 Application Limit (per sponsor)
- TIFIA Letter of Interest
Keys to Competitive Applications

- Eligibility
- Address Criteria and Outcomes
- Clarity
- Leveraging Investment
- Project Segmentation
- Project Readiness/NEPA
- Highly Competitive Projects
- Application Pitfalls
- Planned Technical Assistance
Eligibility

- Surface transportation capital projects only
- Open to state, tribal, and local entities, and other subdivisions
- Private entities, including non-profits, must partner with a public lead
- Rural grants: $1 million minimum (no match req)
- Urbanized area grants: $10 million minimum (20% match)
- Eligible ≠ Competitive
Address Criteria and Outcomes

• Application outline in the NOFA
• Describe how project addresses challenge
• Detail how federal funds will be used
• Address the selection criteria

Primary Criteria
• State of Good Repair
• Economic Competitiveness
• Livability
• Environmental Sustainability
• Safety
• Job Creation/Near-Term Economic

Secondary Criteria
• Innovation
• Partnership
Clarity

• Ensure project descriptions are clear and concise
• Pictures and maps are helpful
• Focus on why project is compelling
• Staff and experts may review 100-200 applications within a short period of time
Leveraging Investment

• Matching state and local funds with private funds helps demonstrate commitment = more competitive
• First round: TIGER grantees delivered $4.5 billion in matching funding for TIGER’s $1.5 billion
• Public-private projects must demonstrate significant public benefits
• Up to $150 million in TIFIA payments available
Project Segmentation

• Clearly identify multiple project elements if the project is segmentable
• Segments must have “independent utility”
  – Provides transportation benefits
  – Will be ready for use when complete
• Phases must complete operable segment
Project Readiness/NEPA

- Projects that are ready to move to construction quickly are given priority
- Document where the project is in the NEPA process
- Initiate NEPA in advance of the application process, if possible
- If the project expects a CE determination, demonstrate why this is justified
Talking Freight

• Freight projects are competitive in TIGER
  – $669.5 million (32% of total) for freight projects
    • $454.2 million for rail (22% of total)
    • $215.3 million for ports (10% of total)
• Eligibility: surface transportation, including
  – Port infrastructure (dredging ineligible)
  – Freight rail
  – Roads and highways
• Opportunity for rural freight
  – $140 million set-aside
Talking Freight

- Key criteria:
  - economic competitiveness
  - state of good repair
  - environmental sustainability
- Net national benefits
- Identify public and private beneficiaries and contributors
- National Export Initiative
Highly Competitive Projects

- Multimodal projects, coordinated investment from other sources and programs
- Demonstrate project benefits across selection criteria
- New partnerships, multi-jurisdictional cooperation
- Public-private partnerships
- Support key national priorities
- Non-traditional or hard to fund projects
Application Pitfalls

- Ineligibility: applicants and projects
- Priorities/outcomes not aligned with selection criteria
- Project readiness
- Insufficient matching funds, lack of demonstration
- Non-construction requests: O/M assistance, ROW
- Grouping unrelated projects
Technical Assistance

• USDOT offers technical assistance to help applicants through the TIGER process
• Preparation of benefit cost analysis
• Previous TIGER application debriefs
• Special Topics Webinars
Additional Application Help

TIGER Website: www.dot.gov/tiger/

Special Topics Webinars

- August 17th - Benefit Cost Analysis
- August 22nd - Project Readiness/NEPA
- August 24th - Public Private Partnerships & TIFIA
- August 24th - Rural and Tribal Applications
- August 30th - MARAD Port Outreach
Question and Answer Session