

# LADDERS OF OPPORTUNITY THROUGH THE TIGER 2015 DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM

“Through transportation, we can help ensure that the rungs on the ladder of opportunity aren’t so far apart—and that the American dream is still within reach for those who are willing to work for it.”

– Secretary Anthony Foxx

Secretary Foxx made expanding ladders of opportunity a priority through his selection of the TIGER 2015 projects. By investing in transportation projects that more reliably, safely, and affordably connect communities to centers of employment, education, and services, and that hold promise to stimulate long term job growth, especially in economically distressed areas, the Department seeks to enhance opportunity for all Americans.

Transportation projects can have dramatic impacts on opportunity in a number of ways.

**Work:** Transportation projects create jobs, both in construction and operations. Through thoughtful workforce programs – built in partnership with industry, and with a focus on disadvantaged businesses – we can help more underserved people find and keep good jobs in the transportation sector.

**Connect:** A multimodal transportation system provides people with reliable and affordable connections to employment, education, and other critical services.

Transportation networks that provide Low-cost, reliable options enable more people to realize their economic potential and improve access to a diverse workforce for businesses.

**Revitalize:** Transportation infrastructure can have a dramatic impact on neighborhoods and regions. It can provide support for healthy main street centers and direct more equitable business and residential developments designed to bring everyone closer to opportunities.



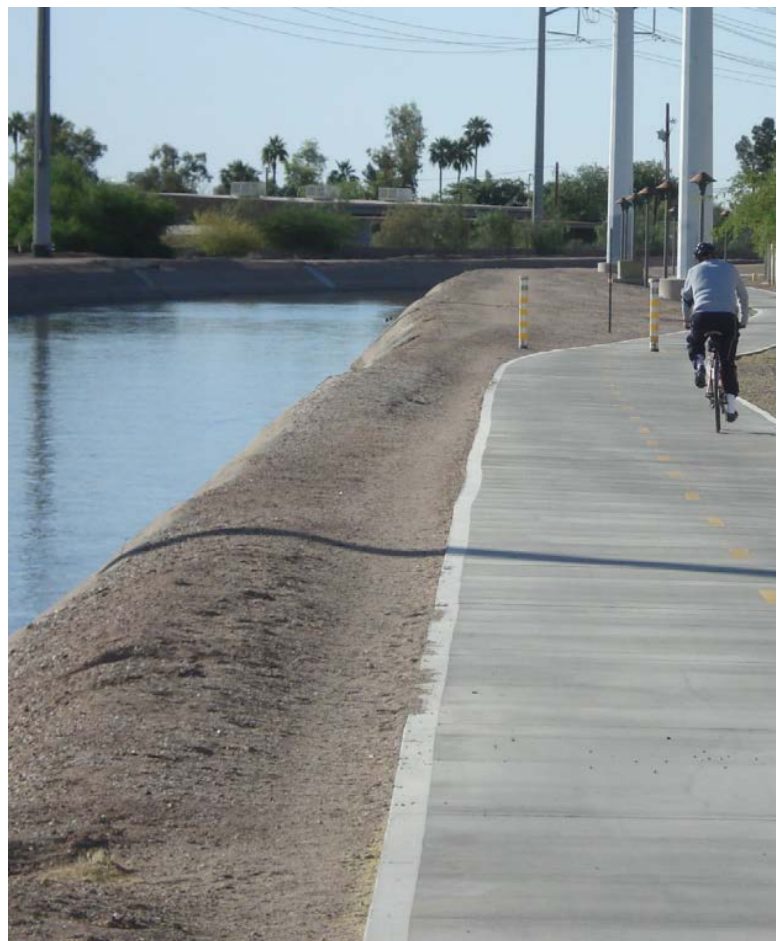
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In this round of TIGER, the Department was able to fund numerous transportation projects focused on improving ladders of opportunity across cities, towns, and regions, including:

The **Bronx River Greenway Project** in New York, New York received \$10 million to close the South Bronx gap along the Bronx River Greenway through the construction of a bike and pedestrian trail and two bicycle/pedestrian bridges. The project will provide those living in population-dense and low-income South Bronx neighborhoods low cost commute options and more direct links to jobs, education, and medical services. This project stems from a TIGER II Planning Grant.

The **Connecting Our Neighborhoods to Opportunities Project** in Birmingham, Alabama received \$20 million to support development of a 15-mile bus rapid transit (BRT) Line in Birmingham, Alabama. The project includes complete streets, real-time transit information systems, pedestrian safety improvements, and transit maintenance facility renovations. The BRT line will serve low-income and minority communities, providing connections to employment, education, cultural, and other opportunities.

The **Grand Canal Bike and Pedestrian Improvements Project** in Phoenix, Arizona received \$10.3 million to complete the canal trail and add lighting, neighborhood connections, bridges, and signalized crossings for bicyclists and pedestrians on approximately eight miles of the Grand Canalscape. The project will increase access and mobility to essential services for the high percentage of residents in the project area living below the poverty level.



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The **Lihu'e Town Core Mobility and Revitalization Project** in Kaua'i County, Hawaii received \$13.81 million to improve bicycling, walking and transit conditions through streetscape improvements and a road diet, development of a transit service center, new sidewalks and a shared use path, and conversion of existing streets to a transit hub and bicycle boulevard. The project will improve non-automobile access to jobs, education centers, cultural facilities, and social services for low-to-moderate income populations and seniors both within the Lihu'e town core and regionally.



The **Transforming Dixie Highway Project** in Louisville, Kentucky received \$16.9 million to implement infrastructure, intelligent transportation systems (ITS) upgrades, and complete streets improvements that will contribute to the future development of Louisville's first bus rapid transit (BRT) system. The Dixie Highway corridor and future BRT service will connect minority and low-income populations in the southwest of the city to employment, social services, education, and medical care along the corridor and its northern downtown terminus.

The **Greening the Gateways Project** in Jackson, Mississippi received \$16.5 million to implement a road diet and construct complete streets, including pedestrian improvements and design elements to manage drainage and mitigate sanitary sewer overflows, including improving mobility in and around the historic Tougaloo College campus. The project will provide accessible and efficient connections between residences, employment centers, educational/training opportunities, medical service providers, and recreational destinations, and will create both short- and long-term jobs.

The **Texas Rural Transit Asset Replacement Project** received \$20.8 million to procure hundreds of replacement transit vehicles that will provide rural service across the state, as well as construct four transit facilities in growing rural areas of Texas. The project will create ladders of opportunity for lower income populations and people with disabilities, providing them with affordable and reliable transportation and access to jobs.





# Ladders of Opportunity through the TIGER 2015 Discretionary Grant Program

The **Glacier Rail Park/Kalispell Core Area Development and Trail Project** in Kalispell, Montana received \$10 million to construct rail and road infrastructure to accommodate existing and prospective customers and remove rail from downtown Kalispell. The project also includes the construction of complete street connections and a trail and park stretching across the community. The project will foster opportunity by connecting Downtown Kalispell and the park to industrial development, and will have a transformative effect on the downtown area by eliminating an existing barrier, and catalyzing redevelopment along this improved corridor.

The **Native Village of Point Hope Transportation Infrastructure and Transit Improvement Project** in Point Hope, Alaska received \$2.89 million to redesign and construct five critical roads, purchase Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant transit buses, construct sidewalks throughout the community, and modify existing roads to improve safety and accessibility. The project will provide accessible transportation to connect people to resources, services, jobs, training, and employment opportunities within Point Hope and the greater North Slope Borough region.

