TIGER 2015
Application Preparation Webinar
Presented by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy
United States Department of Transportation
Welcome to the 2015 TIGER Webinar

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- **Presenter**
  - Robert Mariner, Deputy Director of the Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation, Office of the Secretary Office of Policy, U.S. Department of Transportation
$500 million multimodal, merit-based discretionary grant program

Strong focus on transformative projects and creating ladders of opportunity

Modal and geographic equity requirements

Pre-Application Required
How is TIGER different?

- Transformative Projects
- Leverages Resources
- Encourages Partnership
- Non-traditional grantees
- Merit-based awards
- Competitive Discretionary Grants
TIGER Basics

- **Eligible Applicants**
  - State, local, and tribal governments, transit agencies, MPOs, and other public entities

- **Cost Share or Match**
  - TIGER funds may cover up to 80 percent of projects costs in urban areas and 100 percent of project costs in rural areas

- **Eligible Projects**

- **Rural/Urban Designation**
2015 TIGER Applications

- Pre-Application – Instructions and information are available at [www.dot.gov/TIGER](http://www.dot.gov/TIGER)

2015 TIGER Deadlines

- Pre-Applications - Must be submitted before 11:59 PM E.D.T on **May 4, 2015**.

- Final applications – Must be submitted before 11:59 PM E.D.T. on **June 5, 2015**.
Demand for TIGER

- Over six rounds, six percent of applications have been awarded
- 6,100 applications received
- $124 billion requested
- 342 Awards
- Most awards have been partial funding
- We anticipate 800 applications
What projects compete well?

- Demonstrated strength in selection criteria
- Projects which are difficult to fund elsewhere
- Strong partnership
- Strong match
- Project has timeline for success
- Presents a clear story and project impact
Ladders of Opportunity

Examples

- Create or improve connections between people and centers of employment, education, and services
- Promote workforce development
- Contribute to community revitalization

Particularly for disadvantaged groups: low-income groups, persons with visible and hidden disabilities, elderly individuals, and minority persons and populations.
TIGER Evaluation Process

- Does the project align well with the long term priorities of USDOT?
- Does the application demonstrate jurisdictional and/or disciplinary partnership?
- Is the project innovative in terms of design, technology, project delivery, or financing?
- Does the application leverage significant non-federal resources?
- Do the projects benefits exceed the costs?
- Will DOT be able to obligate funds by September 30, 2017?
Highly Competitive Projects

- Multimodal projects, coordinated investment from other sources and programs
- Demonstrate transformative project benefits across selection criteria
- Demonstrate ladders of opportunity for disadvantaged groups
- New partnerships, multi-jurisdictional cooperation
- Public-private partnerships
- Non-traditional or hard to fund projects
Project Readiness and BCA

- **Project Readiness**
  - Technical Feasibility
  - Financial Feasibility
  - Project Schedule
  - Required Approvals
  - Assessment of Project Risks and Mitigation Strategies

- **BCA**
  - Identify, quantify, and compare expected benefits and costs.
Application Pitfalls

- Ineligibility: applicants and projects
- Priorities/outcomes not aligned w/ selection criteria
- Insufficient evidence of project readiness
- Insufficient matching funds
- Non-construction requests: O/M assistance
- Grouping unrelated projects
- Uncertain urban/rural designation
Technical Assistance

- USDOT offers technical assistance to help applicants through the TIGER process
- Previous TIGER application debriefs
- Benefit cost analysis resource guide
- Special Topics Webinars

Questions sent to TIGERGrants@dot.gov
Additional Application Help

- **2015 How to Compete for TIGER Discretionary Grants**: April 28

- **2015 Preparing a Benefit-Cost Analysis for a TIGER Grant**: April 23
  - [http://www.dot.gov/tiger/guidance](http://www.dot.gov/tiger/guidance)

- **TIGER Website**: [www.dot.gov/tiger/](http://www.dot.gov/tiger/)

- **Special Topics Webinars and Frequently Asked Questions**:
  - [http://www.dot.gov/tiger/resources](http://www.dot.gov/tiger/resources)
  - [http://www.dot.gov/tiger/faq](http://www.dot.gov/tiger/faq)
2015 TIGER Summit

- A seminar for current and prospective TIGER grantees
- **Thursday, April 16, 2015 - 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**
- **USDOT Headquarters** 1200 New Jersey Ave SE Washington, DC 20590 (Navy Yard Metro Station)

Question and Answer Session