



**Metro**

**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE  
JULY 15, 2009**

**SUBJECT: FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT GENERATING  
ECONOMIC RECOVERY (TIGER) DISCRETIONARY GRANT  
FUNDS**

**ACTION: SUBMIT TIGER GRANT APPLICATION**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to exercise one of the following options, depending on the option that maximizes funding for the region:

(1) Submit a multi-agency grant application for up to \$300 million in TIGER funds for goods movement improvements through the State of California (Caltrans), as a part of the statewide application process utilizing the candidate projects in Attachment A; or

(2) Submit a multi-agency grant application to the Department of Transportation for up to \$300 million in TIGER funds utilizing the candidate projects in Attachment A.

B. Modify the preliminary list of candidate projects recommended for TIGER funds, in Attachment A, if necessary, to maximize funding for the region.

**ISSUE**

On February 17, 2009, the President of the United States signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("ARRA") of 2009 to, among other purposes, preserve and create jobs, and promote economic recovery; invest in the transportation infrastructure to provide long term benefits; and assist those most affected by the current economic downturn. ARRA appropriated \$1.5 billion of discretionary grant funds to be awarded to each eligible applicant, on a competitive basis, by the Department of Transportation ("DOT") for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure. ARRA specifies that grants funded under the TIGER program may be no less than \$20 million and no greater than \$300 million. Moreover, ARRA prohibits the award of more than 20 percent (or \$300 million) of the funds made available under the TIGER program to projects in any one state.









