

AGENDA



Thursday, August 20, 2009

**Transportation
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 39**

Subject: Authorize the City Manager to submit an application for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Program to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for competitive funding for transportation projects.

Amount and Source of Funding: If approved, the total grant amount being requested will be provided by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT).

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: Criteria for developing projects were presented to the Comprehensive Planning and Transportation Committee (CPTC), Council subcommittee, on Monday August 3, 2009.

Request that the City Council direct staff to submit a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Program application to the US Department of Transportation (US DOT) for funding of transportation projects.

This is a nationally competitive application process for projects between \$20 million and \$200 million with a not to exceed amount of \$300 million per state. Projects submitted must have long term outcomes that improve existing facilities, contribute to economic competitiveness, and are sustainable. Projects should also be innovative and show partnership with other public and private sector entities. Projects are to be substantially completed by 2012.

The public was invited to submit suggested projects meeting the criteria identified. Staff recommends one or two projects be thoroughly developed for submittal rather than a list of potential projects.

The Council is being asked to authorize selected projects for submittal. The deadline for submission of TIGER Grant applications is September 15, 2009.