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U.S. Transportation Secretary LaHood Announces Fourth Round of Highly Successful TIGER Program

Following President Obama's call in his State of the Union address for greater infrastructure investment as part of "An American Road and Transportation Builders Act," Secretary LaHood today announced the availability of funding for transportation projects under a fourth round of the popular TIGER (Transportation Infrastructure Grants for Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grant program. TIGER 2012 will make \$500 million available for surface transportation projects in any state, area, or region.

The previous three rounds of the TIGER program provided \$2.6 billion to 172 projects in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The response has been overwhelming, and during the previous three rounds, the Department of Transportation received more than 3,348 applications for transportation projects across the country.

"President Obama made clear in his State of the Union address that investing in transportation means putting people back to work in communities across the country," said Secretary LaHood. "Americans are demanding investments in highways, bridges, and rail. These kinds of projects not only mean a stronger economic future for the U.S., but jobs for Americans today."

As in previous rounds, high-speed rail and intercity passenger rail projects remain eligible for funding. TIGER 2012 provides funding toward these projects. TIGER 2012 will also continue to encourage the development of transportation projects in rural areas and projects.

On November 18, 2011, the President signed the FY 2012 Appropriations Act, which provided \$500 million for Department of Transportation TIGER grants. The first three rounds, TIGER 2012 grants are for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure and are to be awarded on a competitive basis.

Projects will be evaluated on primary criteria that include safety, economic competitiveness, livability, environmental sustainability, and cost-effectiveness.

Pre-applications are due February 20 and applications are due March 19. You can click [here](#) to view the Notice of Funding Availability.

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