

## **Transportation Grant Requests Update**

The City of Dallas has submitted four (4) transportation grants under two (2) federal programs:

### Transportation Alternative Program (TAP)

The Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) was authorized under Section 1122 of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). TAP provides funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives, including on and off road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation, environmental mitigation projects, recreational trail program projects, safe routes to school projects, and projects for planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways.

The City of Dallas submitted one (1) project under the call for TAP grants - the Northaven Bridge Project (pedestrian and bicycle connection) for the 2015 submittals. This project was not a successful candidate this year. Staff will be working with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to address design, land acquisition, and environmental clearances in order to be more competitive in upcoming calls for projects.

### Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Discretionary Grant Program (TIGER)

The Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER Discretionary Grant program, provides an opportunity for the U.S. Department of Transportation to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects to achieve critical national objectives. TIGER provides capital funding directly to public entities, including municipalities, counties, port authorities, tribal governments, MPOs, or others in contrast to traditional Federal programs, which provide funding to very specific groups of applicants (mostly State DOTs and transit agencies).

The City of Dallas submitted three (3) projects under the call for TIGER grants. The Northaven Bridge and LBJ/Skillman Interchange projects were submitted by the City of Dallas directly. The Vickery Meadows/Park Lane Complete Street project was submitted by the North Texas Central Council of Governments. The City of Dallas anticipates announcement of grant awards sometime between September and November 2015.