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Memorandum

TO: Local Streets and Roads Working Group

DATE: September 10, 2009

FR: Amy Burch

RE: ARRA Discretionary Programs Update

Summary

To date, funding awards total approximately \$15 million to Bay Area agencies from ARRA Discretionary Programs. Many programs are expected to announce project selection and awards in the coming months. The Bay Area has received an estimated \$900 million in transportation-related ARRA funding across all categories. The current status of ARRA Discretionary Programs follows.

TIGER Program Update

On July 22, 2009, MTC adopted a list of four projects, totaling \$133 million in TIGER requests, for submittal to Caltrans. Caltrans organized a panel to review TIGER projects from across the state, and established a list totaling \$784 million in TIGER requests. California may only receive up to \$300 million of the \$1.5 billion in TIGER funds. The Caltrans list included the four MTC-recommended projects, as well as two additional Bay Area projects (see Table 1).

Table 1: Bay Area TIGER Projects Included in Caltrans' State-Wide List

Project	TIGER Requests (\$ millions)
BART Oakland Airport Connector	\$5.0
Doyle Drive Replacement Project	\$50.0
BART SVRT Extension: Revenue Vehicle Storage at Hayward Yard	\$50.0
Ports of Oakland, Stockton, West Sacramento Container Barge Project	\$56.0
Highway 101 HOV Lanes in Sonoma County - Central Phase B*	\$27.0
State Route 4 East Transportation Corridor*	\$23.5
Total	\$211.5

**Caltrans' TIGER review panel added these two projects to the California list for the Governor's endorsement.*

Currently, the Governor's Office is reviewing Caltrans' recommendations, and is expected to send a letter of support to U.S. DOT before the September 15 deadline. Secretary LaHood has announced that he will release award notices in January 2010 for the TIGER program.

Note: All TIGER project sponsors must submit applications directly to U.S. DOT by September 15, 2009 by email to tigergrants@dot.gov.

Program Selections Expected This Fall

Several of the ARRA discretionary program managers expect to announce project selection in the next few months. ARRA discretionary programs' status is summarized in Attachment A, and programs with upcoming selection announcements are listed in Table 2.

Table 2: ARRA Discretionary Programs with Upcoming Awards Announcements

	Agency	Program	Program Status
1	DOT	TIGER	Awards expected Jan. 2010
2	DOT	High Speed and Intercity Passenger Rail	Project selections expected by Dec. 2009 for Track 2; early fall for all other tracks
4	DOT	TIGGER	DOT announces selected projects Sept. 2009. Selectees submit formal grant applications directly following selection
10	EPA	Diesel Emission Reduction - Clean Diesel Emerging Technologies Program	EPA announces selected projects Sept. 2009
14	DOE	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Competitive Grants	CA program for small cities/counties - draft guidelines issued; final guidelines expected Sept. 16, 2009
15	FEMA	Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)	FEMA announces awards between Oct. and Dec. 2009
16	FEMA	Transportation Security Grant Program (TSGP) - Public Transportation and Railroad Security	FEMA announces awards between Oct. and Dec. 2009
17	DOT	Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program (Tribal Transit Program, TTP)	Awards TBA

EECBG Draft Guidelines Available for Small Cities and Counties

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program provides direct, formula grants to reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and to improve energy efficiency. Small cities and counties that are not listed for direct, formula grants are eligible for nearly \$30 million (60 percent) of the \$49 million allocated to the California Energy Commission. The CEC may distribute the remaining \$19 million at its discretion.

Draft guidelines for the formula grant program are now available at:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/blockgrant.html>. The CEC is working on final guidelines for adoption on September 16, 2009.

Key elements of the draft EECBG guidelines include:

- Funding – \$25,000 minimum funding awards for small cities; \$50,000 minimum funding awards for small counties
- Population-based Formula – the allocation formula calculates \$5 per capita plus an unemployment component
- Eligible Applicants – small cities and counties within California that did not receive direct EECBG funding from DOE
- Eligible Projects – examples of projects include, but are not limited to:
 - Lighting retrofits and controls
 - Street lighting and traffic signal retrofits
 - Heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) modifications and controls
 - Automated energy management systems, motors, and variable speed drives

As the first step to receiving EECBG funds, small cities and counties must file a **Statement of Intent**, which is available for download at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/blockgrant.html>. (Scroll down the page to “BE READY TO RECEIVE ARRA FUNDS” to download the file.)

Feel free to contact me at 510-817-5735 and aburch@mtc.ca.gov with questions.

**ARRA Transportation-Related Discretionary Programs
Bay Area Awards Summary**

Attachment A

	Agency	Program	Program Status	Amount Available (millions)	Amount Awarded to Bay Area (millions)	Recipient	Project	Notes
1	DOT	U.S. DOT Secretary's Discretionary Grant Program - "Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery" (TIGER)	Applications due to DOT September 15, 2009 Awards expected Jan. 2010	1,500	TBD			
2	DOT	High Speed and Intercity Passenger Rail	Applications for High Speed Rail Corridor Program (Track 2) due Oct. 2, 2009 Project selections expected by Dec. 2009 for Track 2, early fall for all other tracks	8,000	TBD			
3	DOT	New Starts/Capital Investment Grants	Awards announced	750	0.0	FTA selected projects already under construction		No Bay Area projects selected
4	DOT	Transit Energy Efficiency "Recovery Act-Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction" (TIGGER)	DOT announces selected projects Sept. 2009 Selectees submit formal grant applications directly following selection	100	TBD			
5	DOT	Ferry Boat Discretionary (FBD) Program	Awards announced	60	3.2	GGBHTD	Sausalito Ferry Landing Improvements	
6	DOT	Park Roads and Parkways (PRP)	Internal selection process	170	0.0	Selected projects in/near National Parks		No Bay Area projects selected
7	NPS	National Park Service (including roads)	Internal selection process	589	0.0	Selected projects in/near National Parks		No Bay Area projects selected
8	EPA	Diesel Emission Reduction "Recovery Act Funding for Clean Diesel: National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program"	Awards announced	156	2.0	Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)	Install diesel particulate filters (DPF) on 103 delivery trucks	
9	EPA	Diesel Emission Reduction "Recovery Act Funding for Clean Diesel: SmartWay Clean Diesel Finance Program"	Awards announced	30	0.0	Three projects awarded in Kentucky, Oregon, and Texas.		No Bay Area projects selected
10	EPA	Diesel Emission Reduction "Recovery Act Funding for Clean Diesel: Clean Diesel Emerging Technologies Program"	EPA announces selected projects Sept. 2009	20	TBD			
11	DOE	Transportation Electrification	Awards announced	400	0.5	City College of San Francisco	Educational programs	
12	DOE	Alternative Fuel Vehicles Pilot "Clean Cities FY09 Petroleum Reduction Technologies Projects for the Transportation Sector"	Awards announced Round 2 cancelled as of Aug. 31, 2009	300	0.0	25 projects awarded across U.S.; four in Southern California.		No Bay Area projects selected
13	DOE	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)	Awards announced	2,700	9.0	Cupertino, Napa, Novato, Petaluma, San Francisco and Santa Rosa received awards.		
14	DOE	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Competitive Grants	CA program for small cities/counties - draft guidelines issued; final guidelines expected Sept. 16, 2009	455	TBD			Small cities and counties must file a Statement of Intent indicating interest; form available at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/blockgrant.html
15	FEMA	Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)	FEMA announces awards between Oct. and Dec. 2009	150	TBD			
16	FEMA	Transportation Security Grant Program (TSGP) - Public Transportation and Railroad Security	FEMA announces awards between Oct. and Dec. 2009	150	TBD			
17	DOT	Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program (Tribal Transit Program, TTP)	Awards TBA	17	TBD			
Total				15,547	15			

**ARRA Formula Programs
SF Bay Area ARRA Project Status
as of July 26, 2009**

MTC Project Category	Amount Available (millions)
Strategic Investments	160
Local Road Maintenance	145
Transit Maintenance	286
Transit Train to Plane	70
State Funded Highway	225
Total	887

Go to <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/ARRA/> for more information on ARRA Formula Programs.