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TO: Legislation Committee

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FR: Deputy Executive Director, Policy

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RE: “TIGER III” Proposed Projects and Strategy for Grant Funds

An interim notice of funding availability for TIGER III was published on July 1, 2011. As such, staff proposes to endorse a set of regional priorities based on previously adopted principles and submitted projects. The proposed approach is explained below.

As background, the federal budget provides \$528 million for National Infrastructure Investments, commonly referred to as TIGER III. Based on the interim notice, applications will be due in early October, 2011.

Staff recommends that a regional endorsement be developed using project requests and regional principles approved for the last two TIGER rounds. In summer of 2009, the Commission adopted a set of principles as guidance for project selection under TIGER I. Some of the goals of these principles were achieved in TIGER I (Doyle Drive and freight project funding). Under TIGER II, the Legislation Committee directed staff to meet the remaining transit and priority development area goals based on the previously-endorsed list and projects selected from a targeted solicitation for regionally-significant livable community projects.

Using these approaches, MTC endorsed \$133 million for four capital projects to compete for the \$1.5 billion that TIGER I made available nationally. Two of those projects, the Doyle Drive Replacement and California’s Green Trade Corridor, received funding of \$46 million and \$30 million, respectively. TIGER II made available \$600 million nationally, and MTC endorsed nearly \$60 million for three capital projects. One of those projects, the East Bay Parks Green Transportation Initiative, received a \$10.2 million TIGER II grant award. Attachment 1 summarizes the results for Bay Area projects in TIGER I and II.

Staff requests the Legislation Committee’s approval to endorse the five projects listed in the following table. These projects are drawn from those submitted for the TIGER II project selection process last year. Staff will work with sponsor agencies to confirm that their projects are still ready to go, and establish funding requests for deliverable segments to total approximately \$60 million.

**Potential TIGER III Projects for Commission Endorsement**

	Project Name	Sponsor	Notes
BICYCLE	Marin and Sonoma North South Greenway (including the SMART Bike and Pedestrian Corridor)	Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District	Remaining projects from TIGER II Endorsement List
TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT	Union City Intermodal BART Phase 2	City of Union City	
	Mission Bay/UCSF Hospital Multimodal Transportation Infrastructure	San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency	
	Candlestick Point/Hunters Point Shipyard Arterial Roadway, Bus Rapid Transit and Bike Network (Harney Way Segment)	San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency	
TIGER I & II	BART SVRT Extension: Improvements at Hayward Maintenance Yard	BART/VTA	Remaining project from TIGER I and II Endorsement Lists

The proposed focus on the five projects emphasizes bicycle; transit-oriented development; and transit projects, and puts a priority on projects that were deemed competitive based on prior project submittals. This approach will take advantage of the significant effort by agencies to complete applications for TIGER II and staff’s recent screening of these submittals against Commission as well as statewide priorities.

As in prior years, we expect sponsors to be able to submit projects directly to the Department of Transportation, even if they are not part of the MTC-endorsed project list.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Legislation Committee direct staff to work with the project sponsors identified above to confirm scope and funding need and return to the Commission with a final list of TIGER III projects for endorsement.

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Attachment

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**Summary of TIGER I and II Commission Endorsements and Grant Awards**

<b>TIGER I Projects</b>	<b>MTC Endorsed (\$ millions)</b>	<b>Amount Awarded (\$ millions)</b>
Doyle Drive Replacement	50	<b>46</b>
California's Green Trade Corridor	28	<b>30</b>
BART SVRT Extension: Revenue Vehicle Storage at Hayward Yard	50	-
BART Oakland Airport Connector - TIFIA	5	-
<b>TIGER I Total</b>	133	<b>76</b>
<b>TIGER II Projects</b>	<b>MTC Endorsed (\$ millions)</b>	<b>Amount Awarded (\$ millions)</b>
BART SVRT Extension: Improvements at Hayward Maintenance Yard	20.0	-
East Bay Parks - Green Transportation Initiative	24.5	<b>10.2</b>
Candlestick Point/Hunters Point Shipyard Arterial Roadway, Bus Rapid Transit and Bike Network (Harney Way Segment) in San Francisco	15.0	-
<b>TIGER II Total</b>	59.5	<b>10.2</b>
<b>TIGER I and II Total*</b>	192.5	<b>89.3*</b>

\*TIGER I and II Total includes \$3.1 million for two Bay Area planning grants awarded under TIGER II: Oakland Army Base Infrastructure Master Plan (\$2M) and Grand Boulevard: Removing Barriers to Livable Communities (\$1.1M).