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Agenda Item 5a

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**Memorandum**

TO: Legislation Committee

DATE: September 2, 2011

FR: Executive Director

W. I. 1512

RE: MTC Resolution No. 4031 — TIGER III Discretionary Grants: Approval of Recommended Bay Area Projects

Staff recommends the Legislation Committee refer to the Commission for approval MTC Resolution No. 4031, that lists five Bay Area projects totaling \$78 million in grant requests for regional endorsement and submittal to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) III Discretionary Grants. This includes \$15 million related to a Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan.

**TIGER III Projects for Commission Endorsement**

	Project Name	Sponsor	TIGER III Request (\$ millions)	TIGER III TIFIA* (\$ millions)	Total Project Cost (\$ millions)
BICYCLE	Sonoma-Marín SMART Pathway	Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District	18		39.5
	Union City Intermodal BART Phase 2	City of Union City	15		30.0
TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT	Mission Bay/UCSF Hospital Multimodal Transportation Infrastructure	San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency	15		45.0
	Hunters Point Shipyard/Candlestick Point Arterial Roadway, Bus Rapid Transit and Bike Network	San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency		15	78.3
TIGER I & II	BART SVRT Extension: Improvements at Hayward Maintenance Yard	BART	15		205.0
<b>Total</b>			<b>63</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>397.8</b>

\*U.S. DOT calculates a project's TIGER III TIFIA subsidy after sponsors submit a request. The \$15 million listed under TIGER III TIFIA is an estimate.

**Background**

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.

The final notice of funding announcement (NOFA) for TIGER III does not contain any major changes from the TIGER II NOFA, and it continues to focus on livability within the selection criteria.

Minor changes from the TIGER II guidance include:

- TIGER III does not include funding for planning, preparation, or design of capital projects; however, these activities may be eligible as part of an overall construction project.
- Applicants for TIGER TIFIA must submit a TIFIA letter of interest with their application.
- Lead applicants may submit no more than three applications; however, multi-state and partner applications do not count towards the three-application limit.

The TIGER III guidance also places a significant emphasis on Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA). MTC staff has reached out to project sponsors and they are working to provide sound BCA to meet the program's requirements in their applications.

The FY 2011 Continuing Appropriations Act provides \$527 million for TIGER III and up to \$150 million of the total is to be used for the subsidy and administrative costs of the TIFIA program, a federal credit assistance program. In July 2011, the Legislation Committee approved a TIGER III project endorsement approach using requests and regional principles approved for the last two TIGER rounds, and asked staff to return with a list totaling approximately \$60 million.

Staff has confirmed with sponsor agencies that their projects are ready to go, and has established funding requests to total approximately \$78 million, including \$15 million related to a TIFIA loan. Although the Legislation Committee recommended targeting a project endorsement list of approximately \$60 million, the TIFIA request is an appropriate addition given the separate funding and requirements for TIGER TIFIA projects. If selected for a TIGER TIFIA payment, an applicant must comply with all of the TIFIA program's standard application and approval requirements including submission of a complete TIFIA application and \$50,000 application fee.

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

As in prior years, we expect that other sponsors may submit projects directly to the U.S. Department of Transportation, even if they are not part of the MTC-endorsed project list. Applications are due by October 31, 2011.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Legislation Committee refer MTC Resolution No. 4031 to the Commission for approval.



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Steve Heminger

Date: September 28, 2011  
W.I.: 1512  
Referred by: Legislation

ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 4031

This resolution adopts a list of MTC priority projects for submittal to the United States Department of Transportation for the federal TIGER III discretionary grants category of the FY 2011 Appropriations Act.

The resolution includes the following attachments:

Attachment A - MTC Priority Projects for federal TIGER III Program

Further discussion of the TIGER III projects and the selection criteria are included in the MTC Executive Director's Memorandum to the Legislation Committee dated July 9, 2011.

Date: September 28, 2011  
W.I.: 1512  
Referred By: Legislation

RE: MTC Priority Projects for the federal TIGER III Program

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 4031

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to Government Code Section 66500 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, MTC is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area region (the region) and is required to prepare and endorse a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, MTC adopted a set of TIGER Project Selection Principles in June 2009; and

WHEREAS, MTC Resolution 3926 established a priority list of projects for the TIGER I program and forwarded this list to the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the U.S. Department of Transportation;

WHEREAS, MTC issued a call for TIGER II projects limited to projects with a Livability component and performed a project evaluation based on the adopted MTC TIGER principles and the federal program guidance [Federal Register Docket No. OST-2010-0076]; and

WHEREAS, MTC Resolution 3971 established a priority list of projects for the TIGER II program and forwarded this list to the U.S. Department of Transportation;

WHEREAS, using the remaining projects from the TIGER I priority list and additional projects from the TIGER II call for projects, MTC developed a list of priority projects as set forth in Attachment A to this Resolution, incorporated herein as though set forth at length; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that MTC approves the MTC Priority Projects for the TIGER III program, as set forth in Attachment A; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Executive Director shall forward a copy of this resolution and such other information as may be required, to the U.S. Department of Transportation and to other such agencies as may be appropriate.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Adrienne Tissier, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at the regular meeting of the Commission held in Oakland, California, on September 28, 2011

**Attachment A**

**Federal TIGER III Discretionary Program  
MTC Endorsed Projects**

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