

AGENDA ITEM #13: TIGER GRANT PROGRAM – LESSONS LEARNED

SUBJECT:

A review of successful TIGER project proposals.

BACKGROUND:

The Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program is a multimodal, merit-based, discretionary grant program that is designed to provide support for innovative transportation projects of national, regional, and local significance, including projects that may be left out of traditional transportation programs. The TIGER grant program has awarded \$2.6 billion to 172 transportation projects in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. During the previous three rounds, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) received approximately 4,000 applications requesting more than \$95 billion. Thus far, none of the project proposals from Hampton Roads have been successful at winning TIGER grants.

During the January 19, 2012 HRTPO Board meeting, a member noted that neither Hampton Roads nor the state, have been effective at winning TIGER grants and suggested it would be worthwhile to look into determining how the situation might be improved. The remark is timely, since USDOT has indicated there will be another round of TIGER during FY 2012.

Ms. Camelia Ravanbakht, Deputy Executive Director, will brief the TTAC on this item.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For discussion and informational purposes.