

AGENDA ITEM #16: FOR YOUR INFORMATION

VIRGINIA TIGER 2014 GRANTS

Attached is a September 9, 2014 press release from the Office of U.S. Senator Mark Warner announcing Virginia's receipt of \$39.9 million from the highly competitive Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program, which will award \$600 million nationwide in 2014. The two Virginia projects that received TIGER grants are:

- A Virginia Port Authority project to create a new Intermodal Gate Complex at Norfolk International Terminals. This project will tie into the planned I-564 Intermodal Connector.
 - Total Cost: \$31 million
 - TIGER Grant: \$15 million

- The Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit system project in Richmond
 - Total Cost: \$53.8 million
 - TIGER Grant: \$24.9 million

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**SEN. WARNER ANNOUNCES \$15 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT FOR INTERSTATE 564
CONNECTOR PROJECT SERVING NORFOLK NAVAL STATION AND NORFOLK INT'L
TERMINALS**

~ Grant will help alleviate congestion, improve commute, and support jobs and military activity ~

WASHINGTON – U.S. Sen. Mark R. Warner announced today that the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has awarded a \$15 million Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant to the Virginia Port Authority to improve critical transportation infrastructure. The grant, which will be matched by \$16 million from the Port Authority, will support construction of the Norfolk International Terminal Intermodal Gate Complex and Interstate 564 Connector project. This project will improve the daily commute for thousands in the Hampton Roads region, including thousands of active duty military personnel accessing the world's largest Navy base, by alleviating congestion on Hampton and Terminal Boulevards in Norfolk.

“The I-564 project will provide essential access for the Port, helping one of Virginia's most important economic engines function more efficiently, while also alleviating congestion for thousands of commuters, military personnel and businesses,” **Sen. Warner** said. “I am proud to have worked with the Port Authority, Governor McAuliffe and USDOT to provide funding for this much-needed project.” The federal funds were awarded through USDOT's TIGER program, a highly competitive grant program that awards federal funds for significant road, rail, transit and port projects. The funds are meant to jumpstart critical projects for which all required engineering and environmental reviews are complete or near completion and which are ready for construction. USDOT received 797 eligible applications in FY 2014.

In addition to today's I-564 Connector project grant, USDOT also announced a \$24.9 million grant to The Greater Richmond Transit Company to support construction of a Bus-Rapid-Transit line in Downtown Richmond, bringing the amount of TIGER grant funding in Virginia to nearly \$40 million.