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Freight Infrastructure Rebounds in TIGER IX *Goods Movement Projects Awarded 56 Percent of Available Funds, More than Doubling 26 Percent Received in TIGER VIII*

WASHINGTON, DC (March 16, 2018) – The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) recently announced the projects set to receive funds from the ninth round of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) competitive grant program. Of the nearly \$500 million made available in TIGER IX, more than \$275 million, or 56 percent of total dollars, were awarded to freight projects or projects with a strong freight component, setting a new record.

"Investment in goods movement infrastructure is an economic multiplier," said Coalition for America's Gateways & Trade Corridors (CAGTC) Chairman Tim Lovain, also of Crossroads Strategies. "The multimodal freight network directly supports 44 million U.S. jobs and the indirect benefits extend to every corner of our national economy. I am pleased that freight competed well in TIGER IX and know that as demands on our freight network grow, so too will the need for Federal investment programs like TIGER."

Illustrative of the need for Federal investment programs that support freight infrastructure, such as TIGER and INFRA, funding requests from 452 applications this round totaled \$6.15 billion, more than 12 times the \$487 million made available for the program.

CAGTC Members developed and supported awarded projects in TIGER IX, including:

- In North Carolina, Dewberry prepared an application for the state department of transportation's *Blue Ridge Road Grade Separation and Intersection Improvements* project, which garnered \$19.9 million of TIGER funding for its \$33.46 million project. "This project will address the grade separation of two railroad corridors that run through western Raleigh – state-supported Amtrak trains also utilize this corridor on shared freight rail tracks," said Rachel Vandenberg, Dewberry's National Director of Ports and Intermodal, and a CAGTC Board Member. "One of the key project outcomes is that it will allow the rapidly-growing community to coexist with increasing freight and passenger train demands."
- In the State of Washington, the City of Spokane Valley was awarded over \$9 million for a project titled *Bridging the Valley: Barker Road Grade Separation Project*. "The Washington State Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB) has a 20-year history of funding crucial freight mobility projects around our state," stated Dan Gatchet, FMSIB Chairman. "We join the rest of Washington in congratulating the City of Spokane Valley for its successful TIGER grant award. FMSIB was an early investor in the City's Barker Road project, granting \$10 million to this grade separation in 2010."

Since its formation, CAGTC has supported competitive grant approaches that award money to projects through the use of objective, merit-based criteria focused on project outcomes. While traditional formula funding spreads money evenly throughout the nation, competitive grants are designed to target projects of regional or national significance, which often cross jurisdictional boundaries and transportation modes. To remain effective, programs like TIGER must focus resources on critical, high-impact projects.

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How Freight Competes in TIGER

Freight historically competes well in the TIGER discretionary grant program, earning 44 percent, or \$2.5 billion of the \$5.6 billion in awarded funds since 2009. The first round of TIGER awarded money in February of 2010 to a total of 51 projects, 22 of which (or 43 percent) contained a strong freight component. Those 22 projects received 49 percent of the available funds, totaling more than \$730 million. In October of 2010, TIGER II projects with a strong freight component received \$316 million, or 53 percent of the \$600 million in available funding. In 2011, TIGER III supplied grants for 46 projects, 18 of which were devoted to freight or had a strong freight component accounting for over \$232 million (or 45 percent) of the total \$511 distributed through the grant program. TIGER IV, awarded in 2012, provided funding for 47 projects, 21 of which were devoted to freight or had a strong freight component accounting for over \$228 million (or 47 percent) of the total \$485 million distributed through the grant program. In 2013, TIGER V provided funds for 52 projects, 25 of which were freight related, accounting for over \$205 million (or 43 percent) of the total \$474 million distributed that year. Through TIGER VI, USDOT awarded a total \$600 million to meritorious projects, with one in three grant dollars, or just over \$198 million, to freight projects. TIGER VII awarded 44 percent of funds, totaling over \$219 million of the \$500 million awarded, to freight projects. 2016's TIGER VIII saw the lowest percentage of funds go to projects with a strong freight component, totaling just \$129 million (26 percent) of the \$500 million awarded.

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About the Coalition

The Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) is a diverse coalition of more than 60 public and private organizations dedicated to increasing federal investment in America's intermodal freight infrastructure. In contrast to single mode interests, CAGTC's main mission is to promote a seamless goods movement transportation system across all modes to enhance capacity and economic growth. For more information on the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors, please visit www.tradecorridors.org.