

"several dozen projects" out of the eligible 797 applications will share the \$600 million TIGER Grant Funds

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Maine requested \$36.41 million in 2014 TIGER Funds with three applications:

Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER 2014) Grants

Welcome to the MaineDOT TIGER 2014 Grants website. Listed below are the grants for which applications have been filed.

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Strong Demand for TIGER Grants Highlights Continued Need for Transportation Investment

TIGER applications for fiscal year 2014 funding totaled \$9.5 billion, 15 times more than available funding

May 15, 2014: U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx announced that applications to the U.S. Department of Transportation for its sixth round of Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants totaled \$9.5 billion, 15 times the \$600 million set aside for the program, demonstrating the continued need for transportation investment nationwide. The Department received 797 eligible applications, compared to 585 in 2013, from 49 states, U.S. territories and the District of Columbia.

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797 eligible TIGER applications were received totaling \$9.5 billion in requests, 15 times more than available funding.

TIGER Grants to Be Announced in September — DOT Secretary

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The winners of the next round of the Department of Transportation's infrastructure grants will be announced in mid-September, said DOT Secretary Anthony Foxx on Aug. 6.

Foxx indicated that several dozen projects around the country will be splitting \$600 million under the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Act (TIGER) program. The announcement came during an online chat the secretary hosted urging people to press lawmakers to boost funding for transportation.

"I think the country needs to get a little noisier on this," Foxx told online viewers.

Last year, 52 projects, ranging from freight connectivity projects and highway improvements to the expansion of ports and the electrification of buses, split \$474 million in TIGER grants. One of the recipients, Atlanta's BeltLine corridor trail expansion project, received \$18 million.

Before adjourning for the August break, the Senate funding leaders approved \$550 million allocation for the TIGER program. That was less than the Obama administration's \$1.25 billion request but more than the House's \$100 million proposal.

The competitive grant system is for cities and towns looking for federal dollars for infrastructure projects of national or regional significance. Since its inception in 2009, DOT has allocated more than \$3 billion to help several hundred projects. Obama administration officials claim the TIGER program has enhanced livability and improved freight connectivity.

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Several dozen projects will be splitting the \$600 million when the grants are announced mid-September.

Will we get lucky or suffer another shortfall in our transportation funding?

Cancelling the I-395/Route 9 Connector would save \$61 million in scarce state and federal transportation dollars that would be better spent on the unmet transportation needs of the state of Maine.