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## **CITY OF ANN ARBOR SUBMITS TIGER II APPLICATION E. STADIUM BRIDGES REPLACEMENT FUNDING REQUESTED**

**ANN ARBOR, Mich. –September 1, 2010** – On August 23, 2010, City of Ann Arbor staff submitted to the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) a completed Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) II funding application for the E. Stadium Blvd. Bridges Replacement and Improvement Project. This is the second TIGER application submitted by City of Ann Arbor staff in their continuing efforts to secure federal or state funds for the E. Stadium Bridges replacement project. According to the USDOT, TIGER II project funding is expected to be announced sometime in October.

### **Project Scope**

The TIGER II application describes the E. Stadium Boulevard Bridges Replacement and Improvement Project as the replacement of the E. Stadium Boulevard Bridge over S. State Street and the E. Stadium Boulevard Bridge over the Ann Arbor Railroad. The project limits extend from Kipke Drive to a point 200 feet west of S. Industrial Highway. The total TIGER II funding application request for the project is \$13.9 million – of which all, some or none could be awarded.

### **Economic Benefits**

The replacement of the bridges now with TIGER II funds would result in significant community benefits including reduced travel delays, a decrease in collisions, and reduced bridge operations and maintenance costs as compared to the alternative solution of replacing the bridges with only City of Ann Arbor resources at a later date. A benefit-cost analysis was performed for the TIGER II application that revealed approximately \$253 million (net present value 2010 dollars) will be saved by the City of Ann Arbor and the community as a result of the bridges replacement with TIGER II Funding. This includes the reduction of approximately \$33,166,000 each year in travel delay, vehicle operation, and collision costs associated with traveling the proposed detour route. The resultant benefit-cost ratio is 11 to 1, that is, eleven times more benefit than cost. The total estimated cost to replace the two bridges is \$23 million.

To view the entire TIGER II application visit

[http://www.a2gov.org/government/publicservices/project\\_management/Documents/TIGERIIapp.pdf](http://www.a2gov.org/government/publicservices/project_management/Documents/TIGERIIapp.pdf) and the cost-benefit analysis is available at

[http://www.a2gov.org/government/publicservices/project\\_management/Documents/bca%20summary.pdf](http://www.a2gov.org/government/publicservices/project_management/Documents/bca%20summary.pdf).

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## **Background**

In May, City of Ann Arbor staff, Mayor John Hieftje and U.S. Congressman, 15<sup>th</sup> District, John Dingell welcomed USDOT Deputy Secretary John Porcari to Ann Arbor. During the Deputy Secretary's visit, presentations and site visits were conducted regarding the E. Stadium Boulevard Bridges replacement needs and funding.

During that visit, Congressman Dingell said, "Given the important role that transportation projects will play in Michigan's economic recovery, I am honored that Deputy Secretary Porcari took time out of his busy schedule to visit Ann Arbor and learn more about these important projects. Funding for projects such as these is critical to the City of Ann Arbor's transportation vitality as well as the region's economic stability and growth."

The first TIGER grant proposal was unsuccessful, despite the need for reconstruction and the economic benefit of repairing the bridges. At the May site visit from USDOT Deputy Secretary Porcari and Congressman Dingell, city staff and council members conveyed the urgency of this project and the great need for the second TIGER grant proposal to be given serious consideration by the Department of Transportation. City of Ann Arbor staff also are pursuing state funding resources with the submittal of several applications to the Michigan Department of Transportation for E. Stadium Bridge Replacement Project assistance.

*Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and is frequently recognized as a foremost place to live, go to school, work, thrive and visit ([www.a2gov.org/news](http://www.a2gov.org/news)). To keep up with City of Ann Arbor information, subscribe for e-mail updates ([www.a2gov.org/subscribe](http://www.a2gov.org/subscribe)), follow us on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/a2gov>) or become a city fan on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/thecityofannarbor](http://www.facebook.com/thecityofannarbor)). The city's mission statement reads: The city of Ann Arbor is committed to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all through the intelligent use of resources while valuing an open environment that fosters, fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve.*

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