

**City of Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: March 20, 2014

Agenda Date Requested: April 3, 2014

Time Requested: Consent

To: Mayor and Supervisors

From: Public Works Department (Patrick Pittenger)

Subject Title: For Possible Action: To approve of the submittal of an application for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) planning grant for the planning and design of a complete streets and corridor improvements project.

Staff Summary: Staff is seeking Board approval to apply for a TIGER planning grant for the planning and design of the downtown Carson Street Complete Streets project and Carson Street and William Street/U.S. Highway 50 East corridor improvements.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)
() Resolution () Ordinance
(XXX) Formal Action/Motion () Other

Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement: () Yes (XX) No

Recommended Board Action: I move to approve of the submittal of an application for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) planning grant for the planning and design of a complete streets and corridor improvements project.

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: Staff is seeking approval to apply for a TIGER planning grant to fund the planning and design of the downtown Carson Street Complete Streets project and Carson Street and William Street/U.S. Highway 50 East corridor improvements. The TIGER planning grant is a highly competitive program but is designed to assist projects such as the proposed improvements. Staff would apply for up to \$1.5 million in grant funds, and would provide a match equal to half of the final determined grant amount. The City match would be comprised of a combination of utility funds and an in kind match from City staff, consisting of project management and oversight of design consultants.

The intent of the proposed project is to provide for a safer pedestrian environment and improve the corridors as a space where all modes of transportation are given equal consideration within the context of their surroundings. Much of the former U.S. 395 and U.S. 50 corridors were owned and operated by the State, but have since been acquired by the City. Traffic volumes have significantly declined in the past several years, particularly on Carson Street in the downtown area, and the time is right to re-evaluate how these roadways function and how they can be improved to provide safer and better access for all users.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation:

Fiscal Impact: Up to \$3 million for design and engineering of planned improvements.

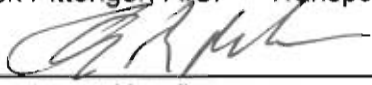
Explanation of Impact: The final project cost will be funded with a 50/50 split between Federal funds and City resources. The Federal funds would reduce the amount of local funds needed to advance the projects.

Funding Source: TIGER planning grant, utility fees, in kind match for City staff.


Alternatives: N/A

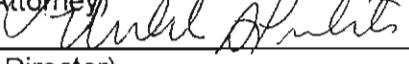
Supporting Material: N/A

Prepared By: Patrick Pittenger, AICP – Transportation Manager

Reviewed By:  Date: 3-25-14
(Department Head)

Concurrences: Maree Woods Date: 3/25/14
(City Manager)

 Date: 3/25/14
(District Attorney)

 Date: 3/25/14
(Finance Director)

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____ 1) _____ Aye/Nay
2) _____ _____

(Vote Recorded By)