KANSAS CITY REGIONAL TIGER PROJECT
PROGRESS REPORT
2011 Fiscal Quarter 1
October 1–December 31, 2010

January 28, 2011

PROJECT TYPE:
Multimodal (bicycle, pedestrian, roadway, transit)

LOCATION:
Kansas City metropolitan area
Kansas Congressional District 3
Missouri Congressional Districts 5 & 6

AREA:
Urban

AWARD AMOUNT:
$50,000,000

RECIPIENTS:
Mid-America Regional Council
Johnson County Transit
Kansas City Area Transportation Authority

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I. Project Overview

TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) is a discretionary grant program of the U.S. Department of Transportation funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. In 2010, the Kansas City region was awarded, on a competitive basis, $50 million in TIGER funding to make transportation infrastructure improvements along several regional transit corridors and in the Green Impact Zone in Kansas City, Mo.

II. Grant Structure

Given the multijurisdictional nature of the project and diverse set of planned investments, the $50 million project was divided into three separate grants through the Federal Transit Administration.

- **RECIPIENT:** Mid-America Regional Council (MARC)  
  **AMOUNT:** $600,000  
  **PROJECT ELEMENTS:** Program administration and project coordination including developing the website, tracking and reporting tools, creating public communication materials, and evaluating project results

- **RECIPIENT:** Johnson County Transit (JCT)  
  **AMOUNT:** $10,714,000  
  **PROJECT ELEMENTS:** Improve and add transit amenities (transit centers, shelters, benches, signs, pedestrian access) along Metcalf Avenue/Shawnee Mission Parkway corridor

- **RECIPIENT:** Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA)  
  **AMOUNT:** $38,686,000  
  **PROJECT ELEMENTS:** Green Impact Zone infrastructure improvements which includes sidewalk, street, traffic-signal and transit improvements, as well as a pedestrian bridge; transit investments (transit centers, shelters, benches, signs, pedestrian access) in U.S. 24 and U.S. 40 corridors in eastern Jackson County; North Oak corridor north of the Missouri River; State Avenue corridor in Kansas City, KS.

III. Summary of Project Status and Highlights

To date, all three elements of the KC Regional TIGER Project have formally launched and are expending grant resources and in a manner consistent with outlined schedules and milestones. Highlights include:

**MARC Grant:**
- On schedule as defined with respect to Section III: Schedule of executed USDOT/FTA/MARC MOU
- Expended $50,255 (as of January 21st, 2011), 8.4% of total $600,000.
- Committed (expended or under contract) $170,211, 28.4% of total $600,000.
- Launched TIGER project website. [www.marc.org/tiger](http://www.marc.org/tiger)
- Developed dynamic On-line project tracker (TIGER Tracker) to aid in public communication and transparency. [www.marc.org/TIGER/tracker.asp](http://www.marc.org/TIGER/tracker.asp).
- Completed photo inventory documenting “before” condition of all KC TIGER improvements
- Launched public communications plan
• Executed video inventory contract $119,956

**Task 1: Program Administration**

- Program Coordination
  - Held regional KC TIGER Team meeting (MARC/JCT/KCATA/Other partners).
  - Met with the TIGER team for Green Impact Zone Improvements coordination.
  - Participated in individual coordination meetings with grant partners (KCATA and JCT), as needed.

- Program Documentation & Evaluation:
  - Completed photo documentation of all TIGER project sites in the Kansas City region for before/after documentation and evaluation
  - Completed process to procure video documentation services including finalist interviews, proposal selection, and began contract negotiations.
  - Held first meeting with Proffer Productions (video services) to plan video documentation

**Task 2: Project Administration**

- Continued maintenance of website for the Kansas City Regional TIGER project
- Developed process and formatting for aggregate reporting of TIGER funding agencies

**JCT Grant:**

- On schedule as defined in *Section III: Schedule* of executed USDOT/FTA/JCT Memorandum of Understanding
- Expended $52,082 (as of January 28th, 2011), .5% of total $10,714,000.
- Committed (expended or under contract) $1,152,054.23, 10.7% of total $10,714,000.
- Let contract for $1,099,972.23 for engineering services for the Metcalf Avenue/Shawnee Mission Parkway Bus Corridor Transit Improvement Project.
- Launched project design process and supporting public engagement process.
- Charrette for the Transit Center held on January 26th
- Public information meeting held in Overland Park, Kansas on January 12, 2011

**KCATA Grant:**

- On schedule as defined in *Section III: Schedule* of executed USDOT/FTA/MARC Memorandum of Understanding
- Expended $23,539 (as of January 10, 2011), of total $38,686,000.
- Committed (expended or authorized) $1,318,039, 3.4% of total $38,686,000.
- Award in the amount of $1,294,500 for State Avenue Corridor A/E Design Contract. Approved by KCATA Board of Directors on January 26, 2011.
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- Board of Directors on January 26, 2011.
• KCATA has approved MOU for State Avenue Corridor improvements
• Drafting MOUs with communities for Missouri Transit Corridor improvements
• Construction is underway on installing passenger heaters at the Independence Transit Center (Contractor: Leath and Sons, $10,024).
• Design is complete on transit-stop improvements at Truman Road and Winner Road, and at Truman Road and Osage Roads in the city of Independence, Mo. Construction permitting and procurement are pending.
• Design work order is in place, and design work is in progress on the transit-stop improvement at U.S. 24 and Brookside.
• Design work order is in place, and design work is beginning on improvements at the Blue Ridge Transfer Center.
• KCATA has executed three cooperative agreements for TIGER — between KCATA and the city of Independence, Mo.; the city of Kansas City, Mo.; and the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kan.
• KCMO is preparing bid documents for Troost Pedestrian bridge design and sidewalk and streetscape rehabilitation in the GIZ.
• Four Green Impact Zone project packages (TIGER Projects: A6, A8, A9, A10 and A11 — A10/A11 are consolidated into one bid package) have been completed by the city of Kansas City, Mo., and are under final KCATA review for program compliance prior to release for bids. Discussion is proceeding with FTA regarding a potential Buy America issue on one of the packages — the Green Impact Zone Traffic-Signal Modification and Interconnect contract (A10/A11) package.
• Creating report forms for sub recipients for each project on which each subrecipient will be required to report on the status of milestones.