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| **Congresswoman Janice Hahn Backs America Fast Forward Initiative at Congressional Hearing**  Today, Congresswoman Janice Hahn (D-44) voiced her strong support for our agency’s America Fast Forward initiative at a hearing of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, on which she serves.  The hearing, entitled “Implementing MAP-21: Progress Report from U.S. DOT Modal Administrators” featured remarks by leaders of the Federal Transit Administration, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.  In her remarks before the committee, Congresswoman Hahn praised the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program, which was expanded under the America Fast Forward title of MAP-21 last year. The Congresswoman also voiced her support for the America Fast Forward Transportation Bond initiative that was endorsed by our Board in December of 2012.  Please click [here](http://transportation.house.gov/hearing/implementing-map-21-progress-report-us-dot-modal-administrators) for a committee summary of the hearing with additional links to the testimony provided by those testifying at the hearing.  <http://transportation.house.gov/hearing/implementing-map-21-progress-report-us-dot-modal-administrators>  **Congresswoman Maxine Waters Introduces TIGER Grant Legislation**  Yesterday, Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-43) introduced legislation (H.R.1124) that would provide an additional $1 billion for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants over the next two federal fiscal years.  TIGER grants have been very popular across the nation, having been launched under President Obama’s initial American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.  The Congresswoman has entitled her legislation the “TIGER Grants for Job Creation Act.”  Our agency secured a TIGER grant in the amount of $20 million that was used, in part, to underwrite a $546 million Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor project.  We look forward to bringing H.R. 1124, which currently has 60 cosponsors, before the Board for its consideration. Please click [here](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/D?d113:2:./temp/~bdbQiv::|/bss/|) to view the text of the legislation.  <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/D?d113:2:./temp/~bdbQiv::|/bss/|> |
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