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| **Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation Member Leads Effort for TIGER Grant Program**  Last week, Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-43) authored and circulated a letter, signed by 114 Members of Congress, urging the Chairman and Ranking member of the House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development to provide $500 million for the TIGER grant program in their Fiscal Year 2014 spending bill. The TIGER grant program was created in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and was designed to be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area or a region. Yesterday, the U.S. Department of Transportation released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) with respect to the TIGER grant program. According to the NOFA, $473.8 million in TIGER grant funding will be made available and these grants will be awarded on a “competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area or region.” The funds for the TIGER grant program were appropriated by Congress through the adoption of the Continuing Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2013 that was adopted into law on March 26, 2013. Grant applications for the TIGER program must be submitted by June 3, 2013 and projects seeking grant funding must be able to obligate their funds in advance of September 30, 2014.  Last month, the Board voted to adopt a support position for H.R. 1124, legislation authored by Congresswoman Waters that would provide a $1 billion emergency supplemental appropriation for the TIGER grant program over the next two years. We thank the many members of the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation who signed the letter circulated by Congresswoman Waters in support of the TIGER grant program.  Please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/130423_TIGER_Appropriations_Request.pdf) to view a copy of the correspondence. |
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