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| **Thursday, September 5, 2013 130905-1**  **In this Issue:**  **USDOT Announces TIGER Grants**  **Fox 11 Reports on Metro Freeway Service Patrol** |
| **Fox 11 Reports on Metro Freeway Service Patrol**  Fox 11 went on a ride along with the California Highway Patrol and a Metro Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) truck this morning. The story focused on the FSP program and how it has helped millions of motorists since its inception. FSP is operated in partnership with Metro, CHP and Caltrans and is the largest of its kind in the nation. FSP service trucks reduce traffic congestion by getting disabled cars running again or by quickly towing those vehicles safely off the freeway to a designated location. The service is free to motorists and operates 7 days a week. As of 2012, FSP has assisted an average of 300,000 motorists per year. Metro Media Relations provided additional statistics about the program for the report. The story aired live earlier today with the morning news between 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.  **USDOT Announces TIGER Grants**  Earlier today, the U.S. Department of Transportation [announced](http://www.dot.gov/briefing-room/us-transportation-secretary-foxx-announces-474-million-52-tiger-2013-projects-37) that 52 transportation projects in 37 states will receive a total of approximately $474 million from Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) 2013 discretionary grant program. Our agency had submitted TIGER grant applications for the I-5 North Capacity Enhancement Project, Metro Blue Line Light Rail System Signal Rehabilitation Project and for the Leimert Park Village Station on the planned Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project.  According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, they received 585 applications from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam.  Within the next twelve months we look forward to working with the U.S. Department of Transportation to conclude grant and loan agreements valued at approximately $2 billion in New Starts funds and $1 billion in TIFIA loans. | |
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