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TIGER Program

The Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER Discretionary Grant program, provides a unique opportunity for the DOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives. Since 2009, Congress has dedicated nearly $5.1 billion for eight rounds of TIGER to fund projects that have a significant impact on the Nation, a region or a metropolitan area.

Bullet 1 – 8.4 Million American Jobs, $2 Trillion added to the Economy
Bullet 2 – System of Systems, Needs to operate seamlessly
The Port of Anchorage handles 90% of the consumer goods for 80% of the population of Alaska

Originally constructed in 1964, the Port has seen no major expansion or renovation in 40 years.

Expansion began in 2003 and is expected to be completed in 2013.

Cost of the project is estimated be $700M

Funding sources include Federal, State, Port Revenue, & Bonds

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**TIGER Program Statistics**

- Rounds I – VII the Program has provided $4.6 billion to 381 projects: all 50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and 134 projects for rural and tribal.
- The Department has received more than 6,700 applications requesting more than $134 billion for transportation projects across the country.
- Average Application Request amount is $20,000,000.
- Average Grant Award amount is $12,061,000.
- Average Port Grant Award amount is $12,176,000.
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As I mentioned, the re-organization is intended to posture the Agency for the future. While we will continue to perform the functions the Maritime Administration has historically done, Sean Connaughton, the Administrator, has placed a new emphasis on the largest part of the Marine Transportation System – the people who own and operate it, as well as those who rely on it to move their goods and passengers.

This function is now consolidated in the Office of Intermodal System Development. Roger Bohnert is the Acting Associate Administrator. Under Roger, we have five offices:

- Infrastructure Development
- Marine Highways, and a new function – Passenger Vessel Services
- Deepwater Ports and Offshore Activities. They primarily handle the applications for offshore LNG and petroleum terminals
- Shipper and Carrier Outreach – this includes the Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council, or MTSNAC, and the Committee on The Marine Transportation System or CMTS, and;
- The Gateway Offices. Tracey Ford, is the Acting Director of Gateway Offices. This office provides the ten Gateway Offices with direct access to not only all the resources of the Office of Intermodal System Development, but also the other four branches within the Maritime Administration, as well as all the resources within the Department of Transportation.
Application Review Process

- Initial Eligibility Review
- Technical Criteria Review
- Benefit Cost Analysis and NEPA Review
- Senior Leadership Review
- Secretarial Review
- Grant award and notification – you’ve won!!!
MARAD partnered with the Port of Anchorage and with ICRC our prime contractor to undertake this effort. This involves daily communications to ensure we are kept appraised of developing situations and are fully aware of any cost impacts.

MARAD acts as central procurement agency for the project to leverage federal funding with non-federal contributions which include state grants, port revenue, and bonds.

We partnered with Elmendorf AFB, which is adjacent to the port, to utilize fill material excavated from the base for the marine terminal expansion and we also built a direct access road between the Port and the base for transportation of the fill material. The direct access now provides a means for deployment of equipment through the port without having to use public roads. The excavation of the fill material from Elmendorf saves millions of dollars in costs and removed a dangerous hill from the end of the runway on the base.
Through our involvement, we were able to expedite the permitting process and shave years off the time it normally takes to get the environmental permits in place.
Questions?