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## Public Works

DATE: May 22, 2009

TO: Mayor & Council

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THRU: Glenn Kephart, Public Works Manager (350-8205)

SUBJECT: **Supplemental Discretionary Grant for Surface Transportation Infrastructure**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 appropriated \$1.5 billion of discretionary grant for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure. These grants are being referred to as “Grants for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery” or “TIGER Discretionary grants.

Projects eligible for TIGER Discretionary Grants include Highway or bridge projects, public transportation projects, passenger and freight rail transportation projects; port infrastructure investments. Available funding for grants under the program may not exceed \$300 million.

TIGER Discretionary Grants will be awarded based on the selection criteria of two categories, *Primary Selection Criteria* and *Secondary Selection Criteria*. The *Primary Selection Criteria* include long-term outcomes and jobs creation & economic stimulus. The *Secondary Selection Criteria* include innovation and partnership.

Staff will be available at the May 28<sup>th</sup> IRS meeting to discuss possible grant opportunities under this program.