

DATE: OCTOBER 26, 2011
TO: TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
FROM: Dr. Tom Williams, LA-32 Neighborhood Council Board Member
NELA Coalition Board Member, and LANCC Member

RE: (6) 11-1781 TIGER 3

DOT report relative to an application for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) III Discretionary Grant Program funding

Comments:

1. DoT does not coordinate with Neighborhood Councils and does not solicit requests regarding any transportation needs or issues from the 95 NC areas.

As the Third (TIGER III) round in TIGER funding, as a board member and LA Neighborhood Councils Coalition member I request the Transportation Committee only approve and recommend this application ONLY IF DoT immediately initiate a coordination program with the NCs/LANCC and assure that NCs have the timely opportunities to submit requests for MTA Call for Projects and any federal funding, including TIGER III and subsequent TIGERS.

RE: (10) 10-2385-S5 "Bicycle Plan Trust Fund,"

City Attorney prepare an ordinance to establish a "Bicycle Plan Trust Fund," to be administered by DOT in coordination with the Planning Department, to receive and disburse funds, including developer contributions, for the design and implementation of improvements identified in the City's 2010 Bicycle Plan.

2. DoT and Bureau of Engineering do not coordinate with Neighborhood Councils and do not solicit requests regarding any transportation needs or issues and construction concerns from the 95 NC areas.

The proposed Trust Funds may lack public transparency, and as a board member and LA Neighborhood Councils Coalition member I request the Transportation Committee only approve and recommend this Trust Fund ONLY IF DoT immediately initiate a coordination program with the NCs/LANCC for ALL transportation treated trust funds (perhaps a NC Oversight Committee) and assure that NCs have the timely opportunities to review allocations and budgets for Transportation Projects and any funding within their jurisdictions.