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On April 3, 2015, U.S. Transportation Secretary Foxx announced \$500 million would be made available for transportation projects across the country under the seventh round of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) competitive grant program. TIGER 2015 discretionary grants will fund capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure and will be awarded on a competitive basis to projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a region, or metropolitan area. The final application deadline was June 5, 2015.

Several weeks ago, the City of Carson contacted the City of Los Angeles to develop a joint TIGER 2015 grant application for improvements on Lomita Boulevard between Wilmington Avenue and Alameda Street. This significantly substandard major highway runs through both cities and is a critical east-west corridor for the transportation and shipping industries that serve the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. The estimated cost of the project is \$66 million.

A joint TIGER 2015 grant proposal was prepared and submitted by the deadline, seeking \$53 million in federal grant funds, with the required 20 percent local match of \$13.3 million to be proportionally shared between the two cities. This is a critical project, as the transportation network will continue to be inefficient in this truck-oriented area, which would be detrimental to goods movement activities in the area.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, APPROVE a joint grant application with the City of Carson for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) 2015 competitive grant program for the Lomita Boulevard Reconstruction Project.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering report to the Council within 45 days with an estimate of the local match requirement from the City of Los Angeles and possible funding options, in the event that the grant is awarded.

PRESENTED BY: 
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SECONDED BY: 

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