



Enhancing mobility along the U.S. 36 corridor

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U.S. 36 Wins TIGER Grant Funding

We are thrilled to inform you the U.S. 36 corridor was selected to receive \$10 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grant program!

- U.S. 36 was one of only six projects to be offered an innovative financing enhancement to support a direct loan for up to one-third of the project cost.

- U.S. 36 was the only project selected in Colorado.

We are excited U.S. DOT has acknowledged U.S. 36 is one of the 51 most important projects in the country right now. With 1,400 applications and \$16 billion in project requests, the U.S. DOT had to pick and choose only those projects they deemed most worthy based on measurable criteria. While it is not as much as we requested, very few projects received their full request. We hope this commitment is a first step in obtaining additional federal funding through future grant opportunities, including Authorization of the current federal transportation bill, SAFETEA-LU.

The U.S. 36 Mayors & Commissioners Coalition and 36 Commuting Solutions wishes to thank our Colorado Congressional members and their staff for advocating for the U.S. 36 TIGER grant funding, including:

- Senator Mark Udall
- Senator Michael Bennet
- Congressman Ed Perlmutter
- Congressman Jared Polis

We also wish to express our sincere gratitude to the elected officials and staff of the following organizations for their tremendous efforts drafting the successful U.S. 36 TIGER grant application:

- Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)
- Regional Transportation District (RTD)
- Key Equipment Finance

Thank you also to 36 Commuting Solutions members who provided letters of support for the U.S. 36 TIGER grant application and the stakeholders who participated in the **Help Us Fix U.S. 36** campaign to advocate for necessary U.S. 36 transportation improvements. This achievement would not be possible without a coalition of support!

What's Next:

CDOT hired Jacobs Engineering in December in anticipation of getting this TIGER grant funding to prepare the design/build procurement package. Work is already underway to bring a design/build contractor on board by summer with construction starting as early as fall 2010. The TIGER grant funding coupled with matching funds from CDOT and RTD, will fund part of the design and construction of an HOV/HOT lane (Bus Rapid Transit, High-Occupancy Vehicle and Single-Occupancy Tolls) in each direction starting from the existing lane at U.S. 36 and Federal Boulevard, Bus Rapid Transit service, a portion of the U.S. 36 Bikeway, ITS and TDM.

For more information on the U.S. 36 transportation project, please visit 36commutingsolutions.org. For a complete list of TIGER discretionary grant recipients, click [here](#).

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