Subject:
Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Application with the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for the Pinellas Trail Loop.

Department: Public Works

Staff Member Responsible: Ken Jacobs, Division Manager

Recommended Action:
I RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOARD) APPROVE SUBMITTAL OF THE TIGER GRANT APPLICATION TO THE USDOT FOR THE PINELLAS TRAIL LOOP.

Summary Explanation/Background:
This grant application is necessary in order to seek funding assistance from the USDOT for the County to complete the remaining segments of the Pinellas Trail Loop. There are two remaining gaps in the Pinellas Trail Loop which will be completed through this grant application. The North Gap is 9.6 miles in length and will connect the northern terminus of the Pinellas Trail Loop to the existing segment of the Duke Energy Trail, and includes segments A1, A2 and B2 on the attached map. The South Gap is 8.9 miles in length and will connect the North Bay Trail with the existing segment of the Duke Energy Trail, and includes segments C, D, E and F on the attached map.

Completing the Pinellas Trail Loop will finish a 75-mile multi-modal transportation facility that will safely accommodate alternative modes and enhance access to employment, retail services, and residential areas.

Should the application be determined eligible, feasible and subsequently funded, a TIGER Grant Agreement will be forthcoming and submitted to the Board for approval. The TIGER Grant Agreement will secure the needed funding, and define the responsibilities for the project.

Fiscal Impact/Cost/Revenue Summary:
There is no fiscal impact to the County with the submission of this grant application. Should funding be approved for this project, the USDOT will provide approximately $18,000,000 in grant funding, and the County will match the grant funding with approximately $12,000,000, for a total of $30,000,000.

The County's portion of $12,000,000 is budgeted in the FY15 adopted budget and will be provided by the Infrastructure Sales Tax (Penny for Pinellas): Transportation and Traffic Flow - Pinellas Trail Extension (PID No. 000186A), Intersection Improvements (PID No’s. 001020A and 000152A), and San Martin Bridge/Trail (PID No. 001036A). Further refinement of the costs and funding plan will occur as the application is finalized.

Exhibits/Attachments Attached:
Intent to Apply Form
Email approval from Office of Management & Budget dated April 13, 2015
Location Map
INTENT TO APPLY FOR A GRANT
Internal Notification Form
Send to Katherine Burbridge, AICP, Office of Management and Budget
Phone: 453-3457 e-mail: kburbridge@pinellascounty.org

Department Point of Contact Information/Project Manager

Name: Ken Jacobs
Date: 4/10/15
Phone: (727) 464-8928 E-mail: kjacobs@pinellascounty.org

Department: Public Works

Grant Funding Program and Administering Agency Information

Funding Agency: US Department of Transportation
Grant Funding Program Name: TIGER Discretionary Grants

Grant Funding Type: Formula □ Capital □ Project X Other □
Does the grant require expending funds for an reimbursement award: Yes X No □
Grant Funding Program Funding Cap ($) : $125,000,000.
Required Match Amount and Type: 20% minimum

Administering Agency Contact Name: Howard Hill

Administering Agency Phone/Fax/E-Mail: ph (202) 366-0301 / TIGERGrants@dot.gov

Administering Agency Address:
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Granting Funding Proposal Project Information

Project Title: Completing the Pinellas Trail Loop

Anticipated Funding Amount ($) : $18,000,000
Anticipated Match Amount/Match Source: $12,000,000

Is the proposal submitted for a different agency? NO
If so, what agency?

Proposal Abstract: The Pinellas County BCC and MPO have adopted the Countywide Trailways Plan that includes a 75 mile Trail Loop. While most of the Loop has been completed there are two remaining gaps. Completing this Trail Loop will connect low income and minority areas, major employers, educational facilities, and other community resources together through a vibrant non-motorized, multi-modal transportation network. The economic and safety benefits of completing this Trail Loop remain a priority for our governmental agencies, businesses, citizens and visitors. The Trail Loop provides the users safe, multi-modal opportunities with connectivity to transit, ride share, bike lanes and other facilities.

Type of Submission and Submission Deadline

Concept Paper Deadline (If applicable): May 4, 2015
Grant Application Deadline: June 5, 2015

Source of Notification of Grant Solicitation (please check)

Administering Agency: X
eCivis:
Other: Please provide source:

5-25-04 kb
For your files:
OMB has no objection for the department to submit a grant application to US Department of Transportation to obtain funding to complete the Pinellas Trail Loop.

- US Department of Transportation, 2015 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Program for $18.0 Million – A County match is required. At least 20% of the total project is required to be a non-federal match or at least $4.5 Million. Total local match planned is $12.5 Million from FY16 through FY19 shown in the FY15 Adopted CIP. The total project is estimated to be $30.0 Million.

The Board of County Commissioners signs off on this application. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Katherine

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From: Harvey, Gina A
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 2:30 PM
To: Burbridge, Katherine A
Cc: Jacobs, Kenneth A
Subject: FW: Pinellas Trail Loop grant application
Importance: High

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Pinellas Trail Projects-2

5.6 ft from San Martin

5.2 ft for Trail
From: Burbridge, Katherine A  
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 2:12 PM  
To: Jacobs, Kenneth A; Harvey, Gina A  
Subject: FW: Pinellas Trail Loop grant application  
Importance: High

You state there is $12Milion in match. I need to know where the money is in the budget, e.g. the Project # for the Trail.

Katherine

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From: Celeste, Merry E  
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 2:08 PM  
To: Burbridge, Katherine A  
Cc: Jacobs, Kenneth A  
Subject: RE: Pinellas Trail Loop grant application

Katherine – per Ken's request, please see the grant application documents, as well as sample email from Lake Seminole. Do you need copies of the CIP sheets that shows the local match? Please let Ken know and he will send.

Thanks,

Merry Celeste  
Contracts Services Supervisor  
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14 S. Ft. Harrison Ave., 2nd Floor  
Clearwater, FL 33756  
Phone: (727) 464-3185  
mceeleste@pinellascounty.org

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From: Celeste, Merry E  
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 8:40 AM  
To: Burbridge, Katherine A  
Cc: Jacobs, Kenneth A  
Subject: Pinellas Trail Loop grant application

Katherine – Can you provide email concurrence for the Pinellas Trail Loop grant application. I need it as backup for my Board item. I’ve attached a sample of the last one you provided.

Thank you,

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