



TOWN OF JACKSON TETON COUNTY JIM AGENDA DOCUMENTATION

PREPARATION DATE: November 27, 2013
MEETING DATE: December 2, 2013

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Transit/START Bus
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR: Michael Wackerly
PRESENTER: Michael Wackerly

SUBJECT: TIGER Grant Budget

[STATEMENT/PURPOSE](#) - The purpose of this agenda item is to adopt the TIGER V grant budget including an allocation of funding by line item.

[BACKGROUND/ALTERNATIVES](#)

The Town of Jackson has been awarded a TIGER V grant in the amount of \$8 million to fund the START Bus facility and pathways connecting to the new facility. This grant award is in response to an application submitted by the staff last spring. This application was for \$18.45 million (\$16,950,000 for the START facility and \$1,500,000 for the pathway projects). The USDOT has informed us that the Town of Jackson (TOJ) may decide which portion of the original application to fund with the \$8 million grant award. They have encouraged us to submit a grant budget as soon as possible. The submission of the grant budget is one step in the drafting of a grant contract by the USDOT. This process could take several months.

One of the issues that must be decided in this grant budget development is the amount of funds allocated to pathways. The TOJ has the option not to allocate any of these funds to pathways. The DOT has acknowledged that this is a reasonable alternate, in light of the fact that the last multimodal grant awarded to Jackson (2012 Bus Livability Grant) awarded \$1.5 million to pathways and none to public transit (START). TOJ also has the option to allocate any amount up to the \$1.5 million in the application to pathways. The option that staff recommends is to prorate the award proportional to the total application amount. This would allocate \$650,000 to pathways and \$7,350,000 to the START facility.

The grant budget in the staff report for the November 18 Town council was based on saving, as much of the grant as possible, to use on the fleet maintenance building. After discussing the grant budget with WYDOT; staff is now recommend that we use all the TIGER grant (except the pathways share) on the current construction phase. By doing so we save some of the SPET funding and all the START reserve account; to dedicate for future phases including the fuel station and the fleet maintenance building. This makes the TIGER grant budget much simpler and allows us to access and spend these funds sooner. This would be preferred by FTA & WYDOT.

The line item distribution for the recommended budget is illustrated below:

START Facility Phase One	\$7,350,000
W. Broadway Pathway	\$ 650,000
TIGER V Grant Total	\$8,000,000

This proposal would result in a remaining balance of approximately \$814,000 in SPET funds and \$900,000 in other START reserve funds, at the end of the current phase of construction. These funds could be spent on future phases of the START/PW facility including the diesel fuel island and the final design (and construction) of the fleet maintenance building.

ATTACHMENTS –

None

FISCAL IMPACT -

This recommended grant budget provides financial resources to complete phase one of the START Facility. It also provides partial funding for the W. Broadway Pathway

STAFF IMPACT –

No Impact.

LEGAL REVIEW –

None required.

RECOMMENDATION –

Staff recommends that the council and the county approve the TIGER V Grant budget presented in this report including the allocation of \$7,350,000 of TIGER V grant funds to the START facility and \$650,000 of TIGER V grant funds to the W. Broadway pathway

SUGGESTED MOTION -

I move to approve the TIGER V Grant budget presented in this report including the allocation of \$7,350,000 of TIGER V grant funds to the START facility and \$650,000 of TIGER V grant funds to the W. Broadway pathway.