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Memorandum

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**To:** Mayor and Council Members  
Douglas G. Faseler, City Manager

**From:** Twila Wood  
Purchasing Manager

**Date:** April 9, 2014

**Re:** Approval to apply for the Department of Transportation's Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) has announced the availability of \$600 million authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 to be awarded on a competitive basis for National Infrastructure Investments. This appropriation is known as the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant program. Based on the established selection criterion, projects that provide transportation choices to connect economically disadvantaged populations with employment, training and education will receive particular consideration.

The Appropriations Act directs that in areas with fewer than 50,000 people, the minimum grant award for projects is \$1 million. The grants may be used for up to 80% of the costs of a project. Based on these guidelines, projects costing at least \$1.25 million should be considered. This size project would provide the minimum grant of \$1 million and would require a match of \$250,000.

Staff is interested in submitting a TIGER Grant application to fund the construction of a bridge over Walnut Branch on San Antonio Street. This project would be located in an economically disadvantaged area and would be used as a path to the local elementary and middle schools. Preliminary estimates indicate such a project meets the financial parameters of the grant program.

Staff is requesting City Council approval to apply for a TIGER Grant to help fund the bridge on San Antonio Street. While a construction cost estimate is not yet available, the minimum funding required from the City will be \$250,000.