RESOLUTION NO. R-040-2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A TIGER GRANT APPLICATION FOR FY16/17 FOR I-49 CORRIDOR PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Lafayette City-Parish Council, that:

WHEREAS, the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government applied for and was awarded a FY14 U.S. Department of Transportation TIGER planning grant; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the FY14 TIGER planning grant was to develop a corridor plan for the I-49 Connector project focusing on connecting disadvantaged populations with employment centers, expanding multi-modal transportation choices, promoting economic development, and meet requirements of the Corridor Preservation and Management Action Plan to Preserve the I-49 Alignment; and

WHEREAS, funding is needed to implement the I-49 Connector Corridor Plan’s design schematics and recommendations for service roads, currently a one-way couplet known locally as the Evangeline Thruway; and

WHEREAS, the Evangeline Thruway Redevelopment Team (ETRT), utilizing FY 14 TIGER planning grant funds identified a community need to re-develop a section of the Thruway as a so-called “Grand Boulevard”; and

WHEREAS, the ETRT has reviewed preliminary designs for the Grand Boulevard and recognizes its transformative effect on the neighborhoods adjacent to the corridor; and

WHEREAS, to maintain maximum connectivity, expand multi-modal transportation choices and promote economic development, the service roads for the I-49 Connector project—including the Grand Boulevard—that traverse the urban core of Lafayette must be designed and engineered as urban thoroughfares that safely accommodate both motorized and non-motorized modes of travel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Lafayette City-Parish Council, that:

SECTION 1: All of the aforesaid "Whereas" clauses are adopted as part of this resolution.

SECTION 2: The Lafayette City-Parish Council does hereby authorize the filing of a FY17 TIGER grant application for approximately twenty million ($20,000,000) dollars to fund construction of the Grand Boulevard as an urban-friendly thoroughfare that safely accommodates all modes of travel, promotes neighborhood level economic development, and increases connectivity between the McComb-Vezey and downtown.
SECTION 3: The Lafayette City-Parish Council hereby authorizes the Lafayette Mayor-President, or his designee, to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, requisitions, reimbursements, etc., which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

SECTION 4: All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, and the results were as follows:

YEAS: Naquin, Castille, Lewis, Boudreaux, Bellard, Conque, Cook, Hebert, Theriot

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 3rd day of October, 2017.

VERONICA L. WILLIAMS, CLERK
LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL
Internal Memorandum

Planning, Zoning and Department
Office of the Director (9010)

TO: Lowell Duhon
FROM: Carlee Alm-LaBar
SUBJ: TIGER Grant Application for I-49 Corridor Plan Implementation
Resolution for Adoption – October 3, 2017

DATE: September 22, 2017

As part of Lafayette's participation in the development of the I-49 Connector Process, both through our participation in the LADOTD's environmental evaluation and our TIGER planning grant for affected neighborhoods in the corridor, we request permission to apply for a TIGER grant for implementation.

The key component to Lafayette as a whole, and the I-49 surrounding neighborhoods, is the "Grand Boulevard". An excellent design of the boulevard will enhance the neighborhood, stitch the neighborhoods east of the Thruway to the downtown area, increase connectivity, while still providing full interstate access. The construction of the "Grand Boulevard" as an urban-friendly thoroughfare that safely accommodates all modes of travel will also promote neighborhood-level economic development.

This resolution is requesting the Council's authorization for the filing of a FY2017 TIGER application for approximately $20 million. Enclosed for your review and consideration is a resolution authorizing application for this TIGER grant. If you concur, please place on the agenda for adoption at the October 3, 2017 Council meeting.

Carlee Alm-LaBar
Director

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Attachments

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LAFAYETTE CITY/PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL FORM

1) JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST: A resolution of the Lafayette City-Parish Council authorizing the filing of a TIGER grant application for FY16/17 for I-49 Corridor Plan Implementation.

2) ACTION REQUESTED: Adoption of resolution

3) REQUESTED ACTION OF COUNCIL:
   A) INTRODUCTION: October 3, 2017
   B) FINAL ADOPTION: October 3, 2017

4) DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED WITH THIS REQUEST:
   A) Cover Memo from Director
   B) Submittal Item Justification Form
   C) Resolution

5) FISCAL IMPACT:
   X Fiscal Impact
   ______ No Fiscal Impact

6) RECOMMENDED BY:
   [Signature]
   Department of Planning, Zoning, and Development

   APPROVED FOR AGENDA BY:
   [Signature]
   Chief Administrative Officer
Evangeline Thruway Redevelopment Team
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-002

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRPERSON TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT AND ADVISING THE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL TO APPROVE AND SUPPORT AN FY17 TIGER GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Evangeline Thruway Redevelopment Team (ETRT) is an advisory committee of the Lafayette City-Parish Council created by the Corridor Preservation and Management Action Plan to Preserve the I-49 Alignment (Action Plan); AND

WHEREAS, the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government (LCG) applied for and received a federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant in FY2014 with the ETRT providing oversight and guidance to the LCG TIGER grant effort; AND

WHEREAS, the LCG TIGER grant has been re-branded as the Evangeline Corridor Initiative (ECI); AND

WHEREAS, the ETRT has maintained an interest in ensuring the best I-49 Connector project design that can be produced; AND

WHEREAS, the ETRT acknowledges that the scale of local participation in funding of the Connector compels LCG to seek out all prospective sources of grants for the component parts; AND

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2016, the Executive Committee of the Lafayette Connector Partners (LaDOTD’s Design and Engineering Contractor for the I-49 Connector project) did receive an informational briefing that included design series 4 – elevated, particularly design concept 4.2 which depicted a “grand boulevard” feature for the Evangeline Thruway, the interstate’s service roads; AND

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2017, the Executive Committee approved moving design series 4 into Tier III analysis including design concept 4.2 and its “grand boulevard” feature for the Evangeline Thruway, the interstate’s service roads; AND

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2017, the Community Working Group of the Lafayette Connector Partners introduced a “refined concept” design for the I-49 Connector project featuring linework for a “grand boulevard” design for the Evangeline Thruway, the interstate’s service roads; AND

WHEREAS, the Federal Department of Transportation has issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for FY17 TIGER Discretionary Grants; AND

WHEREAS, the “grand boulevard” design for the Evangeline Thruway, the interstate’s service roads, could be constructed as the first phase of the I-49 Connector project and considered a segment of independent utility; AND

WHEREAS, the grand boulevard can be designed as a multiway boulevard that furthers the goals of the initial TIGER grant work—one that drives economic development by balancing pedestrian-friendly features including wide sidewalks, low design speeds, and street parking while also having the ability to carry high volume of vehicular traffic so that it can function as a service road; AND

WHEREAS, the Action Plan stipulates the ETRT has the “power and obligation” to advise the local council on the expenditure of local funds within the I-49 Connector corridor; AND
WHEREAS, the ETRT, exercising its power and obligation, advises the Lafayette City-Parish Council to approve and support the FY17 TIGER grant application.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Evangeline Thruway Redevelopment Team does hereby authorize its Chairman to sign a letter of support FY17 TIGER grant application and advises the Lafayette City-Parish Council to approve and support said grant application.

THIS RESOLUTION BEING VOTED ON AND ADOPTED ON THE 9 DAY OF October IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN.

[Signature]
Skyra Bideaux, Chairperson
Evangeline Thruway Redevelopment Team