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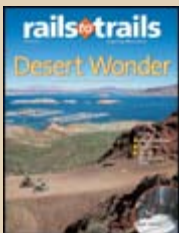
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Trail/Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects to Help Create Jobs and Spur Economic Growth

Announced Wednesday, Feb. 17, several active transportation investments were included among 51 projects to receive TIGER funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grant Program is a highly competitive, national opportunity to fund transportation projects that are “innovative, multi-modal and multi-jurisdictional,” and that “promise significant economic and environmental benefits to an entire metropolitan area, a region or the nation,” according to the [press release from U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood](#).

“TIGER grants will tackle the kind of major transportation projects that have been difficult to build under other funding programs,” said LaHood. “This will help us meet the 21st century challenges of improving the environment, making our communities more livable and enhancing safety, all while creating jobs and growing the economy.”



More than 1,400 applications were submitted. RTC encouraged its partners in our Campaign for Active Transportation to enter the competition back when the TIGER program guidelines were posted in June 2009. It is an exciting measure of progress that several Active Transportation Campaign projects made the final cut, including:

- **Philadelphia, Pa.**, and **Camden, N.J.**, together received **\$23 million** to develop a pedestrian and bicycle network, including commuter routes close to downtown. The work will provide a double economic lift, creating immediate construction jobs as well as impressive ongoing economic development benefits for areas hardest hit by the economic downturn. The Camden GreenWay will receive \$5.8 million, a substantial down payment on the inspiring vision of an interconnected trail system that our partner, Cooper's Ferry Development Association, helped develop for RTC's Active Transportation Campaign. This grant also will fill gaps in the Schuylkill River Trail in Philadelphia, part of the East Coast Greenway.
- **Indianapolis, Ind.**, was awarded **\$20.5 million** to complete an eight-mile trail in the heart of downtown that will provide critical connectivity to their active transportation system. The project will link commercial, residential and cultural destinations. As with Indianapolis' case statement for RTC's campaign, the project reflects careful prioritization to maximize economic, environmental and health benefits of the investment. A [video](#) (embedded below) describes this project in more detail.
- **Burlington, Vt.**, will receive **\$3.15 million** for waterfront development, including a trail that is an important piece of Burlington's planned active transportation system.

These three projects alone will receive more than 3 percent of TIGER funding, and nearly half of the funded projects include bicycle and pedestrian elements, such as complete streets or bridge access. View the [complete list of the TIGER projects chosen](#), and check out the [Active Transportation Campaign Case Statements](#) RTC gathered from communities across the country in support of more federal investment in trails, biking and walking. They are evidence of a groundswell of support for focused federal investment to complete active transportation systems to make it safe and convenient to choose bicycling and walking for shorter routine trips.

This post has been edited by Kartik Sribarra to reflect minor corrections to the Philadelphia, Pa., and Camden, N.J., bullet and by Stephen Miller to include a video about the Indianapolis Cultural Trail.