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Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 10 Ordinance/Resolution# 15-226

For Meeting of _____
 (Ordinance First Reading Date)

For Meeting of June 1, 2015
 (Adoption Date)

Please check box that applies to this item:

QUASI JUDICIAL LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE

TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT GENERATING ECONOMIC RECOVERY (TIGER) GRANT APPLICATION BY COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA FOR THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:

To allow the Mayor to sign a letter of support.

COUNCIL DISTRICT: N/A		
<u>Drafter/Staff Contact:</u> Tom Murphy	<u>Department/Section:</u> Community Development/ Metropolitan Planning Organization	<u>Phone:</u> 528-3225
<u>City Manager Signature:</u>		

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

This Resolution authorizes the Mayor to sign a letter of support for Doña Ana County's TIGER grant application. Doña Ana County is currently seeking a TIGER Grant for capital equipment and construction on behalf of the South Central Regional Transit District (SCRTD). The grant request, in the amount of \$7 million, would go toward the purchase of additional buses, development of passenger transfer areas, and development of a maintenance facility.

TIGER grants are discretionary grants to fund surface transportation improvements and are awarded on a competitive basis by the U.S. Department of Transportation. The grant program focuses on capital projects that generate economic development and improve access to reliable, safe and affordable transportation. TIGER Discretionary Grants may not be less than \$10 million and not greater than \$200 million, except for projects located in rural areas, the minimum TIGER Discretionary Grant size is \$1 million.

The City is an original member of the SCRTD and could increase its role as a regional center with the presence of a strong regional transit provider. Transit has the ability to expand the customer base and employment pool for local businesses.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

1. Resolution.
2. Exhibit "A", Letter of Support.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Is this action already budgeted? N/A	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	See fund summary below
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	If No, then check one below:
	<i>Budget Adjustment Attached</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Expense reallocated from:
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed funding is from a new revenue source (i.e. grant; see details below)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed funding is from fund balance in the _____ Fund.
Does this action create any revenue? N/A	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Funds will be deposited into this fund: _____ in the amount of \$ _____ for FY _____.
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	There is no new revenue generated by this action.

BUDGET NARRATIVE

N/A

FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:

Fund Name(s)	Account Number(s)	Expenditure Proposed	Available Budgeted Funds in Current FY	Remaining Funds	Purpose for Remaining Funds
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Vote "Yes"; this will approve the Resolution. This action would authorize the Mayor to sign the letter included as Exhibit "A".
2. Vote "No"; this will not approve the Resolution.
3. Vote to "Amend"; this modification would be at the City Council's discretion and direction to staff.
4. Vote to "Table or postpone"; this would be at the City Council's discretion and direction to staff.

REFERENCE INFORMATION:

The resolution(s) and/or ordinance(s) listed below are only for reference and are not included as attachments or exhibits.

1. N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 15-226

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The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, the City of Las Cruces is a member of the South Central Regional Transit District (SCRTD) and a City Councillor represents the City on the SCRTD Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Doña Ana County is the fiscal agent of the SCRTD; and

WHEREAS, the County of Doña Ana is applying for a TIGER grant for capital purchases to assist in the operation of SCRTD; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the SCRTD is to “provide transportation services in areas where public transit services do not exist” and coordinate service with existing transit providers in the area creating a regional transportation network; and

WHEREAS, a robust regional transit district that brings residents from across the county into Las Cruces for medical appointments, shopping, educational and work force programs, and other services will bring additional GRT revenue to the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:

(I)

THAT the letter of support, as shown in Exhibit “A,” attached hereto and made part of this Resolution, is hereby approved.

(II)

THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20__.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

(SEAL)

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

VOTE:

Mayor Miyagishima: _____

Councillor Silva: _____

Councillor Smith: _____

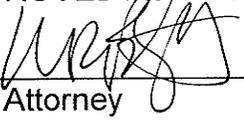
Councillor Pedroza: _____

Councillor Small: _____

Councillor Sorg: _____

Councillor Levatino: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney



May 26, 2015
L-15-134

Mr. Anthony Foxx, Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington D.C. 20590

RE: TIGER Discretionary Grant Support

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the City of Las Cruces, I am happy to provide support for the proposal being submitted by Doña Ana County and the South Central Regional Transit District (SCR TD) for funding from the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant (U.S. Department of Transportation).

The City of Las Cruces operates the RoadRUNNER transit system that provides service within the boundaries of the City. In 2013, the City of Las Cruces opened the Mesilla Valley Intermodal Transit Terminal (MoVIT Terminal), which provides a transfer point for RoadRUNNER routes and services. RoadRUNNER Transit is also considering an update of their Short Range Plan that will make their services more efficient and reliable.

The new routes being developed by the SCR TD will also use the MoVIT Terminal as a transfer site so that residents from around the region can connect with RoadRUNNER transit routes.

The funding that the SCR TD is requesting will be used to build out the system so that more residents from across the county can come to Las Cruces for medical care, jobs, education, and community services. The City looks forward to a long partnership with the SCR TD and can, without hesitation, endorse their request for funding.

Sincerely,

Ken Miyagishima, Mayor
City of Las Cruces, NM