

## Legislation Text

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### Cross Charlotte Trail Pedestrian Bridge 2017 TIGER Grant

#### **Action:**

**Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to negotiate and execute a TIGER 2017 Grant Agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Cross Charlotte Trail Pedestrian Bridge over US 74.**

#### **Staff Resource(s):**

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#### **Explanation**

- Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery, also known as TIGER Discretionary Grants, are authorized and funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) for transportation infrastructure projects. Eight previous rounds of TIGER grants have been authorized.
- On September 6, 2017, the USDOT issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the ninth round of TIGER Discretionary Grants, detailing the availability of \$500 million in competitive capital grants and announcing selection criteria.
- The primary selection criteria in the NOFO includes:
  - Safety,
  - State of Good Repair,
  - Economic Competitiveness,
  - Environmental Sustainability, and
  - Quality of Life.
- The secondary selection criteria are Innovation and Partnership.
- The minimum capital grant award is \$5 million with a maximum award of \$25 million, except for projects located in rural areas the minimum TIGER Discretionary Grant size is \$1 million. TIGER Discretionary Grants may be used for up to 80 percent of the total cost of projects located in urban areas and up to 100 percent of total costs of projects located in rural areas.

#### **Applications/Proposals**

- Staff requests authorization to submit one capital grant application from the City of Charlotte for the Cross Charlotte Trail Pedestrian Bridge over US 74.
- The projected total project will cost up to \$16.7 million:
  - \$1.9 million (planning, design, construction administration, inspection, and testing),
  - \$12.5 million (construction cost for the bridge and trail approaches), and
  - \$2.3 million (project contingency).

- The project will construct a pedestrian and bicycle bridge over the U.S. Highway 74 and Interstate-277 interchange to connect the Cross Charlotte Trail (Little Sugar Creek Greenway) from 7th Street to 10th Street completing a significant gap in the greenway system.
- The City is partnering with Mecklenburg County to develop this 30+ mile trail and greenway facility that will stretch from the Town of Pineville, through Center City and on to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte campus and the Cabarrus County line.
- Staff is proposing a 30 percent match for this grant with funds anticipated from the 2016 Transportation Bonds.
- Final applications must be submitted by October 16, 2017.

**Fiscal Note**

Funding: Transportation Community Investment Plan

**Attachment (s)**

Map  
Resolution