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TO: Felicia Brabec, Chair
Ways and Means Committee

THROUGH: Verna J. McDaniel
County Administrator

FROM: Mary Jo Callan, Director
Office of Community & Economic Development

DATE: May 21, 2014

SUBJECT: 2014 TIGER Grant Submission on behalf of SPARK

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners (BOC) ratify the signature of the County Administrator on a new application for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant through the National Infrastructure Investments Program of the U.S. Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$940,000, for eighteen months commencing January 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

BACKGROUND:

Local economic development partner Ann Arbor SPARK has written a TIGER planning grant application for work with the redevelopment firm Walbridge Aldinger, the University of Michigan, Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County, and other community partners to redevelop the former GM Willow Run Powertrain Plant in Ypsilanti Township for use as a Connected Vehicle Testing Facility, which may result in the creation of up to 7,800 new jobs in the skilled trades and research sectors.

Ann Arbor SPARK requested that Washtenaw County Office of Community & Economic Development (OCED) submit the application to Grants.gov on their behalf and act as the lead applicant and fiscal agent. At the direction of OCED Director Mary Jo Callan and with the approval of County Administrator Verna McDaniel, OCED staff submitted this grant on April 25, 2014. Due to the grant application deadline, it was not possible to bring the matter before the BOC for approval prior to application submission.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Office of Community & Economic Development recommends the BOC's ratification of the County Administrator's signature on this grant application. OCED further recommends that the BOC empower the County Administrator to take the following

actions contingent upon receipt of the grant award in the conformity with the grant application, in order for the County to act as fiscal agent for the grant award (if selected for funding):

1. Authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award
2. Amending the Budget, as attached hereto and made part hereof
3. Authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate contracts upon review and approval of Corporation Counsel, to be filed with the County Clerk. Additionally the Administrator is hereby authorized to sign all continued funding awards and amend the budget under this Grants.gov tracking # GRANT11636283.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

None

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

No General Fund dollars are being requested as part of this project. The funding for this work is from a \$940,000 USDOT TIGER grant.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

None

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

This is a collaborative effort of internal and external partners, which includes the US Department of Transportation (USDOT), the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED), Ann Arbor SPARK, the University of Michigan, Walbridge Aldinger, and the Township of Ypsilanti.

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

The requested Board action is in conformity with County policies.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Grant Application Package
- Resolution

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE ON AN APPLICATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT GENERATING ECONOMIC RECOVERY (TIGER) GRANT PROGRAM FOR REDEVELOPMENT PLANNING OF THE WILLOW RUN PLANT FACILITY IN YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$940,000 FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2015 ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 4, 2014

WHEREAS, The Office of Community & Economic Development is requesting the Board to ratify the County Administrator's signature on a new application for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant through the National Infrastructure Investments Program of the U.S. Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$940,000, for eighteen months commencing January 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County has made a commitment to enhancing the environment for job creation and its Board of Commissioners has made these actions part of the County's essential priorities to revitalizing the local economy; and,

WHEREAS The Board of Commissioners recognizes the County's key role in workforce development, and its essential partnership in the broader economic development strategy, and seeks to further enhance economic opportunity and workforce development in our region through the retention and attraction of current and future employers; and,

WHEREAS, local economic development partner Ann Arbor SPARK has written a TIGER planning grant application for work with the redevelopment firm Walbridge Aldinger, the University of Michigan, Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County, and other community partners to redevelop the former GM Willow Run Powertrain Plant in Ypsilanti Township for use as a Connected Vehicle Testing Facility, which may result in the creation of up to 7,800 new jobs in the skilled trades and research sectors; and,

WHEREAS, Ann Arbor SPARK requested that Washtenaw County Office of Community & Economic Development (OCED) submit the application to Grants.gov on their behalf and act as the lead applicant and fiscal agent; and on April 25, 2014, OCED staff submitted this grant with the signature of the County Administrator; and,

WHEREAS, the matter has been reviewed by the County Administrator's Office, the Finance Department, Human Resources, Corporation Counsel and the Ways & Means Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners ratifies the signature of the County Administrator on an application with the Department of Transportation, Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant through the National Infrastructure Investments Program of the U.S. Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$940,000 for eighteen months commencing January 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, as on file with the County Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners takes the following actions contingent upon receipt of those awards in conformity with the application:

1. Authorizes the County Administrator to sign the Notices of Grant Award;
2. Amends the budgets as attached hereto and made a part hereof; and
3. Authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate contracts upon review and approval of Corporation Counsel, to be filed with the County Clerk. Additionally the Administrator is hereby authorized to sign all continued funding awards and amend the budget under this Grants.gov tracking # GRANT11636283.