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PRESS STATEMENT

TIGER GRANTS BENEFIT BICYCLING AND WALKING

TIGER grants - a step forward in building livable communities.

Washington, DC (2/17/10) – America Bikes welcomes new investment in bicycling and walking included in the \$1.5 billion in grants awarded today by the U.S. Department of Transportation. Twenty-four of the fifty-one Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants integrate bicycling and walking; including awards totaling more than \$43 million to complete nonmotorized transportation networks in Philadelphia and Indianapolis.

“Investing in bicycling and walking is good for local economies, the environment and quality of life. It’s what makes communities livable,” said Randy Neufeld, President of America Bikes.

“The TIGER program allows local government to build multimodal transportation systems – integrating transit and bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, building complete streets for all users, and including bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges.”

TIGER grants include:

1. **Philadelphia, PA** - Awarded \$23 million to repair, reconstruct and improve 16.3 miles of pedestrian and bicycle facilities that will complete a 128-mile regional network in six counties around Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey.
2. **Indianapolis, IN** – Awarded \$20.5 million to complete the eight-mile urban bicycle and pedestrian network in the heart of downtown Indianapolis.
3. **Dubuque, IA** – Awarded \$5.6 million for a Complete Streets project in the Historic Millwork District in downtown Dubuque.
4. **Milton, KY and Madison, IN** - Awarded \$20 million to replace the existing Milton-Madison Bridge including bicycle/pedestrian access that connects bike facilities on both sides of the river.

Funding for TIGER grants comes from the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The act also contributed \$405 million to job-rich, green infrastructure projects such as building and improving sidewalks, curb ramps, bike lanes and multi-use trails.

America Bikes is a coalition of national bicycling organizations advocating for positive outcomes for bicycling in the federal transportation bill. America Bikes Coalition members include: Adventure Cycling Association, Alliance for Biking and Walking, Association of Pedestrian and Bicycling Professionals, Bikes Belong, International Mountain Bicycling Association, League of American Bicyclists, National Center for Bicycling and Walking, and the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.

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