

**PORT FREEPORT TIGER GRANT**  
**PROJECT INFORMATION**

**Background**

In May 2009 the U.S. DOT announced the availability of \$1.5 billion in Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Discretionary Grants (TIGER Grants). Eligible applicants include State and Local governments, transit agencies, port authorities, and MPO's among others. Eligible projects include capital investments in highway or bridge projects, public transportation projects, passenger and freight rail transportation projects, and port infrastructure investments. Applicants will submit projects directly to the U.S. DOT for selection and funding will appropriately flow directly from the U.S. DOT or appropriate federal agency to the applicant. Projects submitted to the U.S. DOT for TIGER Grants are required to provide evidence of their inclusion in local, state or regional plans or documentation from the appropriate agency that the project will be included in the relevant planning document prior to award of a TIGER Grant.

**Current Situation**

Port Freeport is submitting a project to the U.S. DOT for consideration of a TIGER Grant. This project is not currently in the RTP or TIP, but does not conflict with regional goals set by the TPC. The project includes the construction of approximately 82,800 lineal feet of track extending from the existing Union Pacific track to Port property located on the south side of SH 36. It also includes replacement of the old railroad swing bridge, new track between Freeport and Angleton TX, ground stabilization for trackage, laydown areas and loading areas, area lighting and water line extensions for fire protection. The total cost of the project is approximately \$47 million. This project is a priority for Port Freeport as tenants are ready to utilize the project to ship windmill components, domestic trailers and international containers throughout the United States and Canada.

**Action Requested**

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