

A Small Start

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Streetcar wins \$20 million TIGER grant

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Phase 1 of the Kansas City Streetcar just [snagged another \\$20 million in federal funds](#), this time from the TIGER program. The announcement was [leaked](#) to the media yesterday afternoon by Sen. Claire McCaskill's office. A formal list of winning projects is due from the Department of Transportation next week. \$20 million is the full amount requested by the city.

This new funding will augment existing revenue sources: the transportation development district, other local funds (PIAC/TIF), and two previously-awarded federal grants. It's likely that the city will not issue as much debt as a result, allowing an earlier opportunity to reduce the TDD's special assessments.

The funds need to be obligated by Sept. 30, 2014, which means the City Council will



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