

**Get to Know
Denver City Councilwoman
Judy Montero**



Judy Monter grew up in Denver City Council’s District 9 (central Platte Valley and central north Denver) and has spent the majority of her life living and working there. She attended Denver’s North High School, and went on to earn a Bachelor’s Degree from Adams State College in Alamosa Colorado and a Master’s Degree in social work from the University of Denver.

For 10 years beginning in the late 1980s, she served as council aide, Public Information Officer for the Denver Parks and Recreation Department and City Council Liason. She served in that capacity until her election to City Council.

Currently, Judy is the 2013, City Council Chair of the National Western Stockshow Committee and Co-Chair of Land-Use, Transportation, Infrastructure Committee. Judy was the sponsor of the City and County of Denver I-70 proclamation.

Judy is married to former State Representative Nolbert Chavez, they have an 10-year-old daughter, Hope.

TIGER VI

In late February, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) announced the start of a sixth round of “Transportation Infrastructure Generating Economic Recovery” (TIGER) discretionary grants, also referred to as “National Infrastructure Investment” grants. This grant round will be substantially similar to recent grant rounds, with minor changes in evaluation criteria and a lengthier application timeframe.

Under TIGER VI, \$600 million is available for project awards—a significant increase over the TIGER V appropriation. No state may receive more than \$150 million in total grants. No less than \$120 million may be awarded to projects in rural areas. Grants must be in the \$10 million to \$200 million range. For projects in rural areas, the minimum grant size is \$1 million. For planning grants, there is no minimum grant size.

TIGER VI will be mostly similar to previous TIGER grant rounds, with several key exceptions:

- **Priority for Longterm Job Growth for the Middle Class.** Additional weight will be given to projects that benefit strengthening opportunities to expand the middle class and stimulating longterm job growth, particularly in economically distressed areas.
- **Planning Grants Set Aside.** Of the total program funds, \$35 million is designated for planning grants. Such applications must be identified as project level or regional plan applications.
- **Project Readiness/Longer Range Projects.** In the previous TIGER round, immediate spending ability was critical. In TIGER VI applications that require slightly longer schedules are encouraged, stating that projects must be able to obligate funds by June 2016 and expend such funds by September 30, 2021.
- **Co-applicants.** Applications that identify coapplicants or project partners must be signed by not only the lead applicants, but also each co-applicant and/or partner organizations.

Applications must be submitted through Grants.gov. Submissions may be made beginning April 3, 2014, and received no later than April 28, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. MST. For detailed information, visit <http://www.dot.gov/tiger>. For more information or questions, please contact Kurt Morrison, CDOT Office of Policy & Government Relations, at (303) 757-9703 or kurtis.morrison@state.co.us. This and other Policy Briefs are available on the CDOT Office of Policy & Government Relations website at: <http://coloradodot.info/about/governmentrelations/newpublications/policybriefs>.

Transportation Commission Calendar

Workshops/Meeting
April 16-17, 2014

Workshops/Meeting
June 18-19, 2014

All meetings scheduled for
CDOT Headquarters in Denver, CO

Workshops/Meeting
May 21-22, 2014

Workshops/Meeting
July 16-17, 2014

Telephone Townhalls

“It’s important that we hear from citizens throughout the state on how best to invest our limited transportation funds and what projects are a priority in their area.”

CDOT Executive Director Don Hunt