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**Governor Beshear announces \$20 million federal TIGER grant for  
Milton-Madison Bridge replacement project**

*Will aid in completing new bridge across Ohio River*

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Feb. 17, 2010)** – Gov. Steve Beshear today announced that the project to replace the aging Ohio River bridge linking Milton, Ky., and Madison, Ind., has been awarded a \$20 million federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant, part of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA).

The grant was evenly divided between Kentucky and Indiana, which are collaborating on the project to place a new superstructure on the existing piers of the Milton-Madison Bridge.

“We welcome the TIGER grant for a project that will generate much-needed jobs and result in a lasting benefit – a safe, modern river crossing for generations of citizens of both of our states,” Gov. Beshear said.

Trimble County Judge-Executive Randy Stevens welcomed the announcement. “We are thrilled with the support of Governor Beshear and Acting Secretary Mike Hancock of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and all the hard work they did for this application. This is the No. 1 project for our area, and we look forward to seeing it advance,” Judge-Executive Stevens said.

The Milton-Madison bridge, built in 1929 and stretching six-tenths of a mile, carries US 421 across the Ohio River. The bridge is too narrow for present-day traffic needs and frequently needs repairs. The cost of replacing the superstructure is estimated at about \$131 million, to be split evenly between Kentucky and Indiana.

Gov. Beshear’s Recommended 2010-2016 Highway Plan, currently before the General Assembly, provides for \$89.4 million in federal bridge-replacement funding for the project – more than enough for Kentucky’s share of the project. “The TIGER grant will enable us to free up bridge-replacement funds for use elsewhere,” Gov. Beshear said.

Replacement of the Milton-Madison is projected to create or preserve more than 1,400 jobs. Construction is expected to begin this summer with the new bridge open to traffic in 2012.

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