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**MoDOT Receives \$20 Million in USDOT TIGER Funding
for CityArchRiver 2015 Project**

Grant award and local match funds will go to constructing I-70 corridor

The U.S. Department of Transportation announced today the award of \$20 million to the Missouri Department of Transportation for funding for “roadway improvements along the I-70 corridor road system in St. Louis” including a key component of the CityArchRiver plan, a pedestrian land bridge over I-70 connecting the Old Courthouse, Luther Ely Smith Square and the Gateway Arch grounds. The third round of the TIGER grant was competitive, with more than 800 applicants requesting \$14.1 billion in funds - far exceeding the \$527 million available.

“Receiving this funding is a big step forward for the project,” said Walter Metcalfe, Jr., lead director of CityArchRiver 2015 Foundation. “We thank all of our elected officials who continue to be great supporters of CityArchRiver 2015. Sen. Claire McCaskill has energetically highlighted the merits of this project from the beginning by bringing Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood to the design area in December 2010. She fully supported this grant application in addition to the support of Sen. Roy Blunt and Reps. William Lacy Clay, Jr., and Russ Carnahan, who continue to champion the region’s efforts in Washington, D.C.”

The \$20 million grant from USDOT comes with a local match of \$25 million from the Missouri Department of Transportation and \$10 million privately from the CityArchRiver 2015 Foundation, which agreed to provide \$1 for every \$2 provided by USDOT.

“More public funding for highway infrastructure between the Poplar Street Bridge and new Mississippi River Bridge is needed,” said Metcalfe. “MoDOT, the City of St. Louis and CityArchRiver 2015 Foundation will continue to seek opportunities to gain other federal transportation resources to supplement the support of the state, city and private donors for the remaining highway components of the project.