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**LOCAL LEADERS TO ANNOUNCE \$15.7M TIGER GRANT
FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Champaign – Local leaders will hold a press conference on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. at Alma Mater Plaza on the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign Campus (intersection of Green Street and Wright Street). The purpose of the press conference is to announce the launch of the MCORE (Multimodal Corridor Enhancement) Project (www.mcoreproject.com), funded in part by a \$15.7 million Federal TIGER grant from the United States Department of Transportation. MCORE, a partnership between the City of Champaign, City of Urbana, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and the Champaign Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD), will improve mobility in the communities' core.

This \$35 million overall project will have a transformative impact unlike any previous transportation project in the communities' history. This exciting new project will bring streets to a state of good repair while enhancing connections between the Cities' downtown centers and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign campus. In the event of rain, the press conference will be held in Ballroom C of the Illini Union, 1401 West Green Street, Urbana, IL.

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