# Bingham HH Counterplans

## TIGER (Elections)

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#### Bidding is key to solve cost overruns

Wurfel, 11

(Michigan Governor’s Office, Rick, “Governor says revitalized infrastructure is road to Michigan's success,” <http://www.michigan.gov/snyder/0,4668,7-277-59151-264676--,00.html>)

While noting the state's continued innovations in transportation infrastructure and new technology, Snyder called

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construction and maintenance contracts to competitive bidding from the public and private sectors.

#### Public hates cost overruns

Perez and Stovall, 12

(Jessica and Tess, March, The Schwartz Initiative on American Economic Policy, “Coming in on Budget: Infrastructure Contracting Reform,” <http://content.thirdway.org/publications/509/Third_Way_Idea_Brief_-_Coming_in_On_Budget_Infrastructure_Contracting_Reform.pdf>)

Cost overruns erode public trust in infrastructure spending. Polling reveals broad support for modernizing

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there’s anything that Americans are more cynical about than politics, it’s construction.”

## TIGER (Agenda Ptx)

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#### Congress loves the CP

Berman, 10

(Group News Editor for Supply Chain Management Interview, “Transportation infrastructure: DOT awards nearly $600 million in TIGER II funding,” <http://www.logisticsmgmt.com/article/transportation_infrastructure_dot_awards_nearly_600_million_in_tiger_ii_fun/>)

In terms of next possible steps for the TIGER program, LaHood said that TIGER

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described the TIGER grant award winners as the “cream of the crop.”

## Reform CP (vs. DAR)

#### CP Text: The Department of Defense, in coordination with the Department of Transportation, should update, clarify, and communicate the Defense Access Road program’s guidelines to all stakeholders to promote more effective program utilization and ensure regular meetings of appropriate high-level leaders to identify existing federal transportation funding resources and develop a strategy for giving priority consideration to defense-affected communities. The United States federal government should prohibit all further funding increases until Government Accountability Office standards are met.

#### The aff is throwing money at an inefficient program – funding exists, it’s just being utilized incorrectly – the counterplan fixes the funding mechanisms, avoids further investment, and guarantees project effectiveness – zero solvency for the 1AC alone.

GAO – 1AC Article – 2011  
(January, “High-Level Federal Interagency Coordination Is Warranted to Address Transportation Needs beyond the Scope of the Defense Access Roads Program”, <http://www.gao.gov/assets/320/315277.html> (sean should recognize this article – he cut it originally – guess he missed the case specific counterplan. At least the pre-typed citations helped) MattG

Why GAO Did This Study: ¶ The unprecedented growth at 26 military installations across

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consideration to defense-¶ affected communities. DOD partially concurred with our recommendations.