



# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Weekly Briefing

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of Transportation

## Events

- Governor Nixon signed the TIP amendments needed to move forward on several projects. This will allow for these projects to be advertised during April and let on May 22, 2009. These amendments include projects in the St. Joseph, East West Gateway and Joplin areas.
- During a meeting with FHWA, MoDOT staff were informed that monies could not be re-obligated from projects 'under budget' to other projects. Consequently, all adjustments, as well as obligations themselves must be completed by September 30, 2010.
- Interested parties, particularly legislative members, continue to contact MoDOT and the Missouri Division office of FHWA, regarding project selection and economically distressed areas (EDAs). The FHWA map which designates EDAs is available at the following link:  
[http://hepgis.fhwa.dot.gov/hepgis\\_v2/GeneralInfo/Map.aspx](http://hepgis.fhwa.dot.gov/hepgis_v2/GeneralInfo/Map.aspx)
- Senator Claire McCaskill made a stop in Springfield on Saturday, April 4, and praised MoDOT for its preparation regarding the Recovery Act and stated other agencies should be as aggressive.
- District 10 met with Multimodal's Sherrie Turley to fast track the three Recovery Act port projects in their district (SEMO, New Madrid and New Bourbon). The notice to proceed is slated for August 15, 2009 and completion dates range from December 15, 2009 to April of 2010.
- Comments by committee chair, Rep. Charlie Schlottach, indicate that the state has about \$1 billion in Recovery Act economic stabilization money that it is using throughout the FY 2010 budget and that there may be a possibility of directing some of those funds towards one-time transit issues. Multimodal Transit Administrator, Steve Billings is working to maximize all potential transit funds through the Recovery Act.
- MoDOT is current with all reporting requirements and these reports can be found on MoDOT's Ready To Go website at the following link:  
<http://www.modot.mo.gov/arra/DocumentsandTransparency.htm>

## MoDOT Recovery Act STATS

- To date, the Federal Highway Administration has obligated 96 projects totaling \$191,418,774. The requirement is to have 50 percent of the funds (\$223 Million) obligated by June 30, 2009.
- As of today, the department has awarded 37 Recovery Act projects for \$90,108,940. Three of the projects are currently under construction. They are: Clinton County – I 35, Miller County – Route 17 and Saline County – Route 41. The bids came in 15.3 percent or \$16,396,500



## MoDOT Recovery Act STATS (cont'd)

- below our program estimates. MoDOT currently has eight ARRA projects with executed contracts.
- The current tally for direct jobs from Recovery Act transportation projects is 73 with 2,883 hours worked at a payroll of \$102,302.78. This listing of jobs does not include the additional jobs created by manufacturing and delivering the materials for projects or the additional jobs created by workers contributing to local economies. .
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- The amount of Recovery Act funds expended to date is \$257,440.44.

## Nationwide Recovery Act Issues

- Seven states have not obligated any Recovery Act funds as of April 7. These states include Alaska, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Ohio and Virginia. If these states fail to act by June 30, 2009, as much as 1.54 billion could be redistributed to other states. (ARTBA, 2009)
- Eight states are already paying contractors for construction work (including Missouri), with outlays totaling \$2.2 million. (ARTBA, 2009)
- Forty-four states have obligated a total of \$5.508 billion for highway improvements. This one-month total represents 59.0 percent of the \$9.33 billion that must be obligated by June 30, 2009. The District of Columbia is included as a 'state'. (ARTBA, 2009)

## Important Dates

- Tentatively, USDOT Secretary Ray La Hood is scheduled to make a visit to several states, including Missouri, as early as next week.
- The next scheduled letting that includes Recovery Act projects is April 24, 2009. Those scheduled for the May 22 letting, either are or will be advertised in the next two weeks.
- By June 30, 2009, 50% of the Recovery Act MHTC funds must be obligated or they are subject to redistribution.