



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Weekly Briefing

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Missouri Department
of Transportation

Events

- Gov. Jay Nixon and the governors of seven other Midwestern states have joined in support of high-speed passenger rail projects to link cities in their region, with Chicago as the hub. The governors are seeking funding for the projects through the Recovery Act (ARRA), which specifically mandates funding for improving and deploying high-speed rail systems in the United States.
- The House Appropriations Budget committee heard HB 21, which includes the appropriations for MoDOT's Recovery Act funds, on April 16, 2009. Mark up and any potential amendments are expected on Monday morning. During the weekly OA conference call, the Commissioner indicated that the Senate would like for HB 15 and 21 to be complete when it reaches the Senate and no conference would be necessary.
- Bids for 53 additional Recovery Act projects will be opened at the April 24th letting. The Commission will award or reject the bids on May 6th.
- All remaining jobs for the May letting are ready for FHWA review and approval.
- All current MoDOT reports for Recovery projects 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 97 of the total Recovery Act projects for a total of \$191,618,774.
- Of those MHTC funds that are discretionary, 50 percent (\$223 Million) need to be obligated by June 30, 2009. To date, FHWA has obligated 164.1 million of those funds.
- The department has awarded 37 Recovery Act projects for \$90,108,940. The bids came in 15.3 percent or \$16,396,500 below our program estimates.
- 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.



MoDOT Recovery Act STATS (cont'd)

- MoDOT currently has eleven Recovery Act projects underway.
- The amount of Recovery Act funds expended to date is \$257,440.44.

Nationwide Recovery Act Issues

- Sixteen states have been selected for a preliminary GAO audit for Recovery Act funds. It is anticipated that MoDOT will eventually be selected and we are contacting these states to learn from their experience. Conversations with other parties indicated that GAO is interested in vulnerability due to the high number of contracts and sub recipients, lack of reporting processes for the states and incomplete legislative issues pertaining to audit responsibilities and appropriations.

Important Dates

- 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.