



# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Weekly Briefing

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Missouri Department  
of Transportation

## Events

- Of the 54 states and territories that submitted data to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, only four states reported any direct, on-project jobs had been created or sustained by March 31, 2009. Missouri had the highest number reported with 68 jobs created.
- To date, the Federal Transit Administration has obligated 4 percent of Recovery Act (ARRA) funds, and 30 percent of that is from MoDOT.
- The House Budget Committee voted “do pass” on House Bill 21 on Tuesday. The bill now has moved to the House Rules Committee. HB 21 includes appropriations for MoDOT’s Recovery Act funds to be expended in fiscal year 2010.
- MoDOT’s Risk and Benefits Management Division is handling the COBRA notifications relating to the new election period and subsidy for medical coverage, which will be subsidized with Recovery Act monies.
- MoDOT transit staff traveled to Goshen, Indiana, this week for a factory pre-production meeting on 43 Recovery Act funded rural transit vehicles for OATS in Missouri. In total, MoDOT plans to purchase 309 vehicles with Recovery Act funds to replace existing high-mileage transit vehicles.
- MoDOT aviation staff will soon be reviewing bids with local airport officials on four Recovery Act funded improvement projects at Missouri general aviation airports. Bids are expect to arrive within the next week for pavement rehabilitations to two runways and one apron, and one apron construction.
- Bids for 53 Recovery Act projects were opened at MoDOT’s April 24 bid letting. The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission will award or reject the bids on May 6.
- All remaining jobs for the May 22 bid letting are ready for Federal Highway Administration review and approval. All but three projects are currently being advertised.
- Of the 84 locally programmed projects on the MoDOT sub-allocation list, only 26 have received the required ONEDOT approval. ONEDOT approvals begin with each state’s governor and must be signed by all federal DOT agencies.
- The first FHWA report for local projects was submitted on April 22. These projects are in the Kansas City/Mid-America Regional Council region.
- A new Recovery Act grant process requires that all applications must be forwarded to the Governor’s office for approval. For more information on this process, please contact Michelle Teel at (573) 751-1227.



### Events (Cont'd.)

- MoDOT has received additional guidance on certifications from the Governor to the Secretary of Transportation. The 1201 certification, originally completed on March 18, will now show planned expenditures as cash outlays versus awarded dollar amounts. In addition, Governor Nixon has expressed interest in completing additional 1511 certifications when project lists are amended. The current process has been to complete a single certification, which references an on-line STIP\TIP document that is amended.

### MoDOT Recovery Act STATS

- To date, the Federal Highway Administration has obligated a total of \$215,607,535 in Recovery Act funds for Missouri with \$169.5 million being discretionary funds. Missouri must have \$223 million in discretionary funds obligated by June 30.
- 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 currently has 11 Recovery Act projects underway.
- The amount of Recovery Act funds expended to date is \$ 2,934,607.

### Nationwide Recovery Act Issues

- President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden on April 13 made their second visit to U.S. Department of Transportation headquarters in Washington, marking FHWA's approval of the 2,000th state DOT project to be funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.
- The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold its first oversight hearing on state and local agencies' spending of Recovery Act dollars on April 29 in Washington.

### Important Dates

- May 6 – MHTC meeting to award additional Recovery Act projects.
- June 30 – Missouri must have 50 percent of discretionary Recovery Act funds (\$223 million) obligated or they will be subject to redistribution.

***All current MoDOT reports for Recovery Act projects can be found on MoDOT's Ready To Go Web site at the following link: <http://www.modot.mo.gov/arra/DocumentsandTransparency.htm>.***