



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Weekly Briefing

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Missouri Department
of Transportation

Events

- The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission approved bids for 54 Recovery Act projects totaling \$89.3 million at its May 6 meeting in Jefferson City. To date, MoDOT has awarded 91 Recovery Act projects totaling more than \$178.6 million.
- MoDOT has advertised 17 ARRA projects for the May 22, 2009 letting.
- Andy Mueller, LPA District Liaison for the Recovery Projects, will be hosting a LPA meeting at Central Office on Monday, May 11. This meeting will discuss various aspects of the local program and will include representatives from the district and division offices.
- Here's the latest news on the five Recovery Act port projects:
 - SEMO Port – MoDOT has submitted design for FHWA approval to advertise and have set a goal of May 8 to receive authority.
 - New Madrid Port - MoDOT received FHWA approval for obligation of PE funding on April 23. The engineer is working on design and will deliver it for FHWA approval on May 18.
 - New Bourbon - MoDOT received FHWA approval for obligation of PE funding on April 23. The engineer is working on design and will deliver it for FHWA approval on May 18.
 - St. Louis City Port has the agreement and will have it approved by its board of directors on May 12.
 - St. Joseph Port has the agreement signed and mailed it to MoDOT on Monday. The port authority has procured engineering services.
- There are currently, 11 transit vehicles on the assembly line floor at StarTrans in Goshen, IN that are destined for OATS. MoDOT has 19 ARRA-funded minivans on order destined for rural transit providers that have been built, but not yet delivered to the dealer. There is also one medium-sized bus that is at another factory on the production line. The remaining 278 vehicles of the 309 ARRA transit vehicles MoDOT ordered are awaiting production scheduling. Burlington Trailways has placed an order for two over-the-road intercity buses, which will be purchased with ARRA funds administered by MoDOT's Transit Section.
- HB 21, which contains FY 2010 Stimulus funds, is currently in the House awaiting agreement on Senate amendments. HB 22, which contains stabilization funds, repair, maintenance and capital improvements, was voted out of Senate Appropriation's Committee with many changes including removal of the Lafayette interchange on Hwy 50. However, the funding for Metro (to go through the Transit Program) for \$12 million remained.



National News

- State transportation departments – having geared up in advance for rapid deployment of economic recovery projects – reported to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee this week that they are obligating money ahead of schedule, getting projects under construction within 10 weeks of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act’s signature, and are getting Americans back to work in good-paying jobs.
- On May 18, guidance for a new \$1.5 billion U.S. Department of Transportation discretionary program funded by the Recovery Act will be distributed.

Important Dates

- May 10 – FHWA Monthly Recipient Status Report due
- May 15 - U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee ARRA monthly report due. MoDOT sends report to Governor for review by May 13.
- May 18 - ARRA Section 1201 transit quarterly report due
- May 20- FHWA Monthly Summary Employment report due
- May 22- Modified Section 1201 Certification is due
- 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>.