



# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Weekly Briefing

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of Transportation

## Events

- The Missouri Legislature passed HB 21 and HB 22 on May 7. HB 21 gives MoDOT authority to spend fiscal year 2010 Recovery Act funds and HB 22 included \$10 million for the Lafayette interchange on Hwy. 50 and \$12 million for St. Louis Metro (to go through the Transit Program). Both bills are subject to the Governor's signature for final approval.
- The Missouri Legislature recently created a new committee to coordinate and provide oversight of Recovery Act funds. The four-member Joint Committee on Recovery Accountability and Transparency will review funds, contracts and agency reports and provide recommendations to prevent waste, fraud and abuse.
- Initial TIGER discretionary grant information was published today. Key points include a grant application due date of September 15 and awards will be on a competitive basis to "projects that have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area, or a region."
- Six MoDOT districts have completed the local selection process for 33 Transportation Enhancement projects. Those include the North Central, Kansas City Area, Southwest, Springfield Area, South Central and Southeast districts. The remaining four districts are nearing completion of the selection process.
- MoDOT recently submitted the quarterly ARRA Section 1201 report on Missouri's Transit Capital Assistance portion of obligated ARRA rural transit funds to the USDOT via its Web portal.
- MoDOT recently submitted documentation for two of the state's four general aviation projects to the Federal Aviation Administration. Following a review of project documents, the FAA will issue grants to begin construction at Washington and Cape Girardeau airports.
- To date, MoDOT has awarded 91 Recovery Act projects totaling more than \$178.6 million. The bids were 9.1 percent below program estimates.
- So far, the Federal Highway Administration has obligated \$230.2 million in Recovery Act funds for Missouri. A total of \$173.5 million of those funds are discretionary. Missouri must have \$223 million in discretionary funds obligated by June 30.
- Cumulative jobs created or sustained by Recovery Act Funds as of April 30:
  - Direct, On-Project Jobs = 276
  - Total Job Hours = 11,118
  - Total Payroll = \$379,349
- MoDOT senior managers are invited to meet regarding the Recovery Act projects with the Office of Inspector General at the Jefferson City FHWA office on May 20.



- A report for the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee was submitted on behalf of MoDOT to the Governor's office today.

### **National News**

- Florida has already obligated more than 50 percent of its Recovery Act discretionary funds for highway projects, beating the federal deadline by seven weeks.

### **Important Dates**

- May 18 - ARRA Section 1201 transit quarterly report due.
- May 18 – First Maintenance of Effort (MOE) expenditure report due
- May 22 - Modified Section 1201 Certification is due.
- May 22 – Scheduled project letting
- June 10 – Statewide LPA meeting in Jefferson City.
- 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>.***