



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Weekly Briefing

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Missouri Department
of Transportation

Events

- **We did it. Five weeks in advance!** As of Thursday, May 21, the Federal Highway Administration has obligated a total of \$300 million in Recovery Act funds for Missouri. A total of \$242 million of those funds are discretionary. The Recovery Act requires that 50% (or \$223 million) of the discretionary funds be obligated by June 30, 2009, otherwise risking the loss of Recovery Act funds for Missouri and eliminating the opportunity to be eligible for redistributed funds from other States. Go Team MoDOT!
- 15 Recovery Act highway projects are currently active and ten projects are complete.
- To date, MoDOT has expended \$7,219,027 in Recovery Act funds.
- On Wednesday, May 20, USDOT OIG Agent Jeffrey Ball met with FTA, FAA, FHWA and MoDOT officials to discuss the potential for fraud, waste and abuse and the monitoring of funds in Recovery Act transportation projects.
- MoDOT agreements have now been completed for all five of the port projects. The three projects in District 10 have all submitted designs.
- Four new performance measures for Recovery Act projects have been added to MoDOT's TRACKER. Additional measures for multimodal Recovery Act projects will be in the next edition.
- The first Maintenance of Effort (MOE) expenditure report was submitted on Monday, May 18 to the USDOT.
- The amended section 1201(a) certification, executed by Governor Nixon's office, was submitted to the Secretary of Transportation on May 22, 2009.
- Eight MoDOT districts have completed the local selection process for the Transportation Enhancement projects.

National News

The Vice President submitted his first quarterly report detailing the progress implementing the Recovery Act. The report shows early progress in providing financial relief for American families and jump-starting billions of dollars in job-creating projects, with both the pace of spending and job creation expected to accelerate significantly in the coming months. In the first 77 days of the two-year Recovery Act program, the quarterly report noted:

- **150,000** jobs have been created or saved.
- More than **\$88 billion** dollars has been made available for programs and projects.
- Over **3,000** transportation construction projects have been funded in 52 states and territories.



Important Dates

- June 1- Comments due on the Federal Registry notice regarding TIGER discretionary grants.
- June 3- MHTC meeting.
- June 10 – Statewide LPA meeting in Jefferson City.
- June 15- Additional reporting guidance due out from OMB.
- July 8 – MHTC meeting.
- July 10 - Quarterly Milestones/Progress Report Due to FTA for ARRA transit grants.

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>.