



# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Weekly Briefing

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of Transportation

## Events and News

- According to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Missouri reported the second highest number of highway infrastructure direct, on project jobs created or sustained as of April 30, 2009.
- As of May 29, the Federal Highway Administration has obligated a total of \$319.9 million in Recovery Act funds for Missouri. All Recovery Act funds distributed to Missouri for roads and bridges must be obligated by March 2, 2010.
- A MoDOT press release about meeting the fifty percent federal obligation deadline went out May 27 attracting the attention of numerous state media outlets and several national news agencies.
- MoDOT has advertised all Recovery Act scheduled projects for the June 2009 letting.
- The U.S. Government Accountability Office recently stated that its teams are continuing work in 16 states (Missouri not included). For its next report, GAO will look at specific programs and localities in greater depth. In addition, teams will examine federal guidance to check for gaps and clarity. GAO also stated that it is hearing from a number of states that revenue declines are so steep that some states may have to speed up the use of ARRA funds to plug in holes, and some funds may not last until 2011. GAO said this also raises Maintenance of Effort questions. Finally, GAO stated that they are working on a system that would allow some coverage of the other 34 states not currently being examined. The coverage in those states would not be as in depth or as specific as what is occurring in the current 16 states being examined.

## Important Dates

- June 3 - MHTC meeting
- June 10 - Statewide Local Public Agency meeting in Jefferson City
- June 10 - Monthly Status Update due to FHWA
- June 15 - House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Report due
- June 15 - Additional reporting guidance due from OMB
- June 17 - Maintenance of Effort Report due to USDOT
- June 20 - Employment Summary due to FHWA

*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>.*