



# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Weekly Briefing

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## Events and News

- The Federal Highway Administration reports that half of the \$26.8 billion in economic recovery highway funds have now been obligated – with 39 states (including Missouri) having achieved the goal of obligating half of their highway program funding, three weeks ahead of the June 30 deadline. (AASHTO Journal) In a statement earlier this month, FHWA was confident that all 50 states would adhere to the deadline. This would make a redistribution scenario unlikely.
- The first statewide Local Public Agency (LPA) meeting was held June 10 in Jefferson City. Topics included a complete “cradle-to-grave” synopsis of the project delivery process, required reporting for use of Recovery Act funds and a Question & Answer session with a panel of MoDOT and FHWA subject experts. In addition to the LPA representatives, the 200 attendees included officials from FHWA, MoDOT Central Office and all ten districts.
- MoDOT will be submitting two projects for consideration in the TIGER Discretionary Grants program. The first project is for the reconstruction of approximately 30 miles of Interstate 70 using the dedicated truck-lane concept. This innovative project would serve as the national model for the truck-lane concept on a federally approved, four-state, 800-mile “*Corridor of the Future.*” MoDOT’s \$240 million project application will request \$200 million in TIGER Discretionary Grants funds and will include \$40 million (20 percent maximum) in MoDOT Interstate matching funds.

MoDOT will also be partnering with Arkansas for submittal of the Bella Vista Bypass project in Southwest Missouri. While the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department will submit the application, MoDOT will be providing matching funds for the completion of the Missouri portion of the project if TIGER Discretionary Grants funds are secured. MoDOT’s matching funds for this application are already programmed in the STIP as Amendment 3 major project funds.

- MoDOT has obligated 55 percent (\$247 million) of Recovery Act discretionary funds and completed 16 Recovery Act projects.
- The selection is complete for all suballocated and transportation enhancement projects. To date, \$1.6 million in suballocated funds have been obligated.

## Important Dates

- June 15 - Additional reporting guidance due from OMB
- June 17 -50 percent of FAA funds must be awarded
- June 20 - Monthly Employment Summary due to FHWA
- June 23 - FHWA ARRA National Review Team in Jefferson City

***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>.***