



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Weekly Briefing

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Events and News (Note: Due to the short holiday week, the briefing will not be published next week and will resume the following week.)

- Another milestone has been achieved! All of MoDOT's Recovery Act projects planned to be let through July have been obligated and advertised.
- The updated 2010 STIP that includes the remainder of MoDOT's Recovery Act projects will be presented at the July 8 MHTC meeting.
- The FHWA ARRA National Review Team came to Missouri this week to collect information and meet with Central Office staff before going out to visit four Recovery Act projects. After touring the project sites, the team spoke with the RE office in charge of the jobs. The FHWA team will share their findings with us in the near future. All indications are that the visit went well.
- On Monday, the long awaited OMB reporting guidance was distributed. Included were instructions for reporting jobs created and/or retained and the chronology for reporting data. The guidance advises that federal agencies may require additional reporting from recipients (MoDOT) but the additional reporting cannot "exclude or bypass" the reporting to OMB. This will require us to prepare dual reporting to both our federal agencies and OMB.
- MoDOT's Multimodal Operations Division announced this week that FTA has approved a \$1.2 million amendment to our initial Recovery Act rural transit grant bringing in the transit facility projects for Mississippi County Transit in East Prairie, Stoddard County Transit in Dexter and the City of Marshfield. The grant amendment brings MoDOT's percentage of obligated Recovery Act rural transit funds up to 76 percent. Also, the Railroad unit has been working with Union Pacific on the various grant preapplications to file with FRA next week and have a target date to send in the applications on July 1, ahead of the scheduled due date of July 10.
- Yesterday, Vice President Biden and Transportation Secretary LaHood announced that all 55 states and U.S. territories have obligated half of their Recovery Act highways funding ahead of the June 29, 2009 deadline. To date, \$19 billion has been obligated to fund over 5,300 highway and other transportation projects nationwide. Of those, 1,900 projects are already underway.
- Governor Nixon line item vetoed a section in HB 22, which appropriated Federal Budget Stabilization funds for improving highway access to the Missouri State Penitentiary site. The \$12 million for distribution to St. Louis transit providers remained.
- Senate Concurrent Resolution Number 27, which created the Joint Interim Committee on the Oversight of Federal Stimulus and Stabilization Funds, has named their newest members: Senators Brad Lager, Scott Rupp, Eric Schmitt, Jeff Smith and Robin Wright-Jones. Representatives Allen Icet, Sally Faith, Steve Hobbs, Chris Kelly and Roman LeBlanc.



Important Dates

- July 8 – MHTC meeting
- July 10 – Monthly Summary Employment Report due to FHWA
- July 10 – Rail grant applications due to FRA
- July 15 – Transportation Infrastructure Committee Report due
- July 20 – Monthly Project Status Report 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>.