



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Weekly Briefing

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- The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission awarded another 12 Recovery Act projects this week for the amount of \$71.9 million. Effective planning and increased competition in the construction industry resulted in the projects coming in 19.2 percent under budget and saving the state more than \$17 million. This brings the total of all Recovery Act projects awarded thus far to \$272 million.
- To date, MoDOT has expended over \$18.9 million in Recovery Act funds and the awarded bid amounts for all Recovery Act projects are 10.4 percent below programmed estimates.
- The Commission also approved the updated 2010 STIP that includes the remainder of MoDOT's 21 Recovery Act projects.
- Missouri's largest Recovery Act effort underway to date is the New Madrid, Pemiscot I-55 project, a 44-mile long pavement rehabilitation of north and southbound lanes from Route 84 to Scott County. The \$18.4 million project is located in an economically distressed area, which is one of the project selection criteria in the Act to promote jobs and stimulate the economy in these areas.
- The FTA released guidance about some added flexibility that is now being granted to FTA recipients of Recovery Act funds. The recently signed Supplemental Appropriations Act for 2009 includes a provision allowing up to 10 percent of each amount apportioned in the Recovery Act for the urbanized and non-urbanized formula programs to be used for operating assistance. This provision could provide relief to transit agencies that have been required to layoff employees and/or curtail service.
- MoDOT has added Recovery Act measurements to the TRACKER, the publication of departmental performance measures. The metrics track performance in regards to Recovery Act projects, dollars obligated and awarded, dollars awarded as compared to programmed amount and direct jobs created. Multimodal Recovery Act measures are being developed as data and guidance become available.
- As of June 30, MoDOT has begun work on 52 Recovery Act projects and has already completed 24 projects. Construction partners have reported a cumulative total of 60,824 job hours and a total payroll of \$2,150,441 associated with the projects.

Important Dates

- July 20 – Transportation Infrastructure Committee Report due
- July 20 – Monthly Summary Employment Report due to FHWA
- August 5 – MHTC meeting

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>.