



# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Weekly Briefing

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- On Wednesday, the Commission awarded four more Recovery Act projects bringing the total awarded to \$297.8 million. In total, 117 MHTC projects have been awarded and this is 82 percent of the total (143).
- A complete draft application for MoDOT's Interstate-70 Dedicated Truck Lane TIGER Discretionary Grant application will be submitted to MoDOT management next week for review.
- The Multimodal Operations Division - rail section staff met with the Federal Rail Administration - Recovery Act Midwest team in Chicago on Wednesday the 5th to review MoDOT's application for the high-speed rail grant and obtain feedback on their application due August 24 and October 2. The meeting was informative and MoDOT presented its overview and plan for the 11 proposed rail projects. The reception was generally positive and it was made clear that all environmental issues must be addressed for each of the "shovel-ready" projects.
- Currently, there are 34 local agency projects that are underway, either in the PE or construction phase and \$18.4 million (16%) in transportation enhancement (TE) and sub allocated funds have been obligated. In total, there are 118 sub-allocated and TE projects totaling \$112.4 million.
- There are 26 completed MHTC projects and 37 active projects. Obligations to date for MHTC funds are \$374.3 million, which are 71% of the total MHTC funds needing to be obligated by March 2. Expenditures through July 31 are \$36.7 million.
- The Joint Interim Committee On Oversight of Federal Stimulus and Stabilization Funds met on Wednesday in St Louis to discuss issues regarding the states receipt of Recovery Act dollars. The topic of transportation-related grants was limited.

## Important Dates

- August 10 - FHWA Monthly Project Status report due
- August 10 - Maintenance of Effort expenditure report due
- August 20 - FHWA Monthly Employment Summary report due
- August 20 - Congressional Transportation and Infrastructure Committee report due
- August 24 - Application for High Speed Intercity Rail Program Grant due
- September 15 - TIGER grant application due date

***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>.***