



# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Biweekly Briefing

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## News:

- The deadline to obligate projects is fast approaching! March 2, 2010 is the last day for federal obligation of Recovery Act projects. Because of this pending deadline, MoDOT is pushing for all but a few select projects to have bid openings on or before February 5, 2010. This will enable MoDOT staff to reconcile the adjusted obligation amounts and assign any remaining ARRA funds to additional projects prior to the final obligation deadline.

- A new grant opportunity is available to local public agencies. The Energy Efficient Infrastructure ARRA grant is available through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and includes the following project types:

1. Efficient street lighting
2. Lighting controls
3. Traffic signal retrofits to LED
4. Pedestrian signal modules to LED

Information can be found at the following DNR site: <http://dnr.mo.gov/transform/energizemissouri.htm>

- A report was issued by the Office of Inspector General (OIG) on the USDOT's implementation of ARRA. In this report, the OIG emphasizes several vulnerabilities of the DOT. This includes:
  - A reduced reliability on the indirect job estimates provided by the USDOT,
  - Lack of a plan for reviewing\ verifying data at the state division level, and
  - Lack of staff for oversight and administration at the FHWA and division level.

The full report can be found at the following link:

[http://www.oig.dot.gov/StreamFile?file=/data/pdfdocs/Phase2\\_11.30.09\\_w508.pdf](http://www.oig.dot.gov/StreamFile?file=/data/pdfdocs/Phase2_11.30.09_w508.pdf)

**Have a Happy and Safe New Year!**

## Recovery Act Stat Section

MHTC project obligations to date	\$522.35 million (99% of the total \$525 million)
MHTC project awards to date	\$362.9 million (69% of the total \$525 million)
MHTC projects in which work is active	42
MHTC completed projects	93
Sub-allocated and TE project obligations to date	\$103.67 million (92% of the total \$112.5 million)
Highway Recovery Act expenditures to date	\$169.2 million
Aviation expenditures to date	\$3.5 million
Transit Recovery Act obligations to date	\$15.8 million (76% of the total 20.7 million)
Transit expenditures to date	\$12.9 million
Transit budget stabilization expenditures to date	\$6.4 million



### **Important Dates**

- January 6 – MHTC meeting
- January 15– Section 1512 quarterly report due to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
- January 20 – FHWA Employment Summary and Project Status reports due
- January 20 – Transportation and Infrastructure Committee report due

*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>.*