



# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Monthly Briefing

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Missouri Department  
of Transportation

## News:

- In March, the State Auditor's Office completed their annual single audit of MoDOT. This year, the audit included the Section 1512 Recovery Act reporting for all modes. The audit yielded zero findings and was a great illustration of MoDOT teamwork.

## Update:

- Net savings of \$70,220 for ARRA funded transit vehicles provided MoDOT with the opportunity to order an additional two (2) lowered floor accessible mini-vans for Ripley County Transit. These savings are due to lower costs of vehicles obtained via the bidding process.
- In March, U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced that a \$2.4 billion competitive grant initiative was available to states eager to develop high-speed rail corridors across the United States. A project's ability to reduce energy consumption, improve the efficiency of a region's overall transportation network, and generate sustained economic activity are among the selection criteria. Applications for the high-speed rail money were due on April 4, 2011. Missouri's application includes a variety of projects for immediate construction such as new sidings, mainlines, bridges, removal of grade crossings, train cars, upgrades to the Jefferson City Amtrak station and other infrastructure to enable Amtrak trains traveling between St. Louis and Kansas City to travel at greater speeds than they currently do, with greater schedule reliability. A longer-term project request included funding for preliminary design, engineering, and preparation for the building of a true high-speed rail line between St. Louis and Kansas City.

*"This is an exciting opportunity in terms of both transportation and economic development that we will not let go by," Gov. Nixon said. "We will submit an extremely competitive application and work aggressively to turn these funds into new jobs and economic growth here in Missouri."*
- Other Recovery Act rail funds that Missouri has been allocated:
  - \$1.9 million to improve 13 highway-rail at-grade crossings between Sedalia and Kansas City.
  - \$1.4 million to provide preliminary engineering and environmental analysis to design and construct a second main track from Lee's Summit to Pleasant Hill.
  - \$27.7 million for Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail Corridors (pending obligation).
  - \$2.2 million received from redistributed funds for existing rail projects (pending obligation).



The largest Recovery Act project, Route 141 in District 6, is making significant progress. Currently, work continues on the construction of bridges at the Ladue Road interchange as well as grading and paving for mainline Route 141. The team has made significant traffic switches in the past couple of weeks; including those located on Toreador, Woods Mill Road, Olive and Ladue.

*Crews install support steel between the girders that will eventually support the driving surface for the future Route 141.*

- A new summary of the \$712 million in Recovery Act dollars allocated to Missouri, to date, is now available on the MoDOT Recovery Act site (see link) and also included with this month’s brief. <http://www.modot.mo.gov/arra/index.htm>

**Current Recovery Act Statistics :**

**Highway infrastructure, on the job training, ferry boat and forest highway projects:**

Project obligations to date	\$639.2 million (100%)
Project awards to date	\$639.2 million (100%)
Total number of projects	340
Projects in which work is active	64
Completed projects	276 (81%)
Dollar value of completed projects	\$326.8 million (51%)
Expenditures as of March 31, 2011	\$490.1 (76.6%)
Direct jobs reported by contractors (cumulative)	53,226
Job hours associated with direct jobs (cumulative)	2,383,864
Payroll associated with direct jobs (cumulative)	\$81,824,756

**Other modes**

Aviation expenditures to date	\$5.2 million
Transit Recovery Act obligations to date	\$20.7 million (100%)
Transit expenditures to date	\$16.9 million
Budget stabilization expenditures to date	\$13.5 million

**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>.

**Summary of Recovery Act Dollars Allocated or Awarded to the  
Missouri Department of Transportation\***

\*Listing includes funds passed through MoDOT for use by other entities.

**(Update as of April 2011)**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Allocation amount</u>	<u>Applicable Deadlines</u>
Highway and Bridge projects administered by MoDOT	\$524,593,435	50% obligation June 30, 2009 100% obligation March 2, 2010 100% expenditure Sept. 30, 2015
Transportation Enhancement projects administered by MoDOT and local public agencies	\$19,113,660	50% obligation June 30, 2009, 100% obligation March 2, 2010 100% expenditure Sept. 30, 2015
Sub allocated Recovery Act funds through Transportation Management Agencies	\$93,414,889	100% obligation March 2, 2010 100% expenditure Sept. 30, 2015
Ferry Boat Discretionary Grants: 2 projects located in Mississippi and Lewis County	\$1,145,500	100% obligation Sept. 30, 2010
Forest Highway project administered by MoDOT and made available through Federal Lands	\$365,000	100% obligation March 2, 2010 100% expenditure Sept. 30, 2015
(ARRA) On-the-Job Training and Supportive Services (OJT/SS) Program: Columbia and St. Louis	\$335,434	100% obligation Sept. 30, 2009
(ARRA) On-the-Job Training and Supportive Services (OJT/SS) Program: Kansas City	\$240,851	100% obligation October 31, 2010
COBRA Funds: The continuation of coverage that can become available to persons that would otherwise lose their group health coverage.	\$119,998 (expenditures to date)	Reimbursements through FY 2012

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Transit Capital Assistance Formula Funds – Transit vehicle purchases	\$15,648,281	100% obligation March 5, 2010 100% expenditure March 2015
Transit Capital Assistance Formula Funds- Facilities in Mississippi County, Stoddard County and City of Marshfield, OATS Northeast Area Facility in Macon and SMTS Facility in Poplar Bluff.	\$5,050,000	100% obligation March 5, 2010 100% expenditure March 2015
Metro Transit Bi State allocation – Received through appropriation from General Assembly from discretionary Recovery Act Dollars (Budget Stabilization funds)	\$12,000,000 (\$4,000,000 withheld)	These funds appropriated by the General Assembly for FY ending June 30, 2010.
Grants in Aid for Airports Formula funds - airport projects are located in Warrensburg, Sikeston, Cape Girardeau and Washington	\$5,228,983	50% obligation June 15, 2009 100% obligation February 16, 2010
Passenger Rail Funds - Amtrak allocation	\$5,500,000	100% expenditure June 30, 2010.
Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail Corridors and Intercity Passenger Rail Service	\$27,700,000	100% Obligation Sept. 30, 2012 100% Expenditure Sept. 30, 2017
Funds distributed to states for existing rail projects.	\$2,200,000	100% obligation Sept. 30, 2012 100% expenditure Sept. 30, 2017
Missouri Rail Crossing Safety Improvement Projects	\$1,920,000	100% obligation Sept. 30, 2012 100% expenditure Sept. 30, 2017
Preliminary engineering and environmental review for the construction of a second main track between Lee’s Summit and Pleasant Hill.	\$1,418,800	100% obligation Sept. 30, 2012 100% expenditure Sept. 30, 2017
Recovery Act Dollars to the State of Missouri through the Department of Transportation	\$711,994,831	