



Pete K. Rahn, Director

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Dear Planning Partners and Local ARRA Project Sponsors:

On Feb. 17, 2009, President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). This act provides \$788 million for Missouri transportation projects, which includes \$104 million for Local Public Agency (LPA) transportation projects. Now, we have a lot of work ahead to ensure these funds are spent in Missouri and not redistributed to other states.

- By now, most of your ARRA LPA projects have been selected, but what's next? Will you design the project yourself, or will you hire a consultant? How do you properly select a consultant? What forms and reports do you need to submit? What does "federal obligation of funds" mean, and why is it so critical? It's important to know the answers to these and other questions to ensure your project remains eligible for federal funding reimbursement.

We would like to offer our assistance, as you walk through this seemingly daunting process, in helping to ensure that Missouri's local ARRA program is a success. MoDOT will host a statewide ARRA LPA Workshop June 10, 2009, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. The meeting is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. until approximately 4 p.m.

Our work June 10 will focus primarily on the following:

- 1) Complete "cradle-to-grave" synopsis of the project delivery process, which will include presentations by each subject matter expert, focusing on potentially problematic areas;
- 2) Example ARRA project deliveries complete with a step-by-step process flowchart that you can use for planning purposes;
- 3) Discussion of the required reporting for use of ARRA funds; and
- 4) Q&A session with a panel of ARRA experts.

We invite you to attend this informative and essential workshop for local ARRA projects. Together, we can make absolutely certain all of our ARRA projects are successful and ensure all of Missouri's transportation ARRA funds go to work creating jobs for Missourians. Please register your attendance for this meeting with Carol Wieberg at carol.wieberg@modot.mo.gov or 573-526-0993 no later than June 1.

Sincerely,

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