

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) was signed into law on February 17, 2009. ARRA is intended to “jump start” the nation’s economy through a series of government funding spending initiatives that will create jobs. One portion of the bill addresses funding of public infrastructure projects. Projects that receive Recovery Act funding will have a short time frame to go to construction and will be subject to strict reporting requirements for transparency and accountability. Thus, project readiness was a key factor in identification of regional project priorities.

More information on the Recovery Act is available at the federal website at <http://www.recovery.gov/> and recovery information for the state of Arizona can be found at <http://az.gov/recovery/>

Within the PAG region \$34.8 million was made available for “local” jurisdiction projects (Table 1) and \$46.6 million for projects on the state highway system (Table 2). All projects must be located on the federal aid highway system; thus many local streets are not eligible for this funding.

In addition to this roadway funding, the region will receive additional funds for transit projects. The region will receive at least \$16.02 million in transit funds but is eligible and will apply for additional transit funds. Table 3 identifies transit projects for which the region will seek funding.

On a statewide basis, over \$15.6 was set aside for Transportation Enhancement projects. The Transportation Enhancements program was first established by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) in 1991 and continued in subsequent reauthorization bills. Transportation Enhancement (TE) activities are federally funded, community-based projects that expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic and environmental aspects of our transportation infrastructure. These statewide TE funds will be distributed to previously approved TE projects that could be "shovel ready" within the time requirements of the ARRA. Three projects in our region, listed in table 4, will receive ARRA TE funds for a total of \$1.356 million.

Table 1

Local ARRA Projects				
TIP ID#	Sponsor	Project	Total Project Cost (000)	Recovery funds requested (000)
43.03	City of Tucson	Pavement Preservation Package 1	\$5,000	\$5,000

TIP ID#	Sponsor	Project	Total Project Cost (000)	Recovery funds requested (000)
52.09	City of South Tucson	Pavement Preservation	\$1,000	\$1,000
53.09	Pascua Yaqui Tribe	Pavement Preservation	\$500	\$500
54.09	Pima County	Pavement Preservation Package	\$7,469	\$7,469
33.09	Pima County	Deck Repairs - Sabino Canyon Road Bridge @ Tanque Verde Creek	\$1,600	\$600
55.09	Tohono O'odham Nation	Pavement Preservation	\$2,500	\$2,500
56.09	Town of Marana	Pavement Preservation	\$3,700	\$3,700
57.09	Town of Oro Valley	Pavement Preservation	\$3,000	\$3,000
58.09	Town of Sahuarita	Pavement Preservation	\$3,000	\$3,000
60.09	City of Tucson	Pavement Preservation Package 2	\$11,278	\$8,107
				\$34,876

NOTE – Specific project locations within the pavement preservation packages listed above may change if during the planning and design phase of project delivery if it is discovered that significant project issues are associated with the location that would preclude it from meeting the time requirements associated with the ARRA. Specific project updates will be available soon through the PAG website at www.pagnet.org.

Table 2

State Projects				
TIP ID#	Sponsor	Project	Total Project Cost (000)	Recovery funds requested (000)
61.09	ADOT	SR 86 - Brawley Wash Segment – Roadway Widening	\$5,000	\$5,000
878.00	ADOT	I-10: Valencia to I-19 Freeway Management System	\$9,100	\$9,100
62.09	ADOT	I - 10: Cienega Creek to Marsh Station – Reconstruction of traffic Interchange	\$58,000	\$18,000
63.09	ADOT	I-10: Rita to Houghton – Pavement Preservation	\$6,000	\$6,000
45.09	ADOT	SR86: Kinney to La Cholla - Pavement Preservation	\$3,500	\$3,500
46.09	ADOT	SR86: MP73.9 to 77.4 – Safety Improvements	\$3,327	\$3,327
47.09	ADOT	SR86 @ Santa Cruz River - Bridge Deck Rehabilitation	\$200	\$200

48.09	ADOT	I-19 - Sign replacement (MP 0 to MP 63)	\$1,500	\$1,500
				\$46,627

Table 3 – Regional Transit Priorities. ARRA transit funding may come from various program areas (Small Starts, New Starts, 5307, 5309 etc...); thus priorities are not designated for these projects.

Sponsor	Project	Total Project Cost (000)	Recovery funds requested (000)	Project Description	Funding
City of Tucson	Modern Street Car	\$150,000	\$75,000	Construction of a 4-mile modern streetcar line that will provide alternative transportation access to two of the largest employment centers in southern Arizona, linking the University of Arizona to downtown Tucson.	New Starts/Small Starts Secretary's Discretionary Funding 5309 Formula Funding
City of Tucson	Regional Bus Storage and Maintenance Facility	\$30,000	\$30,000	Construction of Regional Bus Storage and Maintenance Facility. Phase I of this project is completed with phase II currently under construction. Recovery funding will allow the entire project to be completed and will create new jobs in the region.	5309 Funding
City of Tucson	Regional Bus Purchase/Replacements (RTA \$2 million for 16 circulators, U of A \$1 million for 3 Cat Tran vehicles, Oro Valley \$200 K for 2 buses and \$26.8 million for Sun Tran replacement buses)	\$30,000	\$30,000	Purchase of new alternate fuel buses for use throughout the regional transit system.	5309 (Bus) Funding
Pima County	5311 Program Transit Vehicles (6)	\$383	\$383	Replacement of aging transit vehicles for Pima County Rural Transit routes.	5311 Rural Bus Funding -

Table 4

Transportation Enhancement Projects				
TIP ID#	Sponsor	Project	Total Project Cost (000)	Recovery funds requested (000)
38.05	Pima County	Hohokam Middle School Bike Lanes & Pathway	\$765	\$575
41.05	City of Tucson	Armory Park/Santa Rita Park Enhancements	\$467	\$267
105.01	City of Tucson	South 4 th Ave. Streetscape Enhancement Project	\$545	\$514



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