

At-a-Glance

During the first year of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, states and transit agencies have produced real jobs and real improvements to the nation's transportation infrastructure.

State departments of transportation have shown that they can get the job done, on time and under budget.

The Facts⁽¹⁾:

- As of December 31, \$26.4 billion, or 77 percent of the \$34.3 billion provided for highways and transit, has been put out to bid on 12,250 projects.
- Within this total, 10,600 projects (totaling \$22.6 billion) are under contract.
- Across the nation, work has begun on 9,240 projects totaling \$20.6 billion—60 percent of the total available highway and transit formula funds.
- Work has been completed on 3,150 projects.
- The Federal Highway Administration reports that as of January 29:
 - 11,100 highway projects have won federal approval to proceed;
 - 7,050 highway projects are under contract or ready to proceed; and
 - 2,140 highway projects are already completed.
- As of February 4, the Federal Transit Administration reported:
 - It had obligated \$7.23 billion of its recovery funding to over 700 projects, nearly 87 percent of available funding.
 - Another 220 project applications, valued at \$1.07 billion were under review. If approved, FTA will have distributed \$8.3 billion to over 920 projects nationwide.
- Bids have come in across the country at 10 to 30 percent under estimates, leading to more work being accomplished.

State Improvements Are Leading to Long-Lasting Results

Based upon the project approvals as of January 7, 2010, Recovery Act investments will:

- Improve, replace or newly construct 1,125 bridges.
- Improve, resurface or widen 21,400 miles of pavement.
- Implement 1,700 miles of safety traffic management projects.
- Build or construct more than 630 miles of bike lanes, sidewalks or environmental mitigation projects.
- Purchase 7,450 buses and construct 1,637 bus shelters.

Real People Are Working Real Jobs

- 280,000 direct, on-project highway and transit jobs have been created or sustained across the country.
- Total employment from these projects, which includes direct, indirect, and induced jobs, reaches almost 890,000 jobs.
- Nearly 70 percent of transportation contractors received recovery work.

(1) Data supplied by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, based on state reporting. Other data from FHWA, FTA, and FRA.