

Re-Allocation of Unobligated ARRA Funds – Policy Options

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On the Agenda for Action

- **The Management Committee & TPC** recommended reprioritizing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Highway project list based on the ability to obligate.

Also discussed that the policy issues related to Local ARRA funds would be discussed further and considered in October.



To Be Discussed

1. Review of timeline and upcoming deadlines
2. Highway ARRA Projects
3. Transit ARRA Projects
4. MPO/Local ARRA Projects
5. Status Report
6. Recommendations



MAG Region

Transportation Infrastructure American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

MAG REGION	FUNDING AMOUNT
Highway - ADOT/State Discretionary	\$129.4 Million
Highway - MAG Sub-Allocation	\$104.6 Million
TOTAL Transit	\$65 Million
TOTAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY	\$299 Million



Timeline of Events

2/17/2009	President Obama signs the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
2/25/2009	MAG Regional Council approves a prioritized list of Highway projects for ARRA funding in cooperation with the State
3/25/2009	Initial Transit and Freeway projects programmed in the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
3/25/2009	MAG Regional Council approves a policy direction for ARRA MPO/Local fund
4/22/2009	Initial Local projects funded with ARRA sub-allocated, are programmed in MAG TIP
May - July	RC approves additional modifications and ARRA Status Reports are completed
11/30/2009	Per RC approval, Obligation Deadline for MAG Sub-allocated ARRA funds
3/2/2010	Per Federal Law, Obligation Deadline for all ARRA Transportation Funds



Highway ARRA



Highway

Please refer to Table in agenda material



- MAG received \$129.4 million to program on State Highways
- MAG Regional Council approved a rank ordered list of 13 projects for Funding = \$194 million.
- Originally programmed 5 projects.
- Due to lower costs, 7 Highway projects in MAG region funded with ARRA (priority order #1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8)
- Due to lower revised cost estimates, awards, and bids, there is currently \$14.690 available to program



Highway – Need to reprioritize projects based on Project Readiness

R.C. Priority Order	Prop. 400 Project	Project Readiness	Project Location	Project Notes
9	Yes	9**	Loop 101: Northern to Grand SB	Project is ready to move forward. Conformity is being assessed.
10	Yes	#	Loop 101: Olive Avenue	This project is still in development. Project readiness needs to be monitored.
11	Yes	#	SR 74: MP 13 - MP 15	This project is still in development. Project readiness needs to be monitored.
12	Yes	9**	I-17: I-10 to Indian School	Project is ready to move forward. Conformity is being assessed.
13	Yes	#	Regionwide - Construct Noise Walls	This project is still in development. Project readiness needs to be monitored.
#	No	9**	Loop 101: 51st Ave to 27th Ave EB	Project is ready to move forward. Conformity is being assessed.
#	Yes	10	SR 87: Four Peaks - Dos S Ranch Road	Recommend as a "catch-all" for all remaining ARRA funds after previous bids are submitted.
#	No-Prop.300 Project	8	99th Ave: I-10 to MC85	This is a carry-over from Prop. 300. Project ready to Obligate.



Highway

- Backup List of Project to be Funded with Available ARRA Funds Based on Project Readiness – Currently Unfunded with ARRA





Transit ARRA



Unobligated Transit ARRA funds



Transit projects are coming in under estimate

- Regional Council approved a list of transit projects for ARRA funding - **No backup list**
- RPTA Committee Process in September & October.
 - September 17, RPTA Board of Directors recommended approval of programming ARRA Transit funds, due to a low cost bid from a Mesa park-and-ride project, to 2 other Mesa park-and-ride projects – **On the Project Change sheet**
- RPTA Committee Process in October will be discussing policy options and direction for programming of unobligated ARRA – Transit funds



MPO/Local ARRA



Anticipated Unobligated MPO/Local ARRA funds

1. Project bids and awards will come in below estimates
2. Projects not meeting the November 30, 2009 obligation deadline set by Regional Council

This detailed discussion and analysis will start tomorrow at TRC and continue through the committees in October



Anticipated Unobligated MPO/Local ARRA funds

Identified Policy Options:

1. Unprogrammed/available MPO/Local ARRA funds remain allocated to the local jurisdiction to be reprogrammed to another project, based on Project Eligibility and Readiness.

2. All unprogrammed/available MPO/Local ARRA funds, go back to the region,
 - a) and Local projects are programmed
 - b) and the funds are used for Highway projects
 - c) and the funds are used for Transit projects

Based on Project Eligibility and Readiness, and additional prioritization policy/direction.



Anticipated Unobligated MPO/Local ARRA funds

Key Factors:

- Eligibility per ARRA/STP Guidance
- Project Readiness to obligate by March 2, 2010
- MAG, ADOT, and FHWA staff working together for Project Readiness.



November 30, 2009 Obligation Deadline for Local ARRA Projects

- **Concern that on November 30, 2009 projects will still be under project development and not obligated.**
 - Yet, relying on the project development status, it's projected that they would obligate by March 2, 2010
- **Management Committee discussed that the policy issues related to Local ARRA funds would be discussed further and considered in October**



September Status Report

Please refer to new material at
your place.



Status Report

- Coordinating information from FHWA, FTA, ADOT, and ADOT-Consultant Teams
- Project Development Status –
✓ = complete
Date = Completed or estimated completion date
- Please review your agency's projects



Questions & Discussion

Possible Action: Recommended reprioritizing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Highway project list based on the ability to obligate.

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