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September 3, 2009

The Honorable Donald J. DeFronzo
CoChairman Transportation Committee
State Senate
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Dear Senator DeFronzo,

I attended the hearing held by the committee on August 19 regarding the status of Connecticut's progress with spending ARRA funds. I would like to thank the committee for being proactive by making sure Connecticut receives and spends its share of the ARRA funds in such a manner that both the state and the industry get the most benefit out of those funds.

Recently, the American Road & Transportation Builders Association released a synopsis of how the states have progressed with spending their share of the funds. As you can see, Connecticut has only paid out \$105,486.62 of its \$302 million total apportionment as of July 31. Although it was commented that the projects take time to gear up, we are obviously very far behind most other states. Massachusetts has paid over \$4 million out of a \$437 million apportionment or nearly 1% while Connecticut has only spent 0.03% of its apportionment. After reviewing the progress of other states, it is clear Connecticut is struggling to get this important program off the ground.

Another concern I had was that a large part of the money is not going to construction costs for these projects. The example cited was The Amtrak over Route One project in Branford, where the project cost \$72 million, yet the contractor's bid was only \$42 million, the rest going to administration and to various other agencies such as police, utilities and Amtrak. It was mentioned that Amtrak would require \$12 million. I do not understand how a program designed to put construction tradesmen to work requires paying \$12 million in a federal grant to a federal agency. How has that helped anybody? If we deduct the \$12 million payment to Amtrak, that means \$ 18 million is needed to administer the project or 42% of the construction cost. That is a huge number. Is this why there have been so few payments to contractors, as the money is being used to administration of these contracts?

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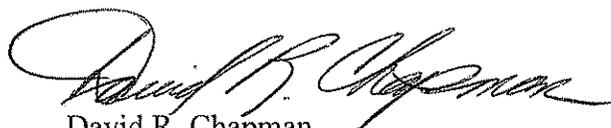
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As was pointed out at the hearings, this program will become a very important part of Connecticut's transportation construction program. Neither time nor dollars can be wasted in this program. Please investigate why Connecticut appears to be so far behind other states in spending and why its administration costs are so high.

Very truly yours,

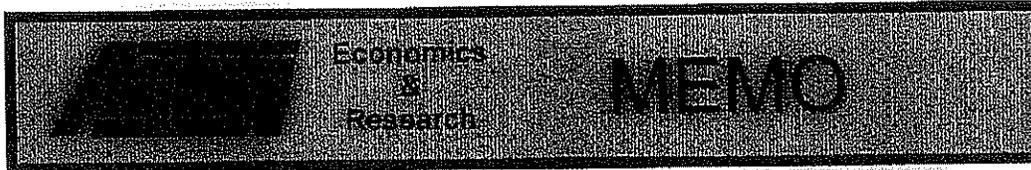
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David R. Chapman".

David R. Chapman
Vice President Engineering

Attachments

c. All Members of the Transportation Committee



ARTBA: The Leading Source of U.S. Transportation Construction Market Research

TO: ARTBA MEMBERS
FROM: WILLIAM BUECHNER, VP, ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH
DATE: JULY 31, 2009
RE: UPDATE ON OBLIGATION OF ARRA HIGHWAY FUNDS

The attached Tables 1 and 2 show obligation and expenditure of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) highway funds as of July 31, 2009, based on data provided to ARTBA by the Federal Highway Administration.

During July, state and local transportation agencies obligated \$1.3 billion of ARRA highway funds for highway or other eligible projects, bringing the total obligated so far to \$17.7 billion. This represents 65.7 percent of the \$26.9 billion of ARRA highway funds apportioned or allocated to date. The following are highlights as of July 31, 2009:

- Maine remains the only state that has obligated 100 percent of its ARRA funds, including all funds that were suballocated to metropolitan areas within the state. Other leading states include Wyoming with 96.3 percent obligated, followed by Utah at 93.8 percent, the District of Columbia at 91.3 percent and Iowa at 91.1 percent. To date, fifteen states have obligated at least 75 percent of their ARRA highway stimulus funds and no state is below 35 percent.
According to the FHWA web site, there are now 2,406 ARRA-financed construction projects underway in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Federal Lands, with more than 400 projects getting underway during July. FHWA has obligated \$7.5 billion for projects currently under construction. This means there are still \$10.2 billion of projects for which funds have been obligated but work has not yet started. Construction on many of these projects should get underway this construction season.
During July, state and local DOTs paid contractors more than \$400 million for construction work performed, bringing outlays of ARRA highway funds to \$676.6 million. Illinois has paid out the largest dollar amount, over \$90 million, while Maine has paid the largest percent of its total ARRA funds, just over 31 percent. As the following chart shows, payments to contractors for construction work performed have been growing rapidly.

Only two states, Hawaii and New Mexico, have not made any payments to contractors to date.

- Eighteen states have obligated \$320.8 million of ARRA highway funds for non-highway investments. This includes \$272.4 million that has been flexed to transit, including \$175 million by the state of New York. Five states (North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Virginia and Washington) have obligated a total of \$48.5 million for freight, passenger rail or port infrastructure projects, as is allowed in the bill.

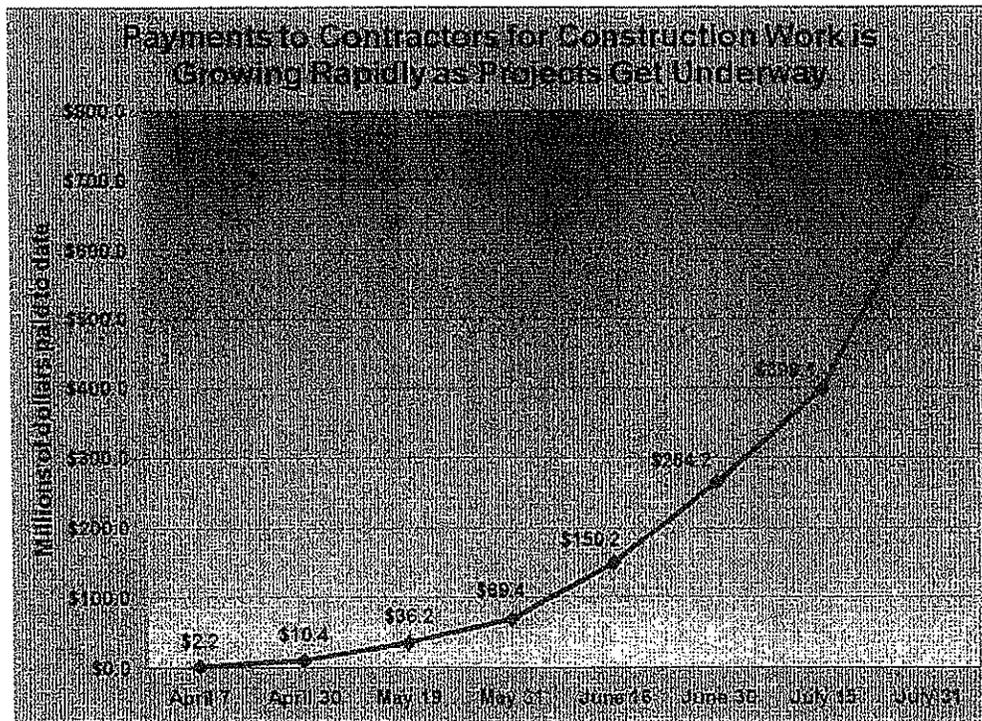


TABLE 1 - OBLIGATION OF ARRA HIGHWAY FUNDS
AS OF JULY 31, 2009

STATE	TOTAL APORPORTIONED	TRANSFERS TO FTA/OTHER	TOTAL AVAILABLE	TOTAL OBLIGATED TO DATE	UNOBLIGATED BALANCE	UNPAID OBLIGATIONS	OUTLAYS TO DATE
ALABAMA	\$16,111,083.00	\$16,111,083.00	\$16,111,083.00	\$348,613,728.10	\$166,197,354.90	\$64,291,815.70	\$738,192.40
ALASKA	\$178,520,994.00	\$178,520,994.00	\$178,520,994.00	\$94,966,124.00	\$85,554,870.00	\$92,168,522.32	\$2,791,561.67
ARIZONA	\$521,958,401.00	\$1,047,362.00	\$520,911,039.00	\$309,669,761.16	\$211,541,237.84	\$107,668,779.65	\$2,301,001.61
ARKANSAS	\$85,189,458.00	\$85,189,458.00	\$85,189,458.00	\$77,088,736.00	\$7,785,722.00	\$15,410,408.00	\$22,688,248.00
CALIFORNIA	\$2,573,176,537.00	\$11,493,195.00	\$2,561,683,342.00	\$1,775,441,939.00	\$786,241,403.00	\$1,722,924.44	\$3,248,814.56
COLORADO	\$404,174,130.00	\$19,600,000.00	\$385,574,130.00	\$268,822,923.00	\$117,051,207.00	\$263,605,677.00	\$4,917,246.00
CONNECTICUT	\$302,053,956.00	\$2,800,000.00	\$299,253,956.00	\$178,752,338.00	\$120,501,618.00	\$178,646,851.38	\$105,486.62
DELAWARE	\$121,828,650.00		\$121,828,650.00	\$64,285,421.55	\$57,543,228.45	\$63,082,237.41	\$1,203,184.14
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	\$123,507,842.00		\$123,507,842.00	\$112,713,551.61	\$10,794,290.39	\$112,550,081.32	\$163,470.29
FLORIDA	\$1,349,735,003.00	\$692,286.00	\$1,349,042,707.00	\$1,105,987,708.00	\$243,054,999.00	\$1,105,986,909.87	\$788.13
GEORGIA	\$892,756,775.00	\$25,000,000.00	\$917,756,775.00	\$526,817,857.46	\$390,938,917.54	\$526,817,857.46	\$5,880.05
HAWAII	\$125,746,380.00		\$125,746,380.00	\$51,950,571.16	\$73,795,808.84	\$51,950,571.16	\$0.00
IDAHO	\$181,934,631.00	\$3,058,000.00	\$178,876,631.00	\$126,622,472.00	\$52,254,159.00	\$125,578,780.13	\$1,043,631.89
ILLINOIS	\$635,582,704.00	\$240,000.00	\$635,342,704.00	\$688,167,362.00	\$246,825,342.00	\$595,124,401.94	\$90,554,921.06
INDIANA	\$657,967,707.00	\$240,000.00	\$657,727,707.00	\$895,173,449.05	\$262,454,277.94	\$575,172,508.95	\$20,050,940.11
IOWA	\$358,162,431.00	\$539,424.00	\$357,623,007.00	\$325,828,131.00	\$31,794,876.00	\$275,848,078.75	\$50,180,052.25
KANSAS	\$348,242,169.00		\$348,242,169.00	\$212,661,200.28	\$135,580,968.72	\$208,397,820.80	\$4,263,379.48
KENTUCKY	\$421,784,991.00		\$421,784,991.00	\$280,922,262.80	\$140,862,728.20	\$270,629,992.90	\$10,292,269.90
LOUISIANA	\$433,016,357.00		\$433,016,357.00	\$237,623,382.08	\$195,392,974.92	\$237,590,475.20	\$32,906.98
MAINE	\$137,552,032.00		\$137,552,032.00	\$130,752,032.00	\$6,800,000.00	\$69,423,256.50	\$41,328,775.50
MARYLAND	\$432,624,777.00		\$432,624,777.00	\$265,267,688.00	\$167,357,089.00	\$268,705,402.00	\$14,562,286.00
MASSACHUSETTS	\$437,665,255.00	\$12,800,000.00	\$424,865,255.00	\$36,061,902.60	\$388,803,352.40	\$181,690,771.70	\$4,161,360.90
MICHIGAN	\$655,519,289.00		\$655,519,289.00	\$475,107,831.77	\$177,411,457.23	\$463,988,179.65	\$14,116,652.42
MINNESOTA	\$605,550,989.00		\$605,550,989.00	\$341,845,728.34	\$263,705,260.66	\$285,820,521.06	\$45,625,257.28
MISSISSIPPI	\$356,269,358.00		\$356,269,358.00	\$289,893,101.00	\$66,376,257.00	\$270,489,584.39	\$20,405,616.61
MISSOURI	\$638,968,056.54		\$638,968,056.54	\$393,130,222.53	\$245,837,834.01	\$356,380,911.74	\$36,749,310.79
MONTANA	\$212,470,571.00		\$212,470,571.00	\$121,364,684.00	\$91,105,887.00	\$117,915,770.56	\$3,448,913.44
NEBRASKA	\$235,589,279.00		\$235,589,279.00	\$154,193,611.00	\$81,395,668.00	\$144,047,515.62	\$10,146,095.38
NEVADA	\$201,352,460.00		\$201,352,460.00	\$102,779,723.76	\$26,660,833.24	\$93,382,414.42	\$9,397,308.34
NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$129,440,556.00		\$129,440,556.00	\$70,477,515.00	\$58,963,041.00	\$70,477,515.00	\$159,635.42
NEW JERSEY	\$651,774,480.00		\$651,774,480.00	\$463,138,645.00	\$188,635,835.00	\$462,987,549.62	\$84,195.16
NEW MEXICO	\$252,644,377.00		\$252,644,377.00	\$157,393,729.04	\$95,250,647.96	\$157,393,729.04	\$0.00
NEW YORK	\$1,127,194,723.00	\$175,466,000.00	\$951,728,723.00	\$748,649,482.96	\$203,079,240.04	\$739,523,998.96	\$9,125,484.00
NORTH CAROLINA	\$735,526,684.00	\$4,954,000.00	\$730,572,684.00	\$413,887,047.00	\$316,685,637.00	\$401,104,330.00	\$12,882,915.00
NORTH DAKOTA	\$170,126,497.00	\$2,980,000.00	\$167,146,497.00	\$90,296,637.13	\$76,849,859.87	\$79,981,388.65	\$10,314,688.28
OHIO	\$936,477,030.00	\$12,500,000.00	\$923,977,030.00	\$453,655,933.44	\$470,321,096.56	\$451,526,040.89	\$2,136,892.55

TABLE 1 - OBLIGATION OF ARRA HIGHWAY FUNDS (Cont.)
AS OF JULY 31, 2009

STATE	TOTAL APPORTIONED	TRANSFERS TO FTA/OTHER	TOTAL AVAILABLE	TOTAL OBLIGATED TO DATE	UNOBLIGATED BALANCE	UNPAID OBLIGATIONS	OUTLAYS TO DATE
OKLAHOMA	\$464,655,225.00		\$464,655,225.00	\$405,028,484.00	\$59,626,741.00	\$348,558,907.67	\$56,469,576.33
OREGON	\$338,006,997.00	\$23,676,713.00	\$314,330,284.00	\$190,239,545.42	\$124,090,738.58	\$179,847,553.74	\$10,391,991.88
PENNSYLVANIA	\$1,026,429,012.00		\$1,026,429,012.00	\$622,296,878.50	\$204,132,133.50	\$604,203,732.42	\$16,093,146.08
RHODE ISLAND	\$137,445,725.00		\$137,445,725.00	\$113,902,987.07	\$23,542,737.93	\$108,455,754.66	\$5,447,212.41
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$465,346,229.00		\$465,346,229.00	\$219,691,566.31	\$245,654,662.69	\$219,667,784.24	\$23,782.07
SOUTH DAKOTA	\$183,027,359.00		\$183,027,359.00	\$92,605,288.85	\$90,422,070.15	\$84,101,870.47	\$28,509,418.38
TENNESSEE	\$576,501,043.00	\$609,000.00	\$576,001,043.00	\$1,213,353,977.00	\$1,036,694,676.00	\$1,064,072,672.06	\$8,333,694.94
TEXAS	\$2,257,215,146.00		\$2,257,215,146.00	\$1,133,066,354.11	\$1,124,148,791.89	\$1,121,347,388.15	\$11,718,980.96
UTAH	\$215,881,395.00		\$215,881,395.00	\$202,391,592.63	\$13,489,802.37	\$186,155,757.82	\$16,235,824.71
VERMONT	\$125,791,291.00		\$125,791,291.00	\$72,212,176.38	\$53,579,114.62	\$51,483,956.77	\$20,728,217.67
VIRGINIA	\$695,660,823.00	\$22,800,000.00	\$672,860,823.00	\$285,186,164.00	\$387,674,659.00	\$285,119,381.00	\$66,783.00
WASHINGTON	\$492,992,337.00	\$1,716,081.00	\$491,276,276.00	\$371,272,866.00	\$120,003,310.00	\$363,054,018.40	\$8,218,947.60
WEST VIRGINIA	\$210,852,204.00		\$210,852,204.00	\$173,294,314.19	\$37,557,889.81	\$158,869,496.19	\$14,424,819.00
WISCONSIN	\$531,307,063.00		\$531,307,063.00	\$352,163,240.02	\$179,143,822.98	\$341,839,829.19	\$10,323,410.83
WYOMING	\$157,616,058.00		\$157,616,058.00	\$151,788,474.00	\$5,827,584.00	\$140,816,126.85	\$10,972,347.15
STATE TOTALS	\$26,732,829,529.54	\$320,841,071.00	\$26,411,988,458.54	\$17,216,556,767.51	\$9,195,431,691.23	\$16,540,803,622.77	\$676,553,144.54
AMERICAN SAMOA	\$4,500,000.00		\$4,500,000.00	\$4,400,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$4,400,000.00	\$0.00
GUAM	\$18,000,000.00		\$18,000,000.00	\$18,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,000,000.00	\$0.00
PUERTO RICO	\$105,000,000.00		\$105,000,000.00	\$81,841,556.17	\$23,158,443.83	\$81,841,556.17	\$0.00
N. MARIANA	\$4,500,000.00		\$4,500,000.00	\$4,500,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,500,000.00	\$0.00
VIRGIN ISLANDS	\$18,000,000.00		\$18,000,000.00	\$10,682,498.36	\$3,307,501.64	\$10,680,356.63	\$12,142.73
CANADA							
FISH & WILDLIFE							
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION							
MILITARY TRAFFIC							
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS	\$1,071,061.00		\$1,071,061.00		\$1,071,061.00		\$0.00
FOREST SERVICE							
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE							
CORPS OF ENGINEERS							
BUREAU OF LAND MGMT							
HEADQUARTERS							
ARMY							
NAVY							
FEDERAL RAILROAD	\$220,000.00		\$220,000.00		\$220,000.00		\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$26,854,120,590.54	\$320,841,071.00	\$26,533,279,519.54	\$17,335,990,827.84	\$9,223,268,697.70	\$16,659,425,534.57	\$676,556,287.27

Source: ARTBA analysis of Federal Highway Administration data

TABLE 2 - PERCENT OF ARRA HIGHWAY FUNDS OBLIGATED
AS OF JULY 31, 2009

STATE	TOTAL APPORTIONED	AMOUNT OBLIGATED AS OF JULY 31, 1	OBLIGATIONS AS PERCENT OF TOTAL APPORTIONED	OUTLAYS AS OF JULY 31	OUTLAYS AS PERCENT OF TOTAL APPORTIONED
ALABAMA	\$513,892,083.00	\$249,613,728.10	48.6%	\$7,391,612.40	1.4%
ALASKA	\$175,461,487.00	\$94,866,124.00	54.1%	\$2,797,881.67	1.6%
ARIZONA	\$521,956,401.00	\$310,417,193.16	59.5%	\$2,301,001.51	0.4%
ARKANSAS	\$51,544,458.00	\$17,009,706.00	33.0%	\$22,888,246.00	65%
CALIFORNIA	\$2,569,568,320.00	\$1,796,941,134.00	69.5%	\$3,224,914.56	0.1%
COLORADO	\$403,924,130.00	\$267,122,923.00	66.1%	\$4,917,246.00	1.2%
CONNECTICUT	\$302,053,956.00	\$181,552,338.00	60.1%	\$105,486.62	0.0%
DELAWARE	\$121,828,650.00	\$64,285,421.55	52.8%	\$1,203,184.14	1.0%
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	\$123,507,842.00	\$112,713,551.61	91.3%	\$163,470.29	0.1%
FLORIDA	\$1,346,735,003.00	\$1,106,680,004.00	82.2%	\$798.13	0.0%
GEORGIA	\$931,585,880.00	\$551,817,857.46	59.2%	\$5,880.05	0.0%
HAWAII	\$125,746,380.00	\$51,950,517.16	41.3%	\$0.00	0.0%
IDAHO	\$181,834,631.00	\$129,678,412.00	71.3%	\$1,043,631.85	0.6%
ILLINOIS	\$935,592,704.00	\$666,097,392.00	71.3%	\$90,554,941.08	9.7%
INDIANA	\$657,967,707.00	\$395,413,449.06	60.1%	\$20,050,940.13	3.0%
IOWA	\$358,162,431.00	\$326,367,555.00	91.1%	\$50,180,052.25	14.0%
KANSAS	\$347,817,167.00	\$212,661,200.28	61.1%	\$4,263,379.48	1.2%
KENTUCKY	\$421,094,991.00	\$260,922,262.80	62.0%	\$10,292,289.90	2.4%
LOUISIANA	\$429,859,427.00	\$237,623,382.08	55.3%	\$32,906.88	0.0%
MAINE	\$139,752,032.00	\$130,752,032.00	100.0%	\$41,328,775.50	31.8%
MARYLAND	\$431,084,777.00	\$283,267,688.00	65.7%	\$14,562,288.00	3.4%
MASSACHUSETTS	\$437,856,255.00	\$198,851,902.60	45.4%	\$4,161,130.80	1.0%
MICHIGAN	\$871,204,834.00	\$478,107,831.77	54.8%	\$14,119,652.12	1.7%
MINNESOTA	\$562,284,177.00	\$341,445,778.34	60.7%	\$45,625,257.29	8.1%
MISSISSIPPI	\$356,289,358.00	\$290,893,101.00	81.6%	\$20,403,516.00	5.7%
MISSOURI	\$637,487,123.00	\$393,130,222.53	61.7%	\$36,749,310.79	5.8%
MONTANA	\$211,793,391.00	\$121,364,684.00	57.3%	\$3,448,913.44	1.6%
NEBRASKA	\$235,589,279.00	\$154,193,611.00	65.5%	\$10,146,095.38	4.3%
NEVADA	\$201,352,460.00	\$70,487,616.00	35.0%	\$159,635.42	0.1%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$129,440,556.00	\$102,779,722.76	79.4%	\$9,397,308.34	7.3%
NEW JERSEY	\$651,774,486.00	\$463,186,545.00	71.1%	\$841,086.18	0.1%
NEW MEXICO	\$262,644,377.00	\$157,393,729.04	60.0%	\$0.00	0.0%
NEW YORK	\$1,120,684,295.00	\$624,115,482.95	55.7%	\$9,125,454.00	0.8%
NORTH CAROLINA	\$735,526,684.00	\$418,921,047.00	57.0%	\$12,882,915.00	1.8%
NORTH DAKOTA	\$170,126,497.00	\$83,276,657.13	48.9%	\$10,314,889.28	6.1%
OHIO	\$935,671,030.00	\$466,165,933.44	49.8%	\$2,136,892.55	0.2%

1 Includes amounts obligated for transit and other eligible investments

TABLE 2 - PERCENT OF ARRA HIGHWAY FUNDS OBLIGATED (Cont.)
AS OF JULY 31, 2009

STATE	TOTAL APPORTIONED	AMOUNT OBLIGATED AS OF JULY 31/1	OBLIGATIONS AS PERCENT OF TOTAL APPORTIONED	OUTLAYS AS OF JULY 31	OUTLAYS AS PERCENT OF TOTAL APPORTIONED
OKLAHOMA	\$464,655,235.00	\$405,028,484.00	87.2%	\$56,469,576.33	12.2%
OREGON	\$338,006,987.00	\$219,16,256.42	63.3%	\$10,391,991.86	3.1%
PENNSYLVANIA	\$1,026,428,012.00	\$822,296,878.50	80.1%	\$18,083,146.08	1.8%
RHODE ISLAND	\$137,445,725.00	\$113,802,967.07	82.9%	\$5,447,212.41	4.0%
SOUTH CAROLINA	466,346,228.00	219,691,566.31	47.2%	000,023,762.07	0.0%
SOUTH DAKOTA	\$188,077,356.00	\$92,605,268.85	50.6%	\$28,503,418.38	15.6%
TENNESSEE	\$576,501,043.00	\$472,836,367.00	82.0%	\$8,323,694.94	1.4%
TEXAS	\$2,257,215,146.00	\$1,193,069,594.11	50.2%	\$11,713,880.96	0.5%
UTAH	\$215,881,395.00	\$202,381,682.63	93.9%	\$16,235,624.71	7.5%
VERMONT	\$125,791,291.00	\$72,212,176.38	57.4%	\$20,726,211.61	16.5%
VIRGINIA	\$685,660,823.00	\$307,986,164.00	44.3%	\$66,783.00	0.0%
WASHINGTON	\$492,982,337.00	\$372,989,027.00	75.7%	\$8,218,947.60	1.7%
WEST VIRGINIA	\$210,852,204.00	\$173,284,314.19	82.2%	\$14,424,819.00	6.8%
WISCONSIN	\$531,307,063.00	\$352,163,240.02	66.3%	\$10,323,410.83	1.9%
WYOMING	\$157,616,058.00	\$151,788,474.00	96.3%	\$10,972,347.15	7.0%
STATE TOTALS	\$26,732,829,529.54	\$17,537,397,898.31	65.6%	\$676,553,134.54	2.5%
AMERICAN SAMOA	\$4,500,000.00	\$4,400,000.00	97.8%	\$0.00	0.0%
GUAM	\$18,000,000.00	\$18,000,000.00	100.0%	\$0.00	0.0%
PUERTO RICO	\$105,000,000.00	\$81,841,556.17	77.9%	\$0.00	0.0%
N MARIANA	\$4,500,000.00	\$4,500,000.00	100.0%	\$0.00	0.0%
VIRGIN ISLANDS	\$18,000,000.00	\$10,692,488.36	59.4%	\$12,142.73	0.1%
CANADA					
FISH & WILDLIFE					
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION					
MILITARY TRAFFIC					
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS	\$1,107,1061.00				
FOREST SERVICE					
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE					
CORPS OF ENGINEERS					
BUREAU OF LAND MGMT					
HEADQUARTERS					
ARMY					
NAVY					
FEDERAL ROAD	\$220,000,000				
GRAND TOTAL	\$26,864,120,550.54	\$17,656,831,892.84	65.7%	\$676,565,287.27	2.5%

Source: ARTBA analysis of Federal Highway Administration data
1 Includes amounts obligated for transit and other eligible investments