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ARRA ACT - Summary

- Signed into Law February 17, 2009
- $787 billion total investment
- $48.1 billion for transportation:
  - $27.5 billion for highways/bridges
  - $8.4 billion for transit
  - $8.0 billion for high speed rail
  - $1.5 billion for Discretionary Grants
  - $1.3 billion for Amtrak

ARRA ACT - Objectives

- Save and create more than 3.5 million jobs over the next two years
- Enact the largest increase in funding of our nation's roads, bridges and mass transit systems since the creation of the national highway system in the 1950s
- Require unprecedented levels of transparency, oversight and accountability

Source: recovery.gov

ARRA ACT - Requirements

- Utilizes existing grant programs
  - Federal Highway Administration
  - Federal Transit Administration
- Maintains existing requirements
  - Title 23
  - Davis Bacon Act
  - DBE
  - Low Bid procurement

ARRA ACT – Requirements Cont.

- Endorsement by RPO's
- Additional reporting requirements

ARRA ACT - Connecticut's Share

- $302 million highway projects:
  - $202 million Highway and Bridge
  - $91 million Sub-allocated to Regions
  - $9 million Enhancement (Pedestrian and Bicycle)
- $153 million Public Transportation
  - $117 million in Transit Capital
  - $32 million in Fixed Guideway Modernization
  - $4 million in Rural Transit

ARRA ACT - Obligations

Definition

The point at which the Federal Government commits to reimburse a grantee for a federally eligible project

ARRA ACT - Requirements

Obligations Requirements

- Federal Highway (DOT Projects)
  - 50% must be obligated within 120 days
  - Remainder must be obligated within a year
- Federal Transit
  - 50% must be obligated within 180 days
  - Remainder must be obligated within a year
- Municipal Projects (Sub allocation)
  - Must be obligated within a year

ARRA ACT - Obligations

Highway Infrastructure	Allocated	Obligated 6/30/2009	Current
State Share	$202,376,147	$173,341,318	$181,620,158
Municipal Sub Alloc.	$90,616,190	$1,952,000	$1,952,000
Enhancements	$9,061,619	$1,810,000	$1,810,000
Total	$ 302,053,958	$ 177,103,318	$ 185,382,158

Highlights

- Over 95% of all State Highway and Transit Dollars will be obligated by Sept 2009

ARRA ACT - Outlays

Highlights

- Nearly 700% Increase in State Highway Outlays since 6/30/09
- Significant Increase in Payments 1st half of Fiscal Year 2010

ARRA ACT - Under Contract

Highway Infrastructure	Under Contract 6/30/2009	Current
State Share	$169,699,798	$172,759,348
Municipal Sub Alloc.	$0	$1,952,000
Enhancements	$0	$0
Total	$ 169,699,798	$ 174,711,348

Highlights

- 85% of all State Highway Monies are under contract

ARRA ACT - Work Begun

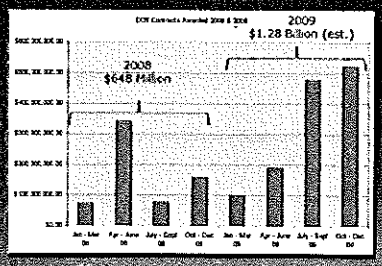
Highway Infrastructure	Work Begun 6/30/2009	Current
State Share	$71,262,967	$162,692,768
Municipal Sub Alloc.	$0	$1,952,000
Enhancements	$0	$900,000
Total	$ 71,262,967	$ 165,744,768

Summary

- 60% of all State Highway funds are under contract and work has begun
- 90% of all state highway funds will be started by the end of this construction season

DOT Contract Awards

ARRA and Non ARRA Contracts 2008 & 2009



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Project Selection

- Projects Identified (late 2008/early2009)
- CTDOT reviews potential projects
- Governor establishes recovery working group (2/11/09)
- ARRA Bill Enacted (2/17/09)
- Focus on system preservation projects throughout the State
- Recovery working group approves highway and bridge projects (3/9/09)
- Recovery working group approves transit and enhancement projects (3/24/09)
- DOT staff works with regional planning organizations (RPO) to identify municipal projects (Spring & Summer 2009)

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ARRA – Transit Program

Summary

- $153 Million Program
- Federal Transit Administration Oversight
- Major Projects
  - Statewide Bus Replacement ($70.9M)
  - Danbury CTC ($30.0M)
  - New Haven Rail Yard ($29.9M)
  - New Haven Station Improvements ($10.0M)
  - Branford SLE Stallon Parking ($5.4M)
- See handout for complete list

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ARRA – Highway Program

Summary

- $202 Million Program
- Federal Highway Administration Oversight
- Major Projects
  - Merritt Parkway Road and Bridge Improvements ($70.8M)
  - Route 1/Amtrak Bridge Reconstruction ($70.6M)
  - Enfield Route 5 Bridge Rehabilitation ($7.0M)
  - Hales Road Bridge (Westport) Rehabilitation ($4.3M)
- See handout for complete list

ARRA – Highway Program

Rt. 1/Amtrak Bridge Reconstruction

- Advertised (2/18)
- Planned four week bid cycle; Contractors requested extensions
- Bid Opening (4/29)
- Contract Award Date to JF White/Empire (6/24)
- Notice to Proceed (8/13)
- Start Date (8/13)

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ARRA- Municipal Program

Summary

- $91 Million Program
- ARRA allocated funds through a federal formula to each of the 15 regional planning organization (RPO) based on population
- Each (RPO) independently selects projects
- See handout for a list of the ARRA (RPO) apportionment

ARRA- Municipal Program

DOT Oversight

- Required by FHWA
- DOT's Project Concept Unit
  - Ensure Eligibility of Project
  - Ensure Municipality Understand Federal Requirements
- DOT's Municipal Engineering Unit
  - Review Completed Design Documents
  - Confirm Federal Requirement have been met

ARRA- Municipal Program

Municipality's Responsibilities

- Understand federal requirements
- Design/Engineer the Project
- Ensure locals funds are available for project;
- Municipality will reimbursed for expenses
- Provide traffic count data
- Perform safety analysis
- Hold a public forum on the project

ARRA- Municipal Program

DOT Outreach to Municipalities

- Early and often
- Initial Outreach began prior to ARRA legislation
  - January 9, 2009
  - February 6, 2009
- Provided written guidance
  - Concerning Municipalities responsibility under ARRA
- DOT Senior Staff met with all 15 RPOs
- Governor Rell established an Ombudsperson

ARRA- Municipal Program

Status of Municipal Program

- 80 to 100 Municipal ARRA projects anticipated
- Approx. 66 jobs currently in design
- One Job has been awarded
- Most but NOT ALL Projects have been identified
- Most ARRA projects will be in construction during 2010

ARRA- Municipal Program

Actions to Advance Municipal Program

- Developed a municipal agreement template
- Increased staff assigned to project concept unit and municipal engineering unit
- Streamlined federal requirement; but could not eliminate them
- Provided written guidelines for paving program
- Established DOT municipal coordinator
- First In; First out review process

ARRA- Municipal Program

Issues

- Unfamiliar with federal requirements
- Varied approach to distributing funds
  - Allocation of funds to Projects vs. Municipalities
- Finding a project that meets the funding level
- Struggled with federal aid requirements

DOT Success Stories

- Success of Bradley main runway project led to ARRA discretionary award for secondary runway rehab
  - $7.5 million
- Danbury CTC
- 80% of State ARRA Highway Projects Underway
- On Track to Award Over $1 Billion of Contracts in the calendar year 2009
- Focused ARRA dollars on critical infrastructure needs
- Ensured Statewide distribution of ARRA funds

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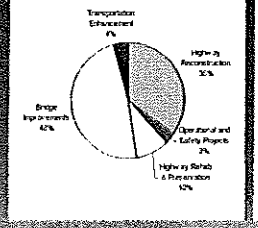
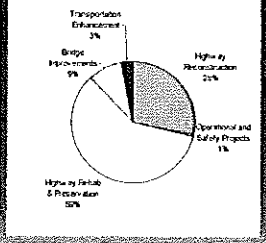
QUESTIONS?

ARRA- Connecticut vs. Maine

State of Connecticut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