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Re: Status of Stimulus Bill Highway Funds

Please visit www.artba.org to view tables showing the obligation and expenditure of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) highway funds as of June 30, 2009, based on data provided to ARTBA by the Federal Highway Administration.

The data in this report shows that most state and local DOT's continue to make good progress toward the goal of using ARRA highway funds quickly to make highway investments and create jobs in the U.S. economy. The bill was passed on February 17, 2009 and funds were apportioned among the states on March 2. As of June 30, 2009:

- Every state met the requirement that 50 percent of the funds apportioned to the state DOT had to be obligated within the first 120 days. No state had to turn back funds to be reallocated to other states.
- Maine has obligated 100 percent of its ARRA funds, including all funds that were suballocated to metropolitan areas within the state. Other leading states include Utah with 91.8 percent obligated, followed by Iowa at 89.1 percent and Wyoming at 88.6 percent. To date, thirteen states have obligated at least 75 percent of their ARRA highway stimulus funds and no state is below 35 percent.
- State and local transportation agencies paid contractors almost $195 million for construction work performed during June, bringing the total to date to $264.1 million. By comparison, the total at the end of May was only $69.3 million, indicating that construction work on ARRA-financed projects is increasing rapidly.
- Fourteen states have obligated $125.3 million of ARRA highway funds for non-highway investments. Twelve states have flexed $79.8 million to transit, and four states (Ohio, Oregon, Virginia and Washington) have obligated $45.5 million for freight, passenger rail or port infrastructure projects, as is allowed in the bill.

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