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# American Recovery & Reinvestment Act

# Discussion

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# Federal Economic Stimulus

- **Short-term objectives**: to create millions of new jobs and to get money back into the pockets of consumers and businesses
- **Long-term objectives:** improve the nation's crumbling roads and bridges and make the country more energy efficient

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# Current Status of Bill

- $790 billion package
  - $49.6 billion for transportation infrastructure
    - $27.5 billion for highways
    - $1.5 billion for a discretionary fund
    - $8.4 billion for transit
- Kansas share = ($300M+ Highways, $27M Transit)
- House and Senate will vote today
- President is expected to sign Monday

# How Highway Funds Will Be Shared

- Kansas receives about $300M +
  - Portion goes to Metro areas
  - Portion goes to small urban and county projects
- KDOT has a list of shovel ready projects totaling $1.3 billion

# How Transit Funds Will Be Shared

- $27M
  - $15M to Urban providers
  - $12M to Rural providers
  - Additional funding may be available to Lawrence and Topeka through the Transit Intensive Cities Funding Stream

# How will state projects be selected?

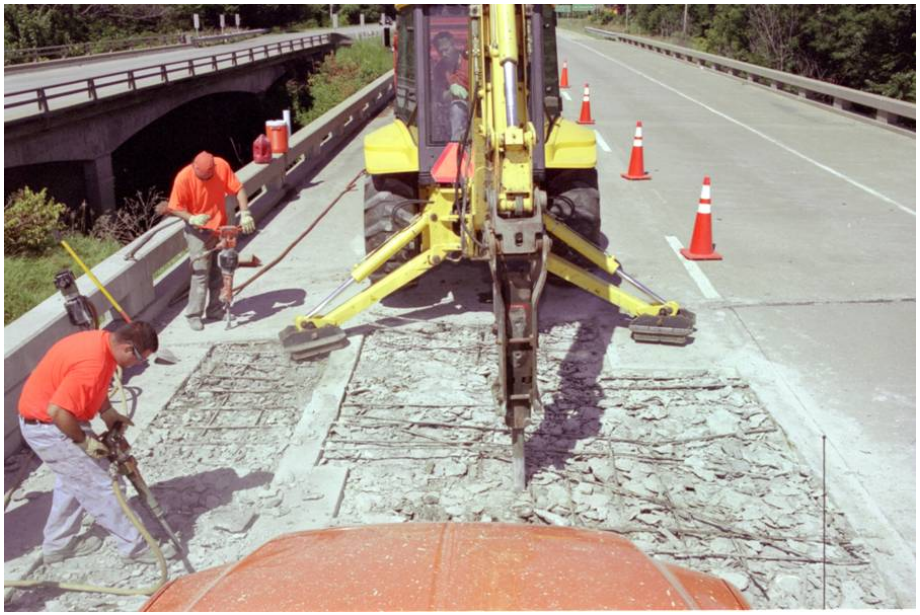
- Governor has appointed the Recovery and Reinvestment Advisory Group, comprised of state agency leaders, to provide oversight and make sure Kansas uses all funds available
- KDOT will propose a set of projects

# Selection Considerations for State Projects

- Must meet federal requirements including schedule
- Must have important transportation need (increasing traffic volumes, bad pavement etc.)
- Must have gone through local consultation
- Other considerations– does this project advance additional work and/or build upon previous investments

# Selection Considerations for Wichita & KC Projects

- Cities/counties submit their projects to MPOs
- MPOs select projects within TMAs



# Selection Criteria for smaller cities/counties projects

- Submit application to KDOT
  - ( preliminary application/guidelines is posted)
- Selection criteria
  - Meets federal requirements
  - Has ability to meet timeframe/additional work rather than already in the pipeline
  - Serves a transportation need and has a safety or economic impact
- State will set deadline for local governments to make sure all the funds get used in Kansas

# Selection Criteria for Transit Projects

- Must be implemented within 180 days
- Must increase/improve services in an area without service OR an underserved area
- Must implement regional coordination efforts, especially those identified in Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plans

# Transportation Enhancements, Aviation & Rail

- 3% set aside for Transportation Enhancements
- Nationwide there is $1 billion available in Aviation grants, which Kansas can apply for
- No rail funding goes directly to the state

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# Moving Forward

- State projects must meet 1st deadline
- Top priority for projects will be those that substantially add to the economy
- Metro areas will select projects with allocated funds
- Call for local projects
  - Preference for projects that increase investment over planned amounts

# Timeframe

- All funds must be used in a year
- 50% of State funds must be obligated in 120 days.
- 50% of transit funds must be obligated in 180 days

# Federal Requirements

- Environmental clearances
- Right of Way
- Consultant Selection
- Advertising Timeframe

# Communication

- KTOC www.ktoc.net
- Ongoing e-mail updates
- Overall ARRA questions
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