

American Recovery  
&  
Reinvestment Act  
*STATUS UPDATE*



# OVERVIEW

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- The ARRA Act
- Project Selection
- Transit Program
- Highway Program
- Municipal Program
- Questions & Answers



# 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](http://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	\$181,520,158
Municipal Sub Alloc.	\$90,616,190	\$1,952,000	\$1,952,000
Enhancements	\$9,061,619	\$1,810,000	\$1,810,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 302,053,956</b>	<b>\$ 177,103,318</b>	<b>\$ 185,282,158</b>

## Highlights

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



# ARRA ACT - Outlays

	3/1/09 to 6/30/09	7/1/09 to 9/30/09		10/1/09 to 12/31/09
		7/1/09 to 7/31/09		
Highway Infrastructure Outlays	\$71,447	\$487,857		
Highway Infrastructure Expected Billings	\$2,544,676		\$14,198,079	\$28,407,687

## Highlights

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



# ARRA ACT - Under Contract

Highway Infrastructure	Under Contract	
	6/30/2009	Current
State Share	\$168,699,798	\$172,759,348
Municipal Sub Alloc.	\$0	\$1,952,000
Enhancements	\$0	\$0
Total	\$ 168,699,798	\$ 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	\$162,892,768
Municipal Sub Alloc.	\$0	\$1,952,000
Enhancements	\$0	\$900,000
Total	\$ 71,262,967	\$ 165,744,768

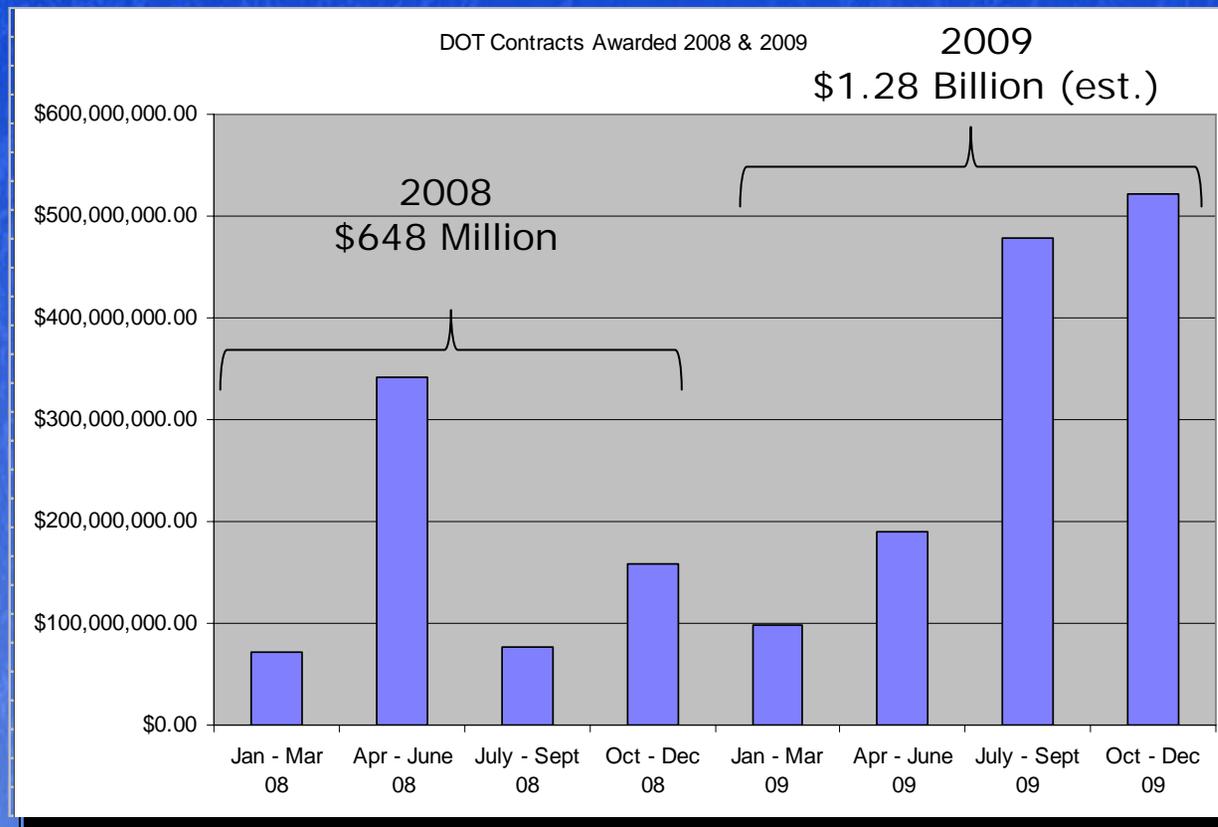
## Summary

- 80% 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 Station 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



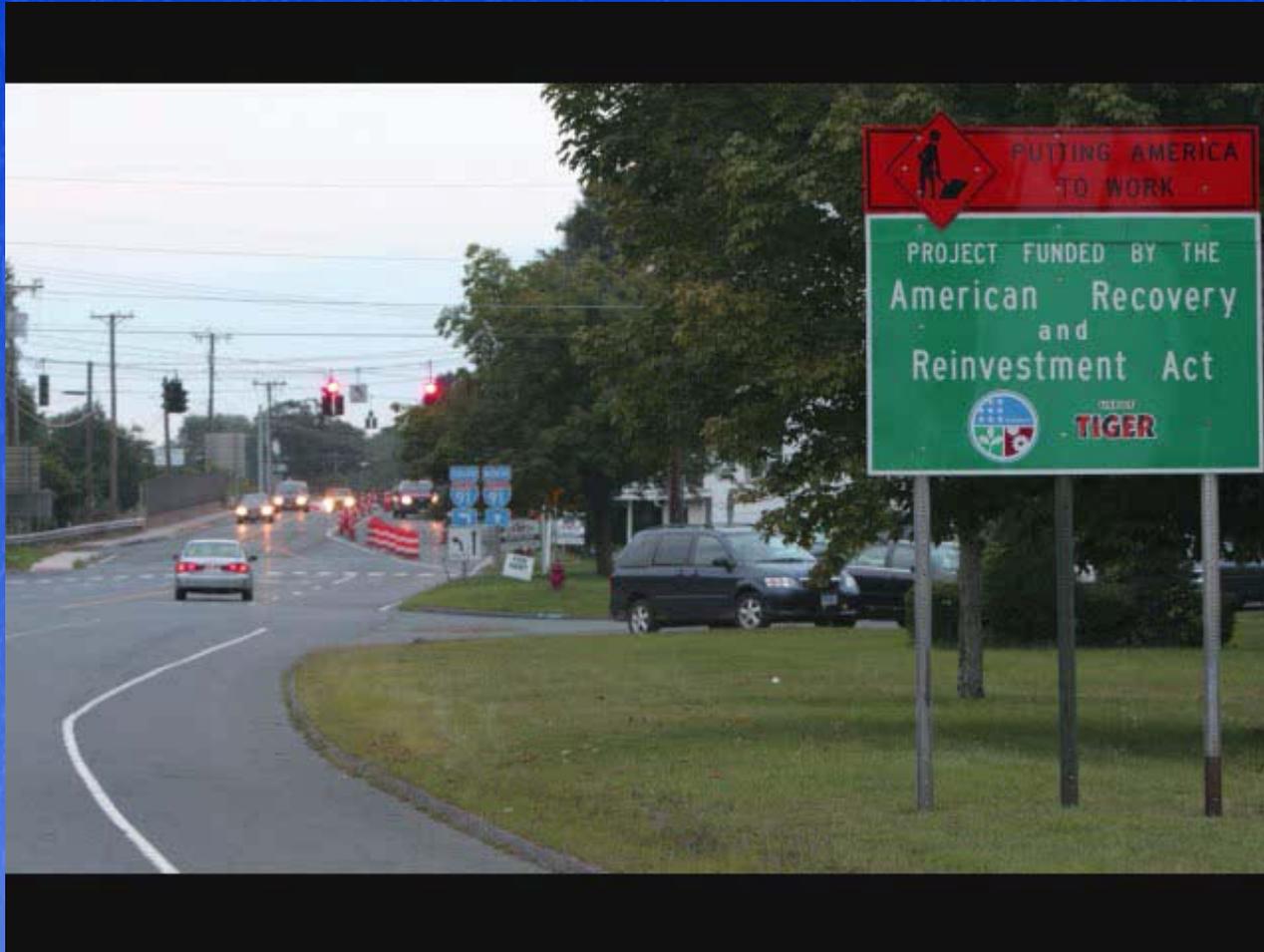
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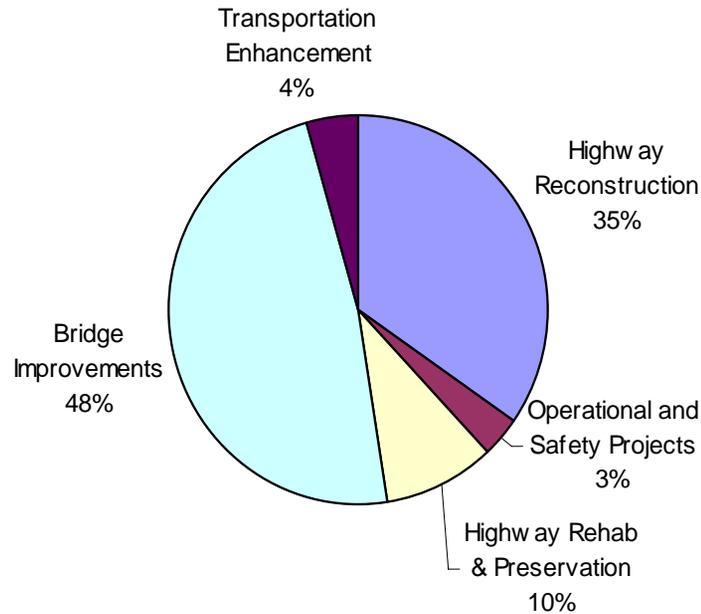


# QUESTIONS?



# ARRA- Connecticut vs. Maine

## State of Connecticut



## State of Maine

