

March 6, 2009

ATTENTION ALL MUNICIPALITIES:

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) will be receiving \$129.4 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to use for highway and bridge projects throughout the state. From the above total, \$14.9 million will be dedicated to municipal projects that are eligible for federal aid, are ready or near ready to start construction, and are in funding programs in the Ten Year Plan, including State Aid Bridge (SAB), State Aid Highway (SAH), and Federal Highway Administration Transportation Enhancement (TE).

The Department has identified municipal projects within the above programs that meet the required federal criteria. A list of these projects that are eligible to be considered for funding can be found on this site. All communities listed received notification because their city or town has a project that is eligible to be considered, however, we do not have sufficient funds for all projects that are eligible for consideration.

These projects could receive ARRA funds for the entire construction portion of the project. The eligible design and right-of-way costs will continue to be funded through their funding programs and will require local match. As shown below, the total value of the projects is greater than the \$14.9 million available; therefore, NHDOT will approve projects for funding **based on the project's readiness and the net benefit to the transportation system**, up until the allotted \$14.9 million is allocated.

SAB Project total: \$25,033,304	Approx. ARRA Funds available: \$9.0mil
SAH Project total: \$ 2,882,000	Approx. ARRA Funds available: \$2.0mil
TE Project total: \$10,923,579	ARRA Funds available: <u>\$3.9mil</u>
	Total ARRA funds: \$14.9mil

Also on this site is a listing of eligibility requirements used for the selection of ARRA projects, a listing of federal requirements that must be incorporated to utilize ARRA funding particularly for SAB and SAH projects (as these projects will now utilize federal funds), and a description of how funds are then distributed to communities.

If you wish to pursue ARRA funding for the project identified in your community, please notify Nancy Mayville in writing or by E-mail of your intent to do so on or before March 20, 2009. With your written notification, please include a schedule that identifies the remaining tasks to be completed and the milestone dates for these tasks, a proposed project advertising date, and an estimated construction completion date.

The Department is holding an informational session on Friday, March 13, 2009, at 2:00 PM in Room 114 at NHDOT headquarters in Concord at 7 Hazen Drive. The purpose of this session is to go over the requirements of receiving ARRA funds and answer any questions you may have. If you have a project that is currently under design, we would encourage that you ask the consultant working on the project to attend with you.

If you have further questions, you can contact Nancy Mayville, Municipal Highways Engineer, at 271-1609 ([Nmayville@dot.state.nh.us](mailto:Nmayville@dot.state.nh.us)) or Bill Watson, Administrator, Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance, at 271-3344 ([Bwatson@dot.state.nh.us](mailto:Bwatson@dot.state.nh.us)). Written correspondence should be sent to:

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