

**AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) UPDATE**

**Background**

The State of Texas continues to obligate ARRA funds as quickly as possible. Statewide \$1.2 billion has been obligated, 53.4% of the total \$2.25 billion allocation for highway and bridge improvements for the State. Currently, \$766 million worth of projects are under contract with 4,696 jobs created and/or maintained.

**Current Situation**

Five highway projects and one enhancement project were let to contract in August. These projects were bid collectively for \$36 million less than the authorized funding amount.

- IH 10 reconstruction IH 45 to US 59 for \$18.1M
- BW 8 direct connectors at US 59N for \$29.6M
- FM 2978 grade separation at UPRR in Tomball for \$6.9M
- IH 10 rest area construction Chambers Co. for \$13.8M
- SH 288 at BW 8 Intersection Improvements for \$636K
- Allen's Landing at Buffalo Bayou Scenic Enhancement \$1.1M

In September, anticipated lettings include:

- FM 3005 Road - San Luis Pass to West End Of Seawall – raise roadway, \$4.3M
- FM 359 - Business 290 to Fort Bend county line – overlay, \$2.2M
- FM 762 @ Smithers Lake - bridge replacement, \$1.3M
- District-wide traffic signal upgrades, \$2.3M
- District-wide bridge maintenance, \$1.4M
- BW 8 @ various locations in Pasadena - turn radius improvements, \$2.6M

**Action Required**

Information only