

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) UPDATE

Background

As previously reported, the State of Texas continues to obligate ARRA funds as quickly as possible. Statewide \$1.2 billion has been obligated with 176 contracts executed and 31 projects completed. Currently, \$1.007 Billion worth of projects are under contract with 5,767 jobs created and/or maintained.

In the Houston region, \$171 million has been obligated in the highway and bridge program. The original transit allocation of \$105 million has been obligated in Federal Transit Administration grants. An additional allocation of \$988,000 for transit (Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Area Transit) was provided by the Texas Transportation Commission at its August 27, 2009 meeting as shown below:

Brazos Transit District: \$463,000
Colorado Valley Transit: \$255,000
Gulf Coast Center: \$270,000

The only aviation related allocation was made to Scholes Airport in Galveston for \$2.0 million for lighting improvements.

Current Situation

Fourteen highway projects and one enhancement project were let to contract in September. These projects were bid collectively within \$10,000 of the authorized funding amount. The larger projects included:

- FM 3005 Road - San Luis Pass to West End Of Seawall – raise roadway, \$3.9M
- FM 359 - Business 290 to Fort Bend county line – overlay, \$2.1M
- FM 762 @ Smithers Lake - bridge replacement - \$1.3M
- District-wide traffic signal upgrades - \$1.9M
- District-wide bridge maintenance - \$1.4M
- BW 8 @ various locations in Pasadena - turn radius improvements - \$2.4M

In October, anticipated lettings include:

- Galveston County on-system highways - concrete repair - \$0.5M
- SH 6 at Glenn Lakes and University Blvds. – upgrade signals - \$1.4M
- FM 1092 at Cartwright Rd. – upgrade signals - \$1.1M
- FM 1764 at Willow St. in Texas City – construct grade separation - \$12.1M

Action Requested

Information only