

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) UPDATE
Roadway and Bridge Program

Current ARRA Projects

The attached tables show the current status of state, MPO and transit ARRA projects in the Houston region. The color coding translates as follows:

- 1) Blue = Let to contract
- 2) Green = Will be obligated by March 1, 2010
- 3) Yellow = Contingency projects for funding as it becomes available.
- 4) Red = Projects that have been removed from ARRA funding consideration

Cost underruns from projects let to contract in December, January and February will be used to obligate remaining contingency projects by September 30, 2010.

ARRA 2

It appears likely that Congress will pass a new jobs creation bill within the next few weeks. No definitive details are known at this time regarding appropriations or stipulations on the use of the funds. However, the Federal Highway Administration has requested that TxDOT and MPOs begin to develop candidate lists for ARRA 2 funding.

Based upon criteria approved by the Transportation Policy Council at its January 2010 meeting, staff has developed a draft listing of candidate projects as shown in the attachment. Staff will continue to work with project sponsors to finalize the candidate list in anticipation of adding the projects to the 2008-2011 TIP as necessary.

Action Requested

For information only