

ARRA Project Status Report

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It's been nearly a year since Montana received an additional \$212,470,571 for highway infrastructure and \$15,611,710 for transit thru the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA). All of Montana's funds have been obligated within the ambitious timeframes of the Act.

Highway Infrastructure Status:

- 100% obligated - \$212,470,571
- Under Contract - \$175,473,337
- Expended - \$61,926,018

Transit Capital Status:

- 100% obligated - \$15,611,710
- Under Contract - \$10,136,224
- Expended - \$ 854,731

Transit Capital Process:

After the ARRA funding plan was approved on August 19, 2009 we developed a strategy to order buses in a timely and efficient manner.

In accordance with the Transit State Management Plan, MDT purchases all Transit vehicles through the MDT procurement process. MDT develops vehicle specifications with input from the local service that will receive the bus. MDT procurement is used to ensure that all state and federal requirements are met.

With ARRA funding, MDT will be purchasing, inspecting and delivering 72 vehicles. A time frame was developed to let bids every two weeks in an effort to accommodate demand on Purchasing and vendors. Thirteen different specs and bids had to be put together to accommodate all of the local requests for various types of buses. Three IFBs had to re-bid due to Buy America waivers and poor quality of the bids.

Thirty one vehicles have been delivered across Montana to date.

Due to the economic downturn Ford Motor company has idled 14 of its manufacturing plants. This has significantly increased the amount of time for delivery to recipients that ordered Ford vehicles including MRTMA, Laurel Transit and Mineral County Pioneer council.

MDT Transit is working with 14 communities to provide facilities or facility upgrades. MDT provided contracts to each community the last week of August. Each community has developed its own timeline for completion of the local project.