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• improve air quality • increase the value of transportation assets.

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TxDOT prepares to fund additional mobility projects

AUSTIN - Due to cost underruns for construction projects, state transportation officials have put together a back-up plan which would add additional mobility projects to the list of those funded through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA).

At its monthly meeting today, the Texas Transportation Commission gave TxDOT staff preliminary approval for additional transportation mobility projects that may be covered under the federally-funded ARRA. These projects will be considered in priority order if funding becomes available as a result of underruns on the previously approved mobility projects. Funds would be spent on projects in the region of the state in which the underruns were generated.

“The savings we have seen so far will help us issue more contracts and put more Texans to work,” said John Barton, TxDOT Assistant Executive Director for Engineering Operations. “With transportation needs like ours, we will take every opportunity we can to keep Texas moving.”

The nation’s current economic conditions and their direct effect on construction contracting and material supplies have caused winning bids to come in at less than anticipated costs, resulting in underruns of the originally obligated ARRA funds.

Texas’ share of road and bridge funds under the ARRA is \$2.25 billion. In March, TxDOT initially approved \$1.2 billion in mobility projects, with amendments made in April and May. Other funds are being spent on maintenance projects, transportation enhancements, or are to be spent by local agencies.

Time is a critical element when selecting and executing construction contracts under the ARRA. States are required to have 100 percent of the funds obligated within one year of receiving the apportionment or the remaining funds will be redistributed to other states.

These projects that are ready to proceed within the time requirements stipulated in the ARRA - environmental, design, and right of way acquisition work completed - have been identified and a list is attached:

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The Texas Department of Transportation

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Region	District	County	HWY	Description	Limits	Const Value	ES Funds Required
North	DAL	Ellis	IH 35E	Reconstruct/widen from 4 to 6 lanes	US 77 South of Waxahachie to US 77 North of Waxahachie	\$152,000,000	\$152,000,000
North	WAC	McLennan	IH 35	Widen 4 lane to 6 lanes	FM 1858 in West to LP 340 in Waco	\$206,300,000	\$199,300,000
North	DAL	Collin	US 380	Widen 2 lane to 4 lanes	Lake Lavon to Farmersville	\$26,876,564	\$26,876,564
North	WAC	Coryell	US 190	Construct relief route	At Copperas Cove	\$55,100,000	\$48,100,000
North	BWD	Lampasas	FM 2657	Copperas Cove relief route connector	From US 190 south 2 miles	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000
North	PAR	Grayson	US 82	Widen 2 lane to 4 lanes	Bethany Rd to US 69	\$9,300,000	\$4,800,000
North	FTW	Tarrant	FM 1187	Construct 2 to 4 Lanes	Newt Patterson to BU 287P	\$11,100,447	\$11,100,447
North	FTW	Tarrant	SH 26	Reconstruct 4 to 6 lanes	Brumlow Road (Grapevine Section) to 0.5 miles south of SH 114	\$16,228,600	\$16,228,600
North	FTW	Tarrant	SH 26	Reconstruct 4 to 6 lanes	Cheek-Sparger Road in Colleyville to Brumlow/Pool in Grapevine	\$33,671,000	\$33,671,000
North	ATL	Panola	SH 149	Construct Interchange	At SH 315	\$18,000,000	\$18,000,000
North	PAR	Grayson	US 75	Reverse existing ramps	At US 82	\$2,100,000	\$450,000
North	DAL	Rockwall	IH 30	Construct new interchange	At new location roadway	\$23,000,000	\$10,000,000
North	TYL	Anderson	US 79	Widen 2 lane to 4 lanes	1.6 miles SW of LP 256 to 0.7 miles W of SH 294	\$39,362,063	\$39,362,063
North	DAL	Rockwall	IH 30	Construct new interchange	At new location roadway	\$23,000,000	\$10,000,000
North	WFS	Cooke	IH 35	Rehab ramp/frontage roads	At US 82	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000
North	FTW	Tarrant	US 287	Construct frontage roads	Walnut Creek Drive to Broad Street in Mansfield	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000
North	FTW	Tarrant	FM 1938	Construct roadway on new location	6 lanes from SH 114 to Dove Road 4 lanes from Dove Road to Randol Mill Road	\$14,661,655	\$14,661,655

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South	PHR	Hidalgo	FM 396	Construct overpass/frontage roads	at Trinity Avenue	\$11,000,000	\$11,000,000
South	PHR	Hidalgo	US 83	Construct overpass	at FM 396 (Bryan Road)	\$10,000,000	\$6,495,238
South	CRP	Nueces	IH 37	Construct frontage road and modify entrance and exit ramps	.25mi East of Carbon Plant Rd to McKinzie Rd	\$12,100,000	\$12,100,000
South	SAT	Bexar	SS 345	Widen roadway for Bus Rapid Transit	Medical Center to Downtown along Fredericksburg Road	\$52,357,379	\$34,357,379
South	YKM	Austin	SH 36	Construct new roadway lanes	0.2 miles south of FM 2187 to FM 949	\$27,000,000	\$19,789,380
South	YKM	Austin	SH 36	Construct new roadway lanes	FM 949 to 0.2 miles north of FM 2429	\$28,000,000	\$28,000,000
South	AUS	Burnet	US 281	Replace bridge	at Colorado River	\$35,000,000	\$35,000,000
South	YKM	Victoria	LP 463	Construct overpass/underpass	0.5 miles west of FM 1315 to 0.6 miles east of FM 1315	\$19,100,000	\$17,300,000
South	SAT	Bexar	IH 10	Construct merge lanes	1 mile north of Huebner Road to south of Huebner Road	\$11,661,744	\$11,661,744
South	SAT	Bexar	IH 10	Construct merge lanes	Loop 1604 to 1 mile north of Huebner Road	\$28,359,830	\$28,359,830
South	SAT	Bexar	MH	Construct roadway on new location	Wurzach Parkway from FM 2696 TO West Avenue	\$32,000,000	\$32,000,000
South	SAT	Bexar	PS	Construct roadway on new location	Wurzach Parkway from Jones-Maltsberger to Wetmore	\$33,000,000	\$33,000,000
South	CRP	Nueces	SH357	Widen roadway	665 to Cuernadaca Street	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000

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West	ELP	El Paso	I 10	New interchange with 4 direct connectors	at Loop 375	\$130,000,000	\$130,000,000
West	AMA	Potter	VA	BNSF RR relocation	On SE 3rd Ave, From Manhattan to Big Texan Rd	\$7,100,000	\$0
West	AMA	Dallam	US 87	Construct new roadway lanes	8.19 miles SE of FM 1879 to FM 1727	\$20,300,000	\$20,300,000
West	SJT	Kimble	FM 2169	Construct new road	Current S terminus of FM 2169 to US 377 In Junction	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
West	ABL	Taylor	I 20	Convert frontage roads to one way	Pine Street to Loop 322 (FR only)	\$10,000,000	\$9,000,000
West	LBB	Lubbock	Slide Rd.	Construct new 6 lane roadway	US 84 to Marshall Street	\$9,650,000	\$9,650,000
West	CHS	King	US 82 / SH 114	Widen to Super 2	Dickens County to 11 miles East	\$4,100,000	\$4,100,000
West	CHS	King	US 82 / SH 114	Widen to Super 2	US 83 E to 6 miles West to King/Knox CL	\$5,400,000	\$5,400,000
West	ODA	Winkler/Ector	SH 302	Widen to Super 2	Kermitt City Limits to Notrees	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
West	ODA	Midland	IH 20	Replace existing underpass	0.5 Mi E of Midkiff Road to 1.0 Mi W of Midkiff	\$21,500,000	\$21,500,000
West	SJT	Tom Green	SL 306	Construct new roadway lanes	US 87 to 2.929 mi n of US 87	\$20,000,000	\$17,414,990

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East	HOU	Montgomery	IH 45	Widen to main lanes to 8 lanes Rebuild 2-lane frontage roads	North of Loop 336 to south of FM 830	\$76,000,000	\$76,000,000
East	BMT	Jefferson	FM 365	Add 2 lanes and left-turn lane	West Port Arthur Rd, east to US 69 in Port Arthur	\$7,456,610	\$7,456,610
East	HOU	Harris	IH10	Construct direct connectors (northbound to eastbound and westbound to southbound)	at SH 99	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000
East	HOU	Harris	IH 10	Rebuild and extend 3 lane frontage roads with bridges at White Oak Bayou	Washington Avenue to Taylor Street	\$88,117,000	\$88,117,000
East	HOU	Harris	SH 146	Construct southbound to westbound direct connector	at SP 330	\$13,000,000	\$11,600,000
East	HOU	Montgomery	IH 45	Widen to 6 main lanes and replace overpasses	South of FM 830 to north of Shepard Hills Road	\$90,000,000	\$90,000,000
East	BMT	Chambers	FM 565	Rebuild and realign roadway	0.305 miles west of FM 5354 to 0.018 miles east of FM 1405	\$2,549,000	\$2,549,000
East	BMT	Jefferson	FM 365	Construct railroad overpass	Jade Avenue east to SP 93	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000
East	HOU	Brazoria	FM 2234	Rebuild and widen from 2 lanes to 4 lanes divided	FM 521 to SH 288	\$24,600,000	\$24,600,000
East	LFK	Houston	LP 304	Construct new roadway lanes	0.17 miles north of SH 7 East to 0.34 miles south of US 287 South	\$4,251,688	\$3,251,688
East	BRY	Brazos	SH 21	Widen roadway	1 mile west of Democrat Road to 0.8 miles east of the Navasota River	\$30,732,811	\$29,832,811
East	HOU	Fort Bend	US 59	Construct overpass/underpass	0.537 miles south of FM 360 to 0.632 miles north of FM 360	\$24,280,000	\$24,280,000
East	HOU	Harris	FM 2978	Construct overpass/underpass	at Union Pacific RR	\$11,506,211	\$11,506,211
East	HOU	Fort Bend	FM 1640	Widen 4 lanes to 6 lanes	FM 2218 to FM 762	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000
East	HOU	Fort Bend	FM 2218	Widen 2 lanes to 4-lane divided	FM 1640 to US 59	\$14,500,000	\$14,500,000
East	HOU	Harris	MH- Hempstea d Rd	Construct 8-lane divided street	Washington/Katy split to I-10	\$16,648,000	\$16,648,000
East	HOU	Harris	EAST END	Improve pedestrian/transit connections		\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000

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East	HOU	Harris	KIRBY	Improve pedestrian/transit connections		\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
East	HOU	Harris	UPTOWN	Improve pedestrian/transit connections		\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000

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