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## **PENNDOT AWARDS TWO TRANSPORTATION STIMULUS PROJECTS IN NORTHEASTERN PA**

**NORTHEASTERN PA** – PennDOT Engineering District 4 today announced the award of the first two transportation projects in northeastern Pennsylvania that are financed with federal funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

“These initial contract awards are a significant milestone as we work to move the region’s 17 economic stimulus transportation projects into construction so they can help stimulate job growth and provide transportation benefits in northeastern Pennsylvania,” said PennDOT District Executive George Roberts.

Roberts said that preparation for construction has already begun on both projects. The remaining 15 projects will move into construction at various times over the next four to five months.

PennDOT awarded an \$808,392 contract to Grace Industries of Bath, Northampton County, for the rehabilitation and improvement of a bridge on Route 3037 (Cadwalder Road) in Cherry Ridge Twp. Wayne County. The contract is for the design and replacement of the superstructure and includes approach roadway work. PennDOT expects this job to be completed this October.

PennDOT also awarded a \$461,582 contract to Kohrs Excavating, Honesdale, Wayne County to repair a section of Route 267 in Choconut Township, Susquehanna County that was damaged in the 2006 flood. The project includes construction of a retaining wall, slope stabilization, paving and pavement markings; it is expected to be completed in November.

Within the six-county region of northeastern Pennsylvania, PennDOT will invest \$72 million of federal economic recovery funds on 17 transportation projects, which include road and bridge improvements and curb ramp replacements.

To learn more about how the federal economic stimulus will benefit Pennsylvania, visit [www.recovery.pa.gov](http://www.recovery.pa.gov).

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