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GOVERNOR RENDELL ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL RECOVERY TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FUNDED WITH LOW BID SAVINGS

HARRISBURG – Governor Edward G. Rendell today announced the addition of 52 projects to Pennsylvania's list of highway and bridge improvements that are being funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

“The combination of competition in the marketplace and the easing of costs for materials has produced bids that have been, on average, 11 percent below estimates,” Governor Rendell said. “This means we can stretch these critically needed recovery dollars even further and reach even more areas of Pennsylvania.”

The Governor certified the additional projects in a letter to U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. The ARRA requires governors to certify recovery projects before funding is released.

“Pennsylvania has made and will continue to make good use of these funds to tackle backlogs in both bridge and pavement maintenance on our system,” Governor Rendell wrote. “In addition to helping the state and local municipalities advance their maintenance agenda, the ARRA money will mean job preservation and creation across Pennsylvania. With rising unemployment, Pennsylvania welcomes this financial infusion that has already made a difference for our citizens.”

Pennsylvania's allocation of \$1.026 billion for highway and bridge projects remains unchanged. As of July 24, PennDOT had told contractors to begin work on 178 of the ARRA projects, worth \$420 million. In June, contractors reported their ARRA work had created or sustained 1,930 jobs.

The Governor also noted that PennDOT has adjusted funding for four ARRA projects. The Governor praised the Pennsylvania Division Office of the Federal Highway Administration for its help to the state in navigating changing ARRA procedures and reporting requirements and thanked the Obama administration and Congress for making the economic recovery funds available.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The list of new and adjusted projects is below:

Allegheny County

- Liberty Tunnel rehabilitation, Phase 2, \$15.5 million (adjusted)
- State Route 28 widening preparation, \$32.8 million (adjusted)
- State Route 910 restoration, (State Route 28 to Saxonburg Boulevard), \$894,773

Bedford County

- Woy Bridge Road Bridge rehabilitation, State Route 1010, West Providence Township, \$2.2 million

Berks County

- Lancaster Avenue, State Route 3222, restoration, from Route 724, Philadelphia Avenue, in Cumru Township, to Bingaman Street, Reading, \$2.5 million

Bradford County

- State Route 187 bridge over the Susquehanna River at Wysox, bridge painting, \$1.3 million

Bucks County

- New Hope Cultural Canal Walk construction, New Hope, \$250,000

Centre County

- Old U.S. Route 220 (State Route 3040) resurfacing and rehab of seven structures, from the Blair-Centre county line to near the Port Matilda intersection in Taylor and Worth townships, \$2 million

Chester County

- New sidewalks in Tredyffrin Township, \$2.8 million
- U.S. Route 202 repaving between Stanton Avenue and the State Route 100 bypass, \$4.7 million

Clarion County

- U.S. Route 322 ADA curb ramps in Clarion, \$322,000

Crawford County

- State Route 77 resurfacing, from Woodstock Township line to half mile northeast of Guy Street in Blooming Valley borough, \$924,579

Cumberland County

- U.S. Route 11, Carlisle Pike resurfacing between State Route 581 and Salem Church Road in Hampden Township, \$1.7 million
- State Route 641 resurfacing, from U.S. Route 11 to State Route 465 in North Middletown Township, \$803,000
- State Route 74 resurfacing, between State Route 641 and Forge Road (State Route 2003) in Carlisle and South Middletown Township, \$800,000

Dauphin County

- Harrisburg streets resurfacing, \$2.1 million

Delaware County

- Resurfacing of Valley Road in Edgemont Township, \$200,000

Elk County

- U.S. Route 219 resurfacing and bridge preservation between Johnsonburg and the U.S. Route 322 junction in Wilcox, \$1.9 million

Erie County

- State Route 5, Lake Road resurfacing, from Iroquois Avenue to Cowell Drive in Harborcreek and Lawrence Park townships, \$798,000
- State Route 290, Bayfront Connector, resurfacing, curb ramps and updated signals between Interstate 90 and Station Road in Harborcreek Township., \$1.5 million
- State Street enhancements from the Bayfront Parkway to south of Dobbins Landing Tower in Erie, \$900,000

Forest County

- State Route 666 restoration between Kelletville and Kingsley Township, \$225,602

Franklin County

- U.S. Route 11 bridge preservation over Interstate 81 in Antrim Township, \$851,000
- State Route 433, Rowe Run Bridge in Southampton Township, rehabilitation, \$651,000

Huntingdon County

- U.S. Route 522 bridge rehabilitation, over Pump Station Road, Aughwick Creek and East Broad Top Railroad in Shirley Township, \$1.5 million

Indiana County

- U.S. Route 422, Indiana bypass, restoration, from State Route 286 to Lions Health Camp Road (State Route 4004) in Center, Armstrong and White townships, \$4.9 million
- State Route 403 bridge replacement, over Dixon Run and Two Lick Creek in Clymer, \$7.7 million

Jefferson County

- State Route 28 ADA curb ramps in Brockway, \$445,000
- State Route 436 resurfacing and curb ramps, from State Route 36 in Punxsutawney to U.S. Route 119 in Young Township, \$450,000

Lackawanna County

- Greenridge Street resurfacing (State Route 6011) from Main Avenue in Scranton to Blakely Street in Dunmore, \$1.4 million

Lancaster County

- U.S. Route 30 resurfacing, from State Route 896 to State Route 897 in East Lampeter, Leacock, Paradise and Salisbury townships, \$5.2 million

Lawrence County

- State Route 60 re-designation to Interstate status, including interchange upgrades and additional lanes and sign improvements, from the Beaver County line to the Mercer County line, \$13.1 million

Lehigh County

- Bethlehem street resurfacing and curb ramps on Broad Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, \$1.5 million
- Fairmount Avenue resurfacing and curb ramps, from MacArthur Road to Fullerton Avenue in Whitehall Township, \$900,000
- Hanover Avenue resurfacing and curb ramps, from the Lehigh River Bridge to Irving Street in Allentown, \$2.5 million

Lycoming County

- State Route 44 resurfacing, from Allegheny Street to U.S. Route 220 in Porter Township and Jersey Shore, \$175,000
- State Route 3028 resurfacing from Thomas to Main Street in Jersey Shore and Porter Township, \$419,136

Mercer County

- Lamor Road (State Route 3020) widening and curb improvements between Valley View Drive and Keel Ridge Road in Hermitage, \$700,000
- U.S. Route 322 resurfacing, from Vosler Road to Hilltop road in French Creek Township, \$575,000

Mifflin County

- Electric Avenue (State Route 1005) improvements from the U.S. Route 22 westbound on-ramp to the State Route 1005 Bucks Run Bridge in Derry Township and Burnham, \$1.4 million

Monroe County

- Interstate 80 Westbound improvements, from State Route 115 to Interstate 380, \$11.7 million

- ADA curb ramps in Coolbaugh, Middle Smithfield, Pocono, Smithfield and Stroud townships and East Stroudsburg and Stroudsburg, \$450,000

Montgomery County

- Interstate 476 reconstruction, \$3.5 million (adjusted)
- Traffic signal upgrades at 33 intersections in 11 municipalities, \$4.2 million

Northampton County

- Eighth Street Bridge over State Route 33, preservation, Plainfield Township, \$200,000
- ADA curb ramps in Bethlehem, Palmer, Lower Saucon, Upper Nazareth and Washington townships, Bath, Bangor, Freemansburg, Hellertown, Roseto, West Easton, Wilson, Wind Gap, Bethlehem and Easton, \$1.6 million

Northumberland County

- Snyderstown Road resurfacing, from Zimmermans Hollow Road to State Route 487, \$1.6 million

Philadelphia

- Street resurfacing, \$5 million
- Gustine Lake bridges (near City Avenue and the Schuylkill Expressway interchange), \$9.9 million

Pike County

- State Route 739 resurfacing, between Milford Road and Log Tavern Road, in Delaware and Dingman townships, \$1.4 million

Schuylkill County

- Interstate 81 restoration, between the Luzerne County line and the State Route 54 interchange in Mahanoy Township, \$18.5 million
- State Route 54 resurfacing, from near Coles Street in Mahanoy Township to the Ryan Township line, \$2.8 million
- ADA ramps, in Blythe, Branch, North Manheim, Reilly and Wayne townships, and Cressona, Frackville, Gilbertown, Girardville, New Philadelphia, Orwigsburg, Port Carbon, Schuylkill Haven, Shenandoah, Tamaqua and Pottsville, \$136,417

Susquehanna County

- Laurel Lake Road resurfacing, from Wilkes Barre Turnpike to State Route 29 in Silver Lake and Liberty townships, \$530,000

Washington County

- Interstate 79 concrete patching, from Canonsburg to the Allegheny County line and improvements to the I-70/I-79 north junction, \$16.9 million (adjusted)

York County

- U.S. Route 15 resurfacing, from Golf Course Road to the Cumberland County line in Carroll Township and Dillsburg, \$3.6 million