

WVDOH Methodology to Allocation of Funds American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009

When planning the list of highways projects to be completed with funds from the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009, Congress gave specific direction for expenditures. The directive from Congress was to invest in transportation and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits through projects that could be “shovel ready” within 120 days of enactment and are federal-aid eligible projects. In West Virginia, approximately 30% of the road system is eligible for federal aid funding, thus narrowing the list of potential projects eligible for the economic recovery funding.

The West Virginia Division of Highways’ approach was to provide a balance of funds among the State’s three Congressional districts as reasonably possible while identifying projects that could meet the above criteria and timeframe. The majority of these projects are federal-aid system preservation projects. The system preservation projects selected were maintenance type projects including bridge replacements, bridge cleaning and painting projects, slide repairs, pavement resurfacing, and safety projects.

The allocation of the funds across the three Congressional Districts was based on the following general guidelines:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Methodology</u>
Slides, Safety	Federal aid mileage in each Congressional District
Bridge LMC Overlays	Bridge square feet of deck area in each Congressional District
Bridge Clean and Paint	Bridge square feet of deck area in each Congressional District
Bridge Replacement	Bridge square feet of deck area in each Congressional District
Resurfacing – Interstate	Interstate mileage in each Congressional District
Resurfacing – APD	APD mileage in each Congressional District
Resurfacing – Other	Other federal aid route resurfacing based federal aid mileage in each Congressional District
Corridor Expansion	At least one project per Congressional District; Balancing of total costs across all Congressional Districts

The projects selected can begin immediately. These projects followed the public involvement process of the amendment to the WVDOH 2009-2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). The STIP is available at www.wvdot.com including the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) process in the urbanized areas of the State. Citizens may follow their progress at www.recovery.gov.