

Milwaukee Urbanized Area ARRA Surface Transportation Program Funding (\$38.7 million) Distribution

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This report provides details on the decision that was made at the May 6, 2009 Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) meeting of the Milwaukee Urbanized Area (MUA) committee (members are listed on the following page of this document). The May 6th meeting was the second meeting that was held to discuss and decide how \$38.7 million in ARRA Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds would be distributed for arterial street and bridge projects throughout the Milwaukee urbanized area. The Milwaukee Urbanized area consists of all Milwaukee county, the majority of Waukesha county, and parts of Washington and Ozaukee counties. Approximately \$213 million of eligible projects were submitted for funding within the MUA.

At the first meeting of the MUA committee on April 30, 2009, the majority of the discussion was on the criteria for use of the ARRA STP funds and how projects within Economically Distressed Areas (EDA) might be given greater weight in project selection. Typically STP funds are distributed to each community by proportions equal to the percentage of arterial lane miles in each community. Under this scenario, the City of Milwaukee typically receives 27% of the STP funds. The City of Milwaukee offered two possible ways to distribute the funds with EDA factored in by Adjusted Gross Income per capita or Equalized Property Value per capita. While there was not strong enough support for using the two suggested options, there was an agreement that EDAs needed to be accommodated in some way. As a result of that discussion, it was agreed that SEWRPC would prepare a couple of options on how EDAs could be factored into the funding distribution formula.

At the May 6th meeting, SEWRPC presented a recommended option that created a factor to the typical STP lane mile distribution formula that considered the proportion of population and land area in areas of economic distress. The recommendation, although different from the City of Milwaukee's two suggested options, closely resulted in a similar distribution of the funds. SEWRPC's recommendation was approved overwhelmingly by a 15 to 4 vote. This recommended distribution option resulted in the City of Milwaukee receiving \$15.2 million, Milwaukee County receiving \$6 million, and Milwaukee County as a whole receiving \$26 million total.

The City of Milwaukee is evaluating which projects best fit within the allocation. The \$15.2 million should allow the City's Department of Public Works to complete the following projects:

- W. State St. (N. 27th St. to N. 17th St.) - 2009 construction start
- W. Lisbon Av. (N. Sherman Blvd. to Soo Line RR) - 2009 construction start
- W. Oklahoma Av. (S. 72nd St. to S. 60th St.) - 2009 construction start
- S. Cesar Chavez Drive (W. Greenfield Ave. to W. Pierce St.) - 2010 construction start
- N. Sherman Blvd. Bridge (over W. Silver Spring Dr.) - 2010 construction start
- N. Sherman Blvd. (W. Silver Spring Dr. to W. Florist Ave.) - 2010 construction start
- W. Vliet St. Bridge (over Canadian Pacific RR) - 2010 construction start
- S. 6th St. Bridge (over Kinnickinnic River) - 2010 construction start
- E/W Keefe Av. (N. Port Washington Ave. to N. Humboldt Dr.) - 2010 construction start
- S. 1st St. (E. Lincoln Ave. to S. Kinnickinnic Ave.) - 2010 construction start

Of the \$6 million that would be distributed to Milwaukee County, \$3.6 million would be allocated to a County project located within the City of Milwaukee (Mill Rd from N. 84th St. to N. 56th St.). This results in nearly \$19 million (49%) of the \$38.7 million being spent within the City of Milwaukee.

Finally, since not all communities submitted projects or some communities submitted projects that were too large to be completed with their allocation it was recommended that the resulting unused funds be distributed for projects that could be started in 2009 and to other county or municipal projects that couldn't fit into a specific allocation of a smaller community. This resulted in Milwaukee County receiving \$2 million for an additional project (possibly College Av. between Pennsylvania Av. to Packard Av.).

If you have any questions regarding the ARRA STP funding please feel free to contact:

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Intergovernmental Coordinating and Advisory Committee on Transportation System Planning and Programming for the Milwaukee Urbanized Area

This committee is responsible for compiling a transportation improvement program (TIP) every two years which lists the transportation projects proposed to be undertaken over the next four years by local governments and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, and reviews the projects for consistency with the regional transportation plan.

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NOTE: There is one vacancy that will soon be filled. Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett will soon appoint another representative. The City of Milwaukee has the authority to appoint a total of 5 members.

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