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First Recovery Funds Awarded for State Road Improvements

(Lincoln, Neb.) Gov. Dave Heineman today announced the distribution of more than \$25 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding for upgrades to state highways. The seven projects are the first in a series of roads projects to be awarded ARRA funding.

The first phase of improvements includes:

Project Location	Counties	Contractor	Contract Amount
N-50, Syracuse North	Cass, Otoe	U.S. Asphalt Co.	\$4,777,516
S18B, Edgar Spur	Clay	Vontz Paving, Inc.	\$1,735,839
I-80, Lexington – Overton	Dawson	Werner Construction, Inc.	\$6,491,623
US-136, East of Gilead	Jefferson	Werner Construction, Inc.	\$2,827,034
I-80, Maxwell Interchange	Lincoln	Paulsen, Inc.	\$1,277,231
US-136, Gilead East & West	Thayer	Werner Construction, Inc.	\$1,619,701
US-83, Thedford Viaduct	Thomas	Ames Construction, Inc.	\$6,954,805

In addition, the Governor announced the next series of contracts to be put out for bid by the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR). Bid letting is scheduled for April 16, with contracts to be awarded soon after.

Included are improvements to 11 projects connected to the state highway system and one local project. Information on projects and any changes will be available on the NDOR website, <http://www.transportation.nebraska.gov>

Second-phase projects include:

Project Location	Counties	Improvement Work
<i>State Highway System –</i>		
US-6, Hastings West intersection	Adams	Resurface, repair 1 bridge, reconstruct
I-80, Sidney – Chappell	Cheyenne & Deuel	Repair pavement
N-91, Leigh East	Colfax	Resurfacing
US-385, Hemingford North	Dawes	Resurfacing
I-80, Darr Interchange	Dawson	Repair bridge and approaches
I-80, Chappell – Oshkosh	Deuel	Resurfacing
N-116, Concord Southwest	Dixon	Repair 1 bridge, replace 1 bridge
N-91, Leigh West	Platte	Resurfacing
N-70, Arcadia West, Middle Loup Bridge	Valley	Replace bridge
N-15, Fairbury South Bridges	Jefferson	Replace 2 bridges
US-136, Beatrice West	Gage	Resurfacing
<i>Local System –</i>		
County Road, O’Neill East	Holt	Replace box culvert

Total ARRA funding for roads in Nebraska is expected to total \$235.6 million, with the State receiving \$157.8 million. NDOR will release additional projects for bid every 30 days until all state roads funds are obligated.

In addition to state roads funding, the city of Omaha will receive \$23.2 million and the city of Lincoln \$9.4 million. First class cities will receive a total \$29.2 million, counties will receive \$9 million, and trails and historical preservation projects will receive \$7 million. NDOR is working with city and county officials, the League of Nebraska Municipalities and the Nebraska Association of County Officials to prioritize local road improvement projects.

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