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Additional Recovery Funds Awarded for State Road Improvements

(Lincoln, Neb.) Gov. Dave Heineman today announced the distribution of more than \$28 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds for upgrades to state highways. The 10 projects are the second group to be awarded ARRA funding in Nebraska.

The second phase of improvements includes:

Project Location	County	Contractor	Contract Amount
US-6, Hastings West	Adams	Vontz Paving	\$3,599,832
N-91, Leigh East	Colfax	Knife River Midwest	\$2,326,024
US-385, Hemingford North	Dawes	Werner Construction	\$3,082,922
I-80, Darr Interchange	Dawson	Paulsen, Inc.	\$1,039,544
I-80, Chappell – Oshkosh	Deuel	Western Engineering Company	\$6,773,436
N-116, Concord Southwest	Dixon	A & R Construction	\$361,799
N-91, Leigh West	Platte	Knife River Midwest	\$3,636,218
N-70, Arcadia West Middle Loup Bridge	Valley	Simon Contractors & Subsidiaries	\$1,667,006
N-15, Fairbury South Bridges	Jefferson	Hawkins Construction	\$2,879,777
US-136, Beatrice West	Gage	Werner Construction	\$3,240,349

The I-80 Sidney – Chappell project in Cheyenne and Deuel Counties requires further review and will delay or may change the award.

A local project east of O'Neill in Holt County was withdrawn after a review determined additional information was needed to satisfy federal requirements. Bids for this round of projects came in approximately 10 percent below construction estimates.

In addition, the next series of ARRA-related projects to be offered for contract bids by NDOR are being announced. Bid letting is scheduled for May 21, with contracts to be awarded within 30 days for the six highway improvement projects. Information on these and other projects is available on the NDOR website, <http://www.transportation.nebraska.gov>.

The third round of projects includes:

<u>Project Location</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Improvement Work</u>
US-30, In Kearney	Buffalo	Reconstruct 4-lane urban section
N-35, Hubbard North & South	Dakota	Replace 2 bridges, rehabilitate 1 bridge
I-80, Wood River – Grand Island	Hall	Mill, inlay
US-34, Grand Island South	Hall	Resurface & repair 2 bridges
N-71, Neb./Colo. Line North	Kimball	Resurface
N-91, Taylor East	Loup	Resurface

ARRA funding for all Nebraska roads is expected to total \$235.6 million. So far, \$54.2 million of the \$157.8 million received for state road and bridge improvements has been awarded. NDOR will release new projects for bid approximately every 30 days until all state road ARRA funds have been awarded.

The remaining transportation funding is divided as follows: the city of Omaha receives \$23.2 million, the city of Lincoln \$9.4 million, first class cities \$29.2 million, counties \$9 million, and trails and historical preservation projects \$7 million. First-class city and city of Lincoln roads projects have already been announced.

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