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**SLOCOG Board Approves Funding Over \$18 M to Projects  
Throughout The Region**

**Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA, Economic  
Stimulus) bring \$14.7 M in Transportation Funding to  
San Luis Obispo County**

President Obama's \$787 Billion economic stimulus plan, now formally called ARRA, was signed into law on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The purpose of this program is to preserve and create jobs; promote economic recovery; assist those most impacted by the recession: increase economic efficiency (by spurring technological advances in science and health); invest in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure; and stabilize state and local government budgets. Under this program, the State of California received \$2.57 Billion for Surface Transportation and another \$1.07 Billion for Transit. ARRA funds brought \$11.6 Million for streets and roads and \$3.1 Million for transit to the San Luis Obispo region.

**In conjunction with the ARRA funds, the SLOCOG Board also programmed Regional State Highway Account (RSHA), Proposition 1B, and Rural Transit Funds (RTF) for an additional \$3.3 M, creating a San Luis Obispo Region Economic Stimulus Program of more than \$18 M.**

SLOCOG, City, County, and Transit agencies worked together to submit projects that are significant to the region and that promote the principles of ARRA and outlined in the 2005 Regional Transportation Plan, Vision 2030. This includes many bicycling, pedestrian, Park & Ride, and transit projects, in addition to the Highway Streets and Roads projects.

John Shoals, SLOCOG Board President says "I am thrilled with the Board's action to approve this significant amount of funding for a variety of projects in our region. It is my hope that this funding will used immediately to help stimulate our local economy."

The \$18 Million will be used to supplement funding for the following regionally significant projects:

Non-Motorized (\$3 M)

- Promenade Phase IV B Boardwalk, Pismo Beach
- West Grand Streetscape Phase I, Grover Beach
- Downtown Streetscape Phase III, Atascadero
- Railroad Safety Bike Trail Phase III, San Luis Obispo City
- US101/SR46W Ph1- Theatre Dr. Realignment, Paso Robles

Highways, Streets, and Roads (\$8.5 M)

- US101/Willow Rd Extension, San Luis Obispo County
- West Branch St. Rehabilitation & New Bike Lanes, Arroyo Grande
- Santa Rosa Ave. Rehab & New Bike Lanes, Atascadero
- North Main St. Bike Lanes, Morro Bay
- Lopez Drive Road Rehab, San Luis Obispo County
- Cambria Main Street Road Rehab, San Luis Obispo County
- Avila Beach Drive Road Rehab, San Luis Obispo County

Public Transportation (\$5.1)

- Eight (8) replacement vehicles for \$1.528 Million (2 large buses, 4 small buses/vans and 2 trolleys)
- Three (3) different Preventive Maintenance projects for \$620K and
- New Electronic Fareboxes among five (5) different operators for \$912K.

Maximizing System Efficiency (\$975k) (RSHA funded)

- Las Tablas Park & Ride Lot Expansion, San Luis Obispo County
- Halcyon Park & Ride Lot Expansion, Arroyo Grande
- South County Transit Hub Phase II, Grover Beach
- Signal Efficiencies (LED, Signal Synchronization, etc), All Region

SLOCOG will work closely with agency and jurisdiction staff to keep the projects on schedule for groundbreaking between Summer 2009 and Spring 2010. In addition to tracking the projects on the SLOCOG website, Recovery.gov will provide citizens with the ability to monitor the progress of the entire American Recovery and Reinvestment Program.

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