

**Legislative Federal Economic Stimulus Program Oversight Commission  
Act 150, SLH 2009**

**Responses from the State Department of Transportation  
October 26, 2010**

**(1) Organized by group/category of program/project for which ARRA funds have been obtained, please provide the following information:**

**(a) A brief summary project description;**

The State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation (HDOT), Highways Division, received \$125,746,382 in ARRA funds. The selection of projects to be undertaken with ARRA funds was a result of a collaborative effort between the four counties and the State DOT to ensure an equitable distribution of ARRA funds. After a list of prospective county and state projects was compiled by DOT and the respective county agencies, we met with the Mayors of each county to discuss and identify projects statewide.

The final selection of projects was based on the following criteria:

Projects:

1. That would meet the ARRA timelines;
2. In economically distressed areas (Hawaii and Molokai);
3. That would employ a diversity of trades;
4. That would provide secondary benefits in promoting future job growth such as low cost housing;
5. That would provide general transportation benefits to road and highway users.

We also took into account the selection of projects that would employ people over a longer period of time (2-3 years) versus the approach taken by other jurisdictions that selected projects that were easy and quick to get out but would employ people over a shorter period of time (2-3 months). How Hawaii is investing taxpayer monies is important. We felt it important to make sure the investment of these funds would go towards extended employment and longer term benefits.

We are aware that approximately 49 percent of ARRA funds spent for highway systems on a national level have or will be used on resurfacing projects. It is important to note that in comparison, only 14 percent of the ARRA funds apportioned to Hawaii is being used on resurfacing projects.

The Airports Division received 3 ARRA grants:

- The structural improvements project for the apron pavement at Kahului Airport is 100% complete. The grant amount is \$15 million.
- The EDS integration improvements project at Kahului Airport is 100% complete. The grant amount is approximately \$7.2 million.
- Phase II of the EDS integration improvements project at Honolulu International Airport is underway. The grant amount is approximately \$24.6 million.

The Harbors Division received 2 ARRA grants:

- Construction of Pier 29 Container Yard at Honolulu Harbor is less than 1% complete. It involves the construction of approximately 9 acres of concrete pavement, 1 acre of A.C. pavement and 2 acres of gravel fill area. It also includes upgrading all affected utilities and disposal of contaminated material. The grant amount is \$24.5 million.
- The purchase of equipment to enhance our port's infrastructure to prevent, protect, respond and recover from threats of terrorism is 0% complete. The grant amount is approximately \$1.4 million.

HDOT received 6 ARRA grants for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) projects. Funds total \$2,933,435. All monies were equally distributed to each of the following nonurban counties: Hawaii, Kauai & Maui. Each of the counties used their funds to purchase buses, with Hawaii County adding bus shelters to their purchase.

**(b) Information on the amount of funds secured, encumbered and/or expended to date;**

Please see the attached report and project listing.

**(c) Information on any competitive grants for which the Department has applied, lost and/or obtained and, if applicable, any explanation as to the reason for the failure to secure such grants;**

HDOT obtained every grant applied for.

**(d) Information on any funds that have been returned to the federal government and, if so, why;**

No funds have been returned to the federal government. Funds for highway project S6 – Kuhio Highway have been deobligated and used for SBU5 Kaunualii Highway Improvement Project.

**(2) Information on whether the Department's plans for ARRA funded projects are available on the State's ARRA website and, if not, why and/or when such information will be made available;**

HDOT's plans for ARRA funded projects are listed on the State's ARRA website.

**(3) Information on any problems or concerns the Department has encountered in securing and/or expending ARRA funds or with satisfying any reporting requirements;**

To meet the rigorous deadlines and stricter requirements imposed by the ACT, we did see the kind of resiliency and hard working individuals that we all possess within our agencies. We developed new strategies and innovative approaches to deliver projects faster in light of some of the resource challenges we face during our recession.

However, with the addition of these unanticipated funds to further accelerate infrastructure initiatives, the challenges to deliver and perform were sometimes overwhelming and often made for difficult choices in resource allocation on new initiatives versus existing responsibilities. The reality is the agencies dedicate a significant amount of resources to manage, monitor, and fulfill the new federal requirements that come with acceptance of these additional federal funds.

Greater flexibility in working through federal regulations would assist agencies in delivering projects more quickly. Strict compliance with all pre-existing requirements, though not necessarily critical to the delivery of a project but more applicable to the "process" by which they are delivered, such as the TIP and STIP processes, seemed to be contrary to the intent of the ACT to create and stimulate the economy in the quickest fashion possible.

We also understand the desire for the amount of reporting and oversight control by our federal agency partners. However, the degree to which the reporting and oversight is required take away from the same resources necessary to deliver the projects themselves. This has a tremendous impact on Hawaii's agencies as our good intentions to spread the work around to benefit the largest amount of stakeholders also resulted in a greater amount of paperwork. Reporting on three very large projects would have been far easier for agencies as compared to tracking and reporting on two dozen smaller projects. Therefore, the incentive to distribute the ARRA funds more equitably did not exist and states that did distribute funds to a wider base were, in essence, penalized for doing so.

We are appreciative of the ARRA funds we have received to date. These critical funds have helped us deliver much needed projects to Hawaii communities, thereby stimulating local economies. We look forward to working with our federal resource partners, especially FHWA, FAA and MARAD, in a collaborative manner as we bring the ARRA projects through construction to project dedication.

**STATE & COUNTY PROJECTS USING FEDERAL RECOVERY FUNDS**

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	Jurisd.	Island	Project Title and Description	Funds Secured/ Encumbered	Funds Expended as of 9/30/10	Notes or Remarks	Grant Information*	Funds Returned**
<b>HIGHWAYS PROJECTS</b>								
S1	STATE	Oahu	H-1, Seismic Retrofit, Farrington Highway & Makakilo Separation, Oahu	ARRA: State/Other: Total:	\$ 834,579 0 834,579	\$ 834,579 0 834,579	completed	n/a
S2	STATE	Oahu	Kamehameha Highway, South Punaluu Bridge Replacement, Oahu	ARRA: State/Other: Total:	15,298,510 0 15,298,510	6,250,442 0 6,250,442	NTP 8/26/2009 reimbursement of federal funds	n/a
S3	STATE	Hawaii	Hawaii Belt Road, Clean & Paint Steel Members, Kukuaiu, Kuwaikahi, Ninole and Maulua Bridges, Hawaii	ARRA: State/Other: Total:	4,301,949 0 4,301,949	3,739,490 0 3,739,490	NTP 9/8/2009 reimbursement of federal funds	n/a
S4	STATE	Kauai	Maalo Road Resurfacing, MP 0 - MP 1.0, Kauai	ARRA: State/Other: Total:	608,366 5,250 613,616	600,717 0 600,717	completed	n/a
S5	STATE	Kauai	Kuhio Highway Resurfacing, Kawaihau Road to Kapaa Bridge, Kauai	ARRA: State/Other: Total:	779,931 5,250 785,181	760,960 0 760,960	completed	n/a
S6	STATE	Kauai	Kuhio Highway, Short Term Improvements, Kuamoo Road to Temporary Bypass Road	ARRA: State/Other: Total:	Funds deobligated and used for Kaumualii Highway Improvements, Lihue Mill Bridge			
S7	STATE	Maui	Piilani Highway Pavement Preservation, Lipoa Street to Kilohana, Maui	ARRA: State/Other: Total:	2,732,811 0 2,732,811	2,531,521 0 2,531,521	completed	n/a
S8	STATE	Maui	Hana Highway PPM, Kaupakalua Road to Huelo, Maui	ARRA: State/Other: Total:	526,006 0 526,006	526,006 0 526,006	completed	n/a

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				ARRA:	State/Other:	Total:			
S9	STATE	Molokai	Maunaloa Highway Resurfacing, MP 5 - Airport, Molokai	ARRA: \$2,688,406	State/Other: 0	Total: 2,688,406	completed	n/a	n/a
S10	STATE	Molokai	Kalae Highway PPM, Maunaloa Highway to Kalaupapa Lookout, Molokai	ARRA: 1,031,505	State/Other: 0	Total: 1,031,505	completed	n/a	n/a
SBU1	STATE	Molokai	Puupeelua Hwy Resurfacing, Maunaloa Hwy to Farrington Ave & Farrington Hwy Resurfacing, Puupeelua Ave to Kalae Hwy (Route 480 Pavement Preservation), Molokai	ARRA: 5,311,212	State/Other: 0	Total: 5,311,212	completed	n/a	n/a
SBU2	STATE	Maui	Kaahumanu Ave, Waiale Bridge Girder Replacement, Maui	ARRA: 1,922,456	State/Other: 0	Total: 1,922,456	NTP 4/2/2010 reimbursement of federal funds	n/a	n/a
SBU3	STATE	Oahu	H-1 Dowel Retrofit, Kaimuki and Palailai Areas, Oahu	ARRA: 6,350,000	State/Other: 0	Total: 6,350,000	NTP 1/29/2010 reimbursement of federal funds	n/a	n/a
SBU4	STATE	Oahu	H-3 Seismic Retrofit, Mokapu I/C, Oahu	ARRA: 393,000	State/Other: 72,150	Total: 465,150	NTP Oct 2010	n/a	n/a
C1	COUNTY	Oahu	Traffic Signals at Various Locations, Phase 10	ARRA: 3,670,846	State/Other: 0	Total: 3,670,846	Original contract terminated. No ARRA funds used. Project to be readvetised in November 2010	n/a	n/a
C2	COUNTY	Oahu	Traffic Imp. At Various Locations, Harding Ave. and 5th & 11th Aves	ARRA: 1,921,488	State/Other: 0	Total: 1,921,488	NTP Oct 2010	n/a	n/a

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C3	COUNTY	Oahu	Waipio Point Access Road Improvements	ARRA:	\$3,577,527	\$0	NTP 10/4/2010	n/a	n/a

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				State/Other:	Total:				
				State/Other:	0	0			
				Total:	3,577,527	0			
C4	COUNTY	Oahu	Traffic Management Center Auxiliary Power Facility	ARRA:	270,774	0	NTP 4/30/2010	n/a	n/a
				State/Other:	0	0			
				Total:	270,774	0			
C5	COUNTY	Oahu	Kalaeloa Blvd Widening and Reconstruction, Phase-1 OR&L ROW to Lauwiliwili Street	ARRA:	6,216,896	0	NTP Oct 2010	n/a	n/a
				State/Other:	0	0			
				Total:	6,216,896	0			
C6	COUNTY	Hawaii	Ane Keohokalaaloe Highway, Hawaii	ARRA:	33,815,615	4,936,916	NTP 3/29/2010	n/a	n/a
				State/Other:	0	0	reimbursement of federal funds		
				Total:	33,815,615	4,936,916			
C7	COUNTY	Kauai	Lydgate Park to Kapaa Bike/Ped Path (phase III)	ARRA:	4,120,000	0	advertise 11/1/2010	n/a	n/a
				State/Other:	0	0	bid open 12/14/2010		
				Total:	4,120,000	0			
C8	COUNTY	Maui	Market Street Improvements, Phase 2	ARRA:	2,421,990	1,443,238	NTP 11/27/2009	n/a	n/a
				State/Other:	0	0	reimbursement of federal funds		
				Total:	2,421,990	1,443,238			
MCBU1	COUNTY	Maui	Resurfacing of Ohukai Road (Hukulii Place to Hoalike Street)	ARRA:	350,000	286,948	completed	n/a	n/a
				State/Other:	0	0	reimbursement of federal funds		
				Total:	350,000	286,948			
MCBU2	COUNTY	Maui	Lower Main Street and Kanaloa Ave. Pavement Preservation	ARRA:	491,104	0	advertise 9/23/2010	n/a	n/a
				State/Other:	0	0	bid open 10/20/2010		
				Total:	491,104	0			

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SBU5	STATE	Kauai	Kaumualii Highway Improvements, Lihue Mill Bridge	ARRA:	\$22,724,979	\$0	advertise Dec 2010	n/a	n/a
				Other:	0	0	bid open Jan 2011		

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				Total: 22,724,979	0			
CBU1	COUNTY	Oahu	Kamokila Boulevard Restoration	ARRA: 2,380,000 Other: 0 Total: 2,380,000	0 0 0	advertise Nov 2010 bid open Dec 2010	n/a	n/a
HCBU1	COUNTY	Hawaii	Mamalahoa Highway, Waimea ADA Sidewalk and Ramps	ARRA: 1,006,432 Other: 0 Total: 1,006,432	0 0 0	advertise bid open 12/16/2010	n/a	n/a

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AIRPORT PROJECTS							
	STATE	Maui	Apron Pavement Structural Improvements, Kahului Airport	ARRA: \$ 15,000,000 State/Other: 2,017,280 Total: 17,017,280	\$ 13,923,709 147,500 14,071,209	NTP 6/16/09	None

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				ARRA:	State/Other:	Total:			
	STATE	Maui	OGG EDS Integration Improvements, Kahului Airport	ARRA:	7,240,743	5,864,222	Completed		None
				State/Other:	16,572,323	16,824,946			
				Total:	23,813,066	22,689,168			
	STATE	Oahu	HNL EDS Integration Improvements, Phase II, Honolulu International Airport	ARRA:	24,573,200	0	NTP 7/19/10		None
				State/Other:	39,719,034	0			
				Total:	64,292,234	0			
<b>HARBOR PROJECT</b>									
T1	STATE	Oahu	Reconstruction of Pier 29 Container Yard, Honolulu Harbor. Construction of approx. 9-acres of concrete pavement, 1-acre of A.C. pavement, and 2-acres of gravel filled area. Upgrading of all affected utilities.	ARRA:	\$ 24,500,000	\$ 76,808	NTP 10/18/10	Grant applied for in 9/09. Awarded in 2/10, and executed on 7/12/10.	None
				State/Other:	7,000,000	22,943			
				Total:	31,500,000	99,750			
	STATE		Purchase of equipment to enhance our port's infrastructure to prevent, protect, respond & recover from threats of terrorism.	ARRA:	1,432,000		Award process complete. Request for solicitations to begin this quarter with		
				State/Other:	0				
				Total:	1,432,000				

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<b>TRANSIT PROJECTS</b>									
HC19	COUNTY	Hawaii	Construct Bus Shelters	ARRA:	\$ 27,812	\$ 27,812	Completed reimbursement of federal funds pending	All ARRA projects are 100% federal funded, no local match is required	
				State/Other:	0	0			
				Total:	27,812	27,812			
HCBU 1	COUNTY	Hawaii	Additional Bus shelters	ARRA:	44,514	0	Bid opening 10/6/10	All ARRA projects are	



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				State/Other:	0			100% federal funded, no local match is required	
				Total:	44,514	0			
HC21	COUNTY	Hawaii	Purchase Buses for Expansion of Services	ARRA:	905,486	905,486	Completed reimbursement of federal funds pending	All ARRA projects are 100% federal funded, no local match is required	
				State/Other:	0	0			
				Total:	905,486	905,486			
KC24	COUNTY	Kauai	Bus Replacement Program	ARRA:	331,632	331,632	Completed reimbursement of federal funds pending	All ARRA projects are 100% federal funded, no local match is required	
				State/Other:	0	0			
				Total:	331,632	331,632			
KC25	COUNTY	Kauai	Purchase Buses for Expansion of Services	ARRA:	646,180	646,180	Completed reimbursement of federal funds pending	All ARRA projects are 100% federal funded, no local match is required	
				State/Other:	0	0			
				Total:	646,180	646,180			
MC53	COUNTY	Maui	Purchase Buses for Expansion of Services	ARRA:	977,811	977,811	Completed reimbursement of federal funds pending	All ARRA projects are 100% federal funded, no local match is required	
				State/Other:	0	0			
				Total:	977,811	977,811			

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