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Gov. Schwarzenegger Announces Exceeding Federal Expectations, Obligating \$1 Billion Recovery Act Funds Two Months Ahead of Deadline

Irvine – Focused on pumping American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) funding into the California economy as quickly and effectively as possible, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today announced that over \$1 billion in Recovery Act funding has now been obligated to 80 transportation infrastructure projects statewide. Under the Recovery Act states were given 120 days to obligate the first half of their transportation infrastructure funding, and California has obligated this funding in less than 60 days – over two months ahead of deadline. Additionally, California is the first state in the nation to obligate \$1 billion of this funding.

“The federal government gave us 120 days to act and we did it in less than 60 because of advance planning and determination to pump this funding into the economy as quickly and effectively as possible,” said Governor Schwarzenegger. “Californians can rest assured that we are working around the clock, meeting federal deadlines and creating jobs in California through the Recovery Act.”

In Orange County, of the \$625 million package that was adopted by the California Transportation Commission, Caltrans District 12 received \$28.2 million to fund 5 roadway projects, of which 4 have been obligated per the Governor's news release. They are:

- \$9.3 million to rehabilitate Beach Boulevard in La Habra from Imperial Highway to the Los Angeles County line and Route 72 (Whittier Boulevard) from Beach to the county line. (obligated)
- \$7 million for upgrading metal beam guardrails on various parts of the 57 freeway from Orangewood Avenue to the Los Angeles County line. (obligated)
- \$2 million for maintenance on Pacific Coast Highway from the Dana Point/Laguna Beach city line to Aster Street. (obligated)
- \$2 million for maintenance on Imperial Highway in Brea and Placentia from Randolph Avenue to just east of Rose Drive. (obligated)
- \$8 million for maintenance on the 73 toll road in Laguna Niguel, Laguna Hills, Aliso Viejo, Laguna Beach and Irvine, from I-5 to Ford Road underpass.





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These projects (paving, fixing potholes, safety, bridge preservation) receive funding first because protecting public safety is the highest priority and preserving the state's investment in its highway system is highly cost-effective.

In addition to the first wave of ARRA funding, Caltrans District 12 - Orange County has been allocated funding for 41 local projects in the amount of \$32.4 million and 7 Transportation Enhancement projects in the amount of \$4 million. These local city projects are throughout Orange County.

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) will receive \$134.8 million for highways and city projects. It's highway projects include the SR-91 eastbound widening project and the West County Connector project (SR-22/I-405/I-605).

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