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Ariz. board divides money for road, bridge work

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PHOENIX (AP) - The Arizona Transportation Board on Friday decided basic starting points for dividing up the state's share of federal stimulus money for highway and bridge projects.

Department of Transportation spokeswoman Laura Douglas said the board agreed during a meeting in Bullhead City to use a standard funding formula that gives half of the state's \$350 million share to the two big metro areas. That gives Maricopa County \$130 million and Pima County \$45 million.

The other half - \$175 million - goes to the state's remaining 13 counties.

Douglas said the board is expected to consider staff recommendations for specific projects in two weeks.

Apart from the state's share, local governments in Arizona are to receive \$172 million for highway and bridge work.

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