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DOT preps bids for \$85 million in stimulus projects

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The **Arizona Department of Transportation** announced Wednesday its first priorities for utilizing \$85 million of the \$350 million it expects to receive from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Bid opportunities for 14 projects will be announced this week with construction expected to begin this summer. Another 27 projects to be funded by the federal stimulus money will be announced in the next several weeks.

The widening of Interstate 10 from Sarival Avenue to Verrado Way on the west side of town is at the top of the list. Estimated cost for the 6-mile widening is \$43.2 million.

The rest of the announced projects are smaller by a large degree and include:

- State Route 160 repaving in Navaho County, \$10.4 million
- State Route 87 safety improvements from Payson to Pine, \$8.6 million
- Interstate 10 repaving from Rita to Houghton roads in Pima County, \$6 million
- U.S. 60 repaving in Gila County, \$5 million
- State Route 160 repaving in Coconino County, \$4.1 million
- State Route 83 repaving in Santa Cruz County, \$2.75 million
- State Route 80 repaving and median improvements in Cochise County, \$1.95 million
- State Route 95 passing lane in La Paz County, \$1.8 million
- U.S. 191 intersection improvements in Greenlee County, \$750,000
- Interstate 40 deck repair of bridges in Apache County, \$700,000
- State Route 86 deck repair of bridges in Pima County, \$200,000
- State Route 70 intersection improvements in Graham County, \$191,000

The 41 projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act must be completed within three years. ADOT divided the money into three geographic classifications: Maricopa County, Pima County and Greater Arizona.

Maricopa County will receive \$130 million. Pima County will receive \$46 million and Greater Arizona \$175 million

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