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Nine newest projects produce \$2.7 million cost savings



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PHOENIX – Arizona continues on its fast pace to get federally funded projects under construction to improve the state's highway system while putting thousands of people back to work. Today in Cottonwood, the state Transportation Board approved contracts for nine more American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects during its regular monthly meeting.

Most of the bids for these nine projects were well under estimates by the Arizona Department of Transportation, producing a cost savings totaling \$2.7 million. The lower-than-expected bids are attributed to the downturn in the economy prompting higher competition for projects and to a decrease in construction materials costs.

With the board's action today in the third round of awarding ARRA contracts, there are now 24 stimulus-funded projects under contract statewide. Five already have begun construction. So far, all 24 projects under contract have yielded \$56 million savings to ADOT when compared to initial state estimates before bidding. The significant savings allows for investment in additional stimulus work around the state.

The nine ARRA projects that received contracts today are:

* I-17: SR 74 to Anthem Way and Anthem Way to New River Road in Maricopa County (widening and other improvements)

Contract amount: \$11,234,026 Cost savings: \$1,366,687 Contractor: Markham Contracting Co., Inc.

* I-17: Table Mesa traffic interchange to Rock Springs traffic interchange in Maricopa County (safety fence replacement)

Contract amount: \$86,535 Cost savings: \$8,730 Contractor: R.K. Sanders, Inc.

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* I-10: Rita Road to Houghton Road in Pima County (pavement preservation)

Contract amount: \$2,414,828 Cost savings: \$402,032 Contractor: Granite Construction Co.

* I-40: Dead River Bridge in Apache County (rehabilitation and reconstruction)

Contract amount: \$120,155 Contractor: Bison Contracting Co., Inc.

* US 60: Miami city limits to McMillan Wash in Gila County (pavement preservation)

Contract amount: \$4,454,085 Cost savings: \$812,477 Contractor: Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc.

* SR 80: Tombstone streets in Cochise County (pavement preservation)

Contract amount: \$621,909 Contractor: Combs Construction Co., Inc.

*SR 86: Santa Cruz River Bridge in Pima County (rehabilitation)

Contract amount: \$125,828 Cost savings: \$33,572 Contractor: Granite Construction Co.

*SR 95: South of Bouse Wash in La Paz County (widening and other improvements)

Contract amount: \$1,279,002 Contractor: Combs Construction Co., Inc.

* US 191: Black Hills Back Country Byway in Greenlee County (widening and other improvements)

Contract amount: \$567,178 Cost savings: \$115,306 Contractor: CKC Materials & Construction, LLC

ADOT will receive an estimated \$350 million in ARRA funds for highway projects around the state. Here's how the funds will be distributed: Maricopa County will receive \$130 million for five projects, Pima County will receive \$46 million for eight projects, and the 13 other counties in Greater Arizona will receive \$175 million for 28 projects.

For more information about ADOT's ARRA projects, log on to www.azdot.gov/recovery.

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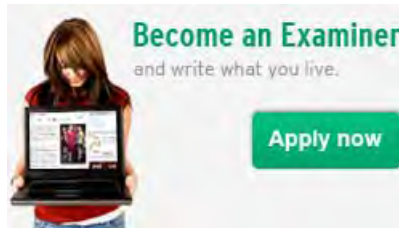
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