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PHOENIX -- More than 40 Arizona road projects are underway -- or about to begin -- thanks to the federal stimulus program.

"We've got 41 economic recovery projects that are going to be happening throughout the state," said Laura Douglas of the Arizona Department of Transportation. "A lot of these are going to be starting this summer, some have already started. As you travel -- whether around the Valley or throughout the state -- you're going to see extra projects taking place, funded with that federal money."

Douglas added, "Those 41 economic recovery projects throughout the state are expected to employ about 6,000 people for direct construction jobs."

Widening of stretches of Interstates 10 and 17 on the outskirts of the Valley are among the projects.

"The I-10 project will take place from Sarival Avenue to Verrado Way, and on I-17, it will be from Carefree Highway to Anthem Way," Douglas said. "Both of those projects are expected to start within the next several weeks."

