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Arizona to get \$29M in transportation stimulus funding

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Nearly \$30 million in federal stimulus money has been earmarked for road improvements in Arizona.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said Friday that \$29.3 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds will go toward transit upgrades and improvements across the state.

“By quickly moving federal dollars to the cities and towns across the country, we are ensuring that our nation will have reliable and efficient transit systems for generations to come,” he said.

The city of Tucson will receive \$16 million to begin construction of Phase III of a bus storage and maintenance facility for Sun Tran, Tucson’s mass transit provider.

The Arizona Department of Transportation is getting \$12 million to purchase 30 replacement buses, four additional buses and two support vehicles. Funds also will be used to build new transit facilities and expand and remodel existing ones.

The Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority will get \$1.2 million to purchase one 35-foot hybrid electric bus and four passenger shelters for key locations along the fixed transit route in Flagstaff.

According to federal tallies, since President Barack Obama signed ARRA into law in February, 384 grants totaling \$3.5 billion have been distributed for transit improvements across the country.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has made \$48.1 billion available for highway, road, transit, bridge and airport construction and repairs nationwide.