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December 2, 2009


Mr. Rodney Barry, PE, Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration  
61 Forsyth St. S. W., Suite 17T100  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3104

Dear Mr. Barry:

Subject: ARRA Rural (ARRARM12) and MPO (ARRAMM12) STIP Modifications

In accordance with the Amendment Process contained in the STIP/TIP, notification is given of addition/revisions to the following ARRA projects in the attached list that require Amendment. Funding comes from FY 10 ARRA funding.


Approved:

  
GDOT Director of Planning

12/3/09

Date

Concur:

  
Division Administrator, FHWA

Date

12/7/09

Attachments

TIL:MBP

cc: Gainesville MPO  
Savannah MPO  
Augusta MPO  
Angela Alexander  
Maria Alexander  
Windy Bickers  
Wanda Fuller

MPO	Counties	Project ID (PI Number)	Description	Primary Work Type	Project Manager Office	Fund Code	Total Funding	Modification
Augusta	Richmond	0009605	CR 2509/WALTON WAY FROM SR 4 TO SR 10	Resurface & Maintenance	CST	C230	\$ 659,277.00	Add new Lump Qualifying project
Augusta	Richmond	0009607	CR 1507/WALTON WAY FM SR 4 TO CR 2623/JOHNS ROAD	Resurface & Maintenance	CST	C230	\$ 650,848.00	Add new Lump Qualifying project
Augusta	Richmond	0009608	CR 1507/WALTON WAY FM CR 2623/JOHNS RD TO CR 1505/JACKSON RD	Resurface & Maintenance	CST	C230	\$ 657,844.00	Add new Lump Qualifying project
Augusta	Richmond	0009609	CR 4751/LANEY WALKER BLVD FM SR 28 TO CR 476/NEW SAVANNAH RD	Resurface & Maintenance	CST	C230	\$ 1,083,304.00	Add new Lump Qualifying project
Augusta	Richmond	0009610	CR 2720/BROAD STREET FROM SR 28 TO SR 4	Signals	CST	C230	\$ 3,000,000.00	Add new Lump Qualifying project
Augusta	Columbia	0009621	CR 164/FLOWING WELLS ROAD FROM CR 573/WHEELER ROAD TO SR 104	Resurface & Maintenance	CST	C230	\$ 381,084.00	Add new Lump Qualifying project
Augusta	Columbia	0009622	CR 221/SOUTH OLD BELAIR ROAD FROM SR 383 TO SR 232	Resurface & Maintenance	CST	C230	\$ 603,983.00	Add new Lump Qualifying project
Augusta	Columbia	0009623	CR 1236/EVANS-TO-LOCKS ROAD FROM SR 104 TO SR 28	Resurface & Maintenance	CST	C230	\$ 431,755.00	Add new Lump Qualifying project
Augusta	Columbia	0009624	CR 176/OLD EVANS RD FM SR 104 TO CSX #633755T	Resurface & Maintenance	CST	C230	\$ 424,854.00	Add new Lump Qualifying project
Augusta	Columbia	0009625	SR 28 FROM CR 1236/EVANS-TO-LOCKS ROAD TO SAVANNAH RIVER	Resurface & Maintenance	CST	C230	\$ 731,811.00	Add new Lump Qualifying project
Gainesville	Hall	0009460	CR 367/WEST RIDGE ROAD FROM CR 751/ATHENS STREET TO SR 11	Resurface & Maintenance	CST	C200	\$ 54,467.00	Add new Lump Qualifying project
Gainesville	Hall	0009461	CR 367/CR 1098/WEST RIDGE ROAD FROM SR 11 TO SR 53 CONN	Resurface & Maintenance	CST	C200	\$ 242,352.00	Add new Lump Qualifying project
Gainesville	Hall	0009462	CR 621/WAIDE ORR ROAD FROM SR 13 TO CR 685/HOG MOUNTAIN ROAD	Resurface & Maintenance	CST	C200	\$ 227,800.00	Add new Lump Qualifying project
Gainesville	Hall	0009463	CR 451/MEMORIAL PARK DRIVE FROM SR 389 TO SR 13	Resurface & Maintenance	CST	C200	\$ 282,000.00	Add new Lump Qualifying project
Rural STIP	Brooks	431900-	CR 305/DIXIE RD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT APPROX 2 MI W OF QUITMAN	Bridges	CST	C250/C240	\$ 2,650,341.57	Change fund code and update cost
Savannah	Chatham	0002923	SR 25 CONN/BAY STREET FROM I-516 TO THE BAY STREET VIADUCT	Widening	ROW	C230	\$ 2,182,118.00	Update ARRA cost
Savannah	Chatham	0009313	SR 21 ELEVATED LANES ENGINEERING	Special Studies	PE	C230	\$ 500,000.00	Update ARRA cost
Savannah	Chatham	0009314	SR 204 ELEVATED LANES ENGINEERING	Special Studies	PE	C230	\$ 450,000.00	Update ARRA cost
Savannah	Chatham	0009379	BULL RIVER & LAZARETTO CRK BICYCLE & PED CONNECTIONS - STUDY	Special Studies	PE	C230	\$ 250,000.00	Update ARRA cost
Savannah	Chatham	0009380	CITY OF SAVANNAH PEDESTRIAN COUNT DOWN SIGNALS	Signals	CST	C230	\$ 645,800.00	Update ARRA cost
Savannah	Chatham	0009381	CITY OF SAVANNAH AUDIBLE PEDESTRIAN PUSH BUTTONS	Miscellaneous Improvements	CST	C230	\$ 340,900.00	Update ARRA cost
Savannah	Chatham	0009382	CITY OF SAVANNAH LED SIGNAL REPLACEMENT	Signals	CST	C230	\$ 82,300.00	Update ARRA cost
Savannah	Chatham	0009383	CS 1155/MALL BLVD@CS 1195/HODGSON MEMORIAL DR SIGNAL UPGRADE	Signals	CST	C230	\$ -	Remove ARRA funding
Savannah	Chatham	0009386	ANDERSON CURVE RECONSTRUCTION	Realignment	CST	C230	\$ -	Remove ARRA funding
Savannah	Chatham	0009387	WEST GWINNETT STREET CURVE RECONSTRUCTION	Realignment	CST	C230	\$ -	Remove ARRA funding

**I. . RESOLUTION**

**AUGUSTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

**ENDORSEMENT OF ARTS**

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, federal regulations for urban transportation planning require that the Metropolitan Planning Organization, in cooperation with participants in the planning process, develop and update the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission has been designated by the Governor as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Augusta urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program is consistent with all plans, goals, and objectives of the Augusta Regional Transportation Study, and shall be updated with revision to reflect changes in program emphasis and funding availability; and

WHEREAS, the urban transportation planning regulations require that the TIP be a product of a planning process certified as in conformance with all applicable requirements of law and regulation; and

WHEREAS, the locally developed and adopted processes for private sector participation and public involvement have been followed in the development of the TIP; and


WHEREAS, the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission, the Georgia Department of Transportation, and the South Carolina Department of Transportation have reviewed the organization and activities of the planning process and found them to be in conformance with the requirements of law and regulation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Augusta Regional Transportation Study Policy Committee endorses the attached three-year Transportation Improvement Program for the period FY 2010 - 2013 in Georgia and in South Carolina; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Augusta Regional Transportation Study Policy Committee finds that the requirements of applicable law and regulation regarding urban transportation planning have been met and its Chairman is authorized to execute a joint endorsement to this effect with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the South Carolina Department of Transportation.

October 22, 2009

Date



Deke Copenhaver, Chairman  
Augusta Regional Transportation Study  
Policy Committee

**Pirkle, Meg**

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**Subject:** FW: Project Eligibility Under ARRA  
**Attachments:** Project Selection Process - ARTS ARRA Sub-Allocation (Final).doc; Richmond County Projects Submitted for Sec 1511 Cert. - Sept. 16, 2009.xls

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**From:** Paul DeCamp [mailto:pdecamp@augustaga.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 10:05 AM  
**To:** Pirkle, Meg  
**Cc:** Cox, Dave; George Patty; Marya R. Moultrie; Simpson, Radney; Brewer, George; Kordys, Scott; Zahul, Kathy; Abie L. Ladson; Hameed Malik; Steve Cassell; Fowler, Matthew  
**Subject:** RE: Project Eligibility Under ARRA

Meg,

Please find attached documentation related to the selection process used to identify and rank projects for funding with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) formula allocation to the ARTS MPO. The attached Word document summarizes the steps taken to identify and rank projects. The Excel spreadsheet includes information on projects in Richmond County being submitted for Section 1511 certification. Note that the spreadsheet includes two worksheets: one summarizing each of five (5) projects and a second summarizing the score for each project.

As previously mentioned, similar documentation for projects in Columbia County will be submitted as soon as possible. Please contact us if you have questions or need additional documentation.

Thanks for your assistance on this matter.

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**From:** Pirkle, Meg [mailto:mpirkle@dot.ga.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2009 10:38 AM  
**To:** Paul DeCamp  
**Cc:** Cox, Dave; George Patty; Marya R. Moultrie; Simpson, Radney; Brewer, George; Kordys, Scott; Zahul, Kathy  
**Subject:** Project Eligibility Under ARRA

Paul,

I understand that Columbia may be changing projects. Please keep me posted! Here are my answers to your questions:

1) Please submit documentation showing your project selection process, and how you prioritized projects. Once this information is provided, I will submit your projects to the Governor's office for his certification. Specifically address the federal requirements for prioritization as stated in the FHWA ARRA Implementing guidance for DOTs and MPOs:

**Project Selection**

The following project priority criteria shall be considered during project selection. States should maintain documentation that supports the actions taken to fulfill each of the requirements below.

1. Three-year completion priority - Priority shall be given to projects\activities that are projected for completion by February 17, 2012.

2. **Economically Distressed Areas - Priority shall be given to projects that are located in economically distressed areas as defined by section 301 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. 3161). To assist the States in determining where their ARRA projects are relative to economically distressed areas, FHWA has incorporated two maps with the requisite information (low per capital income and/or unemployment rate above national average) on the Office of Planning's HEPGIS viewer. This Web-enabled GIS tool will be accessible at:  
[http://hepgis.fhwa.dot.gov/hepgis\\_v2/GeneralInfo/Map.aspx](http://hepgis.fhwa.dot.gov/hepgis_v2/GeneralInfo/Map.aspx)**
3. **Expeditious project delivery (Section 1602) - Preference shall be given to projects\activities that can be started and completed expeditiously including a goal of obligating at least 50% of the funds not later than June 17, 2009.**
4. **Maximizing job creation and economic benefit (Section 1602) - Recipients shall also use funds in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefit.**

2) Once the Governor certifies, the funds are not available until the CST work authorization is approved by FHWA. These projects follow the same plan development process as all other federal projects. The County needs to begin working with their GDOT project manager as soon as possible to make sure the correct actions are being taken to ensure that environmental is approved, right of way is certified, plans are developed to spec and bid documents and award are all handled according to federal regulations. If all of this is already done, it may just be a matter of turning in all of the certifications for authorization of construction funds. The GDOT project manager for the resurfacing projects will be Scott Kordys (404-347-0240) and the project manager for the Broad Street signals will be an engineer from our Traffic Safety and Design Office. The contact person there is Kathy Zahul, (404-635-8134). Below are the GDOT PI numbers for these projects.

COUNTY	GDOT PI #	PROJECT NAME	TEF
Richmond	0009606	Walton Way	15th Street to G
Richmond	0009607	Walton Way	15th Street to Jc
Richmond	0009608	Walton Way	Johns Road to Jc Way Ext.
Richmond	0009609	Laney Walker Blvd.	Sand Bar Ferry   Savannah Rd.
Richmond	0009610	Broad Street	5th Street to 131 BUS)

Please let me know if you have any additional questions. Thanks!

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AUGUSTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY  
 PROJECTS APPROVED BY ARTS POLICY COMMITTEE - SEPTEMBER 3, 2009  
 SUBMITTED FOR SECTION 1511 CERTIFICATION - SEPTEMBER 16, 2009  
 AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT PROGRAM

PROJECT SUMMARY

COUNTY	PROJECT NAME	TERMINI	WORK TYPE	COST ESTIMATE	COMMENT
Richmond	Walton Way	15th Street to Gordon Highway	Resurfacing and Maintenance	\$659,277	Urban Principal / Minor Arterial
Richmond	Walton Way	15th Street to Johns Road	Resurfacing and Maintenance	\$650,848	Urban Minor Arterial
Richmond	Walton Way	Johns Road to Jackson Rd./Walton Way Ext.	Resurfacing and Maintenance	\$657,944	Urban Minor Arterial
Richmond	Laney Walker Blvd.	Sand Bar Ferry Rd. to New Savannah Rd.	Resurfacing and Maintenance	\$1,063,304	Urban Minor Arterial
Richmond	Broad Street	5th Street to 13th Street (US 25 BUS)	Traffic Signal and Street Light Upgrades	\$3,000,000	Urban Minor Arterial
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$6,031,373</b>	

**NOTE - Total Suballocation to ARTS MPO - \$8,536,373.00**

**Pirkle, Meg**

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**From:** Paul DeCamp [pdecamp@augustaga.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 10, 2009 12:15 PM  
**To:** Pirkle, Meg  
**Cc:** Schlachter, Matt; Hutto, Ronnie; George Patty; Marya R. Moultrie; Brewer, George; Woods, Reuben; Fowler, Matthew  
**Subject:** Project Eligibility Under ARRA  
**Attachments:** Columbia County Projects Submitted for Sec 1511 Cert\_Nov 10\_2009.xlsx; Project Selection Process - ARTS ARRA Sub-Allocation (Final).doc

Meg,

This is a follow-up to an e-mail sent I sent to you on September 16, 2009. Please find attached documentation related to the selection process used to identify and rank projects for funding with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) formula allocation to the ARTS MPO. The attached Word document summarizes the steps taken to identify and rank projects. The Excel spreadsheet includes information on projects in **Columbia County** being submitted for Section 1511 certification. Note that the spreadsheet includes two worksheets: one summarizing each of five (5) projects and a second summarizing the score for each project.

Please contact us if you have questions or need additional documentation. Thanks for your assistance.

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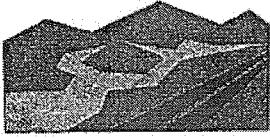
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AUGUSTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY  
 PROJECTS IN COLUMBIA COUNTY APPROVED BY ARTS POLICY COMMITTEE - OCTOBER 22, 2009  
 SUBMITTED FOR SECTION 1511 CERTIFICATION - NOVEMBER 10, 2009  
 AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT PROGRAM

PROJECT SUMMARY

COUNTY	PROJECT NAME	TERMINI	WORK TYPE	COST ESTIMATE	COMMENT
Columbia	Flowing Wells Road (CR 164)	Wheeler Rd. to Washington Rd.	Resurfacing and Maintenance	\$361,064	Urban Minor Arterial
Columbia	South Old Belair Rd. (CR 221)	S. Belair Rd. to Columbia Rd.	Resurfacing and Maintenance	\$603,983	Urban Minor Arterial
Columbia	Evans-to-Locks Rd. (CR 1236)	Washington Rd. to Fury's Ferry Rd.	Resurfacing and Maintenance	\$431,755	Urban Collector
Columbia	Old Evans Rd. (CR 176)	Washington Rd. to CSX Railroad	Resurfacing and Maintenance	\$424,654	Urban Minor Arterial
Columbia	Fury's Ferry Rd. (SR 28)	Evans-to-Locks Rd. to Savannah River	Resurfacing and Maintenance	\$731,611	Urban Minor Arterial
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$2,553,067</b>	



**Gainesville - Hall  
Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**GHMPO**

Flowers Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

November 12, 2009

Ms. Angela Whitworth – State Financial Management Administrator  
Georgia Department of Transportation  
Office of Financial Management - 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Attention: Bob Rogers – Asst. State Financial Management Administrator  
600 W. Peachtree St  
Atlanta, GA 30308

RE: PI#0009460 - CR 367/WEST RIDGE ROAD FROM CR 751/ATHENS STREET TO SR 11  
PI#0009461 - CR 367/CR 1098/WEST RIDGE ROAD FROM SR 11 TO SR 53 CONN  
PI#0009462 - CR 621/WADE ORR ROAD FROM SR 13 TO CR 685/HOG MOUNTAIN RD  
PI#0009463 - CR 451/MEMORIAL PARK DRIVE FROM SR 369 TO SR 13

Dear Ms. Whitworth:

The Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization's Policy Committee included the subject projects in our 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program through administrative modifications at their regular meeting on Tuesday, November 10th. Below is the funding breakdown of these projects.

PI#0009460 - \$54,467.00  
PI#0009461 - \$242,352.00  
PI#0009462 - \$227,600.00  
PI#0009463 - \$282,000.00

It is understood that the funding source for these four projects is C200, which correspond to the statewide allocation of funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Feel free to contact Srikanth Yamala at (770) 531-6809 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Director

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November 4, 2009

Meg Pirkle  
Georgia Department of Transportation  
600 West Peachtree Street  
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Dear Ms. Pirkle:

RE: Updates to the Projects Funded by the MPO Sub-Allocation of ARRA Funds (C230)

This letter is to provide an update on the status of actions taken by the CORE MPO on October 23, 2009 pertaining to the transportation improvement projects funded by the MPO Sub-allocation of ARRA funds (C230 funds).

The MPO amended the TIP to adjust funding among several projects. Three City of Savannah projects from the certified ARRA funded project list due to limited time available to perform studies required under the NEPA process would not be able to comply with the environmental studies process in time to commit ARRA funds by the deadline. These include:

- PI# 0009383, Mall Blvd @ Hodgson Memorial Signal Upgrade
- PI# 0009386, Anderson Curve Reconstruction
- PI# 0009387, West Gwinnett Street Curve Reconstruction

Funds released from these three projects will be reallocated to the three City of Savannah's traffic signal projects already certified for ARRA funds:

- PI# 0009380, City of Savannah Pedestrian Count Down Signals
- PI# 0009381, City of Savannah Audible Pedestrian Push Buttons
- PI# 0009381, City of Savannah Audible Pedestrian Push Buttons

The above signal projects are federally eligible and the change expands the number of locations/items that can be improved in these categories. The City of Savannah as the project sponsor is working with the GDOT District Office and has informed the MPO that the projects will meet all established ARRA timelines in terms of authorization and completion dates. City of Savannah will also continue to provide all reporting and documentation that is required for ARRA eligibility and coordinate any contractual changes, concepts and schedules with the GDOT project manager.

In addition, the MPO amended several other projects by shifting \$300,000 for right-of-way acquisition from the Bay Street Widening Project (PI# 0002923) to the three MPO studies (PI#s 0009313, 0009314 and 0009379).

November 3, 2009

Ms. Meg Pirkle

Updates to the Projects Funded by the MPO Sub-Allocation of ARRA Funds

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The following table summarizes the updates to the related projects.

Project	Original Amount	Updated Amount
PI# 0002923, Bay Street Operational Improvement and Safety - Right of Way	\$2,482,118	\$2,182,118
PI# 0009313, SR 21 Corridor Study	\$400,000	\$500,000
PI# 0009314, SR 204 Corridor Study	\$300,000	\$450,000
P# 0009379, Study for Bull River and Lazaretto Creek Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections	\$200,000	\$250,000
PI# 0009380, City of Savannah Pedestrian Count Down Signals	\$222,000	\$645,800
PI# 0009381, City of Savannah Audible Pedestrian Push Buttons	\$140,000	\$340,900
PI# 0009382, City of Savannah LED Signal Replacement	\$30,000	\$82,300
PI# 0009383, Mall Blvd @ Hodgson Memorial Signal Upgrade	\$172,000	\$0
PI# 0009386, Anderson Curve Reconstruction	\$350,000	\$0
PI# 0009387, West Gwinnett Street Curve Reconstruction	\$155,000	\$0

The total C230 funding amounts allocated to the CORE MPO will remain the same with all the changes. The MPO is requesting that GDOT validate these projects for any needed revisions as part of the ARRA certification process.

Please call me at (912) 651-1446 if you would like to discuss further.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Thomas L. Thomson, P.E., AICP  
Executive Director

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cc: Pete Liakakis, Chairman, Chatham County Commission  
Transportation Team  
Jason Crane, GDOT