



# HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING AND ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDING UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

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## 1. Highway Infrastructure Funds provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Act) allocated \$27.66 Billion for Highway Infrastructure Funds<sup>1</sup>. \$26.6 Billion will be distributed to states based on population, miles of highway, and other factors. Mississippi has been slated to receive \$354,564,343 of these funds.

### MISSISSIPPI FUNDING

State of Mississippi	\$354,564,343
"Urban Area Distribution (OVER 200,000 POPULATION)"	\$21,099,663
"Suburban Area Distribution (UNDER 200,000 POPULATION)"	\$73,612,251
"Rural Area Distribution (UNDER 5,000 POPULATION)"	\$11,657,389
"Transportation Enhancement Funds"	\$10,636,930
Remaining State Funds	\$237,558,110

<sup>1</sup> The information contained in this summary was compiled by the Gulf Regional Planning Commission and was presented at its March 19, 2009 meeting. Also, a state must accept the recovery funds in order to receive any funds from the Federal Highway Administration.

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The Mississippi Gulf Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization's allotment is \$9,668,336. Funding is available beginning March 3, 2009. The Gulf Regional Planning Commission is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The following projects have been recommended for funding by the Gulf Regional Planning Commission.

JURISDICTION	ROUTE	LIMITS OF PROJECT	SCOPE	"PROJECT LENGTH"	"PROJECT TYPE"	COST
Long Beach	Klondyke Rd	Canal Between Ray Rd & Commission Rd	Bridge Replacement		Bridge	\$661,000
Biloxi	Division St	Bohn/I-110 On Ramp Intersection	Right turn lane, Intersection & Signal upgrades		Operations	\$750,000
D'Iberville	Central Ave	At Lamey Bridge Rd	Roundabout		Safety	\$300,000
Hancock County	Kiln-Waveland Cutoff Rd	From Hwy 603 to Hwy 90	Drainage repair/Mill & Overlay1.44		Maintenance	\$700,000
Long Beach	Klondyke	Intersection at 28th St	Signalization/Intersection Improvements		Operations	\$500,000
D'Iberville	Gorenflo Rd	At Bayou, South of Borries St	Bridge Replacement		Bridge	\$325,000
Gulfport	Lorraine Rd	Over Fritz Creek	Bridge Replacement		Bridge	\$420,000
Pascagoula	Old Mobile Hwy	Between 14th St and Chlcot St	Bridge Replacement/Mill & Overlay	0.8	Bridge	\$776,000
Bay St Louis	Highway 603	From Lagan St to City Limits	Lighting in median	2.2	Safety	\$900,760
Pass Christian	US Highway 90	From Henderson to Davis Ave	Lighting in median		Safety	\$400,000
Gautier	Ladnier Rd	Intersection at Old Spanish Trail	Upgrade existing traffic signal		Operations	\$200,000
D'Iberville/Biloxi	Highway 67	From Lick Skillet Rd to Sangani Blvd	Lighting in median	0.7	Safety	\$250,000
Gulfport	US Highway 90	From DeBuys Rd to Cowan Rd	Lighting on both sides of US 90	1.2	Safety	\$600,000
Bay St Louis	2nd St	At CSX Crossing	Install Arms/Safety Improvements		Safety	\$140,000
Hancock County	Washington St	At CSX Crossing	Install Arms/Safety Improvements		Safety	\$180,000
Jackson County	Beachview and Old Spanish Trail	Beachview and Old Spanish Trail between Beachview Rd & Canebreak Subdivision	Signalization/Right turn lane/ Sidewalks		Safety	\$449,190
Ocean Springs	Halstead Ave	From Brumbaugh Rd extending along E Beac Dr	Multimodal Path along street	0.74	Safety	\$595,000
Gulfport	Seaway Rd	From Lorraine to Three Rivers Rd	Bike-Pedestrian Path	3.3	Safety	\$105,000
Hancock County	Waveland Ave	At CSX Crossing	Install overhead warning structures		Safety	\$50,000
Hancock County	Beach Blvd	At CSX Crossing	Install overhead warning structures		Safety	\$50,000
Hancock County	Coleman Ave	At CSX Crossing	Install overhead warning structures		Safety	\$50,000
GRPC	Critical Intersection Study	Regionwide	Traffic Operations Analyses		Operations	\$200,000
GRPC	Video System/ITS	Regionwide	Traffic Video Detection & Surveillance		Operations	\$200,000
Moss Point	Amoco Rd	From Hwy 63 west 1,000 ft	Mill & Overlay	0.19	Maintenance	\$84,500
Biloxi	Beauvoir Rd	From US 90 to Pass Rd	Mill & Overlay		Maintenance	\$611,000
Total Cost						\$9,497,450



Below is a list of deadlines to consider:

FUNDING TIMELINES

	Short Term Deadlines	Long Term Deadlines
State	50% of funds must be obligated by July 8, 2009.	Balance of funds must be obligated by February 17, 2010.
Metropolitan Planning Organization	No Short Term. by February 17, 2010.	100% of funds must be obligated
Transit	50% of funds obligated by September 6, 2009.	Balance of Funds must be obligated by February 17, 2010.

\* Unobligated balances will be withdrawn and subject to redistribution to states that have had no funds withdrawn.

2. The Allocation of \$300 Million for Diesel Emission Reductions under the Act<sup>3</sup>

The Act also includes \$1.73 Million of Mississippi funding for Diesel Emission Reductions. The allotment of the \$1.73 Million will focus on promoting economic recovery, preserving and/or creating jobs, and reducing diesel emissions. The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is primarily using this money to retrofit school buses with Diesel Oxidation catalyst and to retrofit a small number of municipal/ county fleet as well.