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CTB approves federal stimulus projects

At its April 16 meeting, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) voted to include in its current Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (SYIP) approximately \$345.3 million worth of projects that will be paid for with transportation funds allocated to Virginia under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). In total, Virginia will receive \$694.5 million in ARRA highway funds \$116.1 million in transit funds. CTB will consider additional ARRA projects when it holds subsequent meetings throughout May and June.

Here are the projects approved by CTB during its April 16 meeting.

- \$25.2 million for a design/build project on Route 3, Spotsylvania County
- \$9 million, (design/build) to double track the Route 164 Rail Relocation project, City of Portsmouth
- \$110.9 million for 436 projects to improve deficient pavements throughout Virginia
- \$66.1 million to repair 119 small structurally deficient bridges throughout Virginia
- \$96 million in BRAC projects for the following military installations:
 - \$11.4 million for Fort Lee along the Route 36 corridor: Prince George County and City of Hopewell
 - \$60.1 million for Fort Belvoir: Fairfax County
 - \$24.5 million for Fort Eustis: York County and City of Newport News
- \$17.3 million in initial funding for Virginia's rural and small urban transit systems. (An additional \$13.2 million will be approved by CTB for proposed projects during the summer of 2009.)
- \$20.8 million in mandatory enhancement projects – these are trail projects with “tourism or economic development potential. These include
 - \$8.2 million for Virginia Capital Trail
 - \$1.3 million for Dismal Swamp Canal Trail
 - \$2 million for High Bridge Trail
 - \$2 million for Roanoke River Greenway
 - \$6 million for Tobacco Heritage Trail
 - \$.5 million for USMC Heritage Trail

Additional information about transportation projects proposed for funding under ARRA is available [at this link](#).

This Web site includes a full, comprehensive list of projects proposed for ARRA funding. The list was released Transportation Secretary Pierce R. Homer on April 7.

Information (including presentations) about CTB's workshop on April 15 and meeting on April 16 is available at [CTB's Web site](#). In particular, see the two presentations below.

- [VDOT stimulus project update](#)
- [ARRA rural and small urban transit - initial allocation](#)

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