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**Transportation Secretary Homer updates state legislators on Virginia's ARRA priorities**

Secretary Pierce Homer, Gov. Timothy M. Kaine's chief transportation official, briefed a key General Assembly legislative oversight committee this morning in Richmond about Virginia's ARRA priorities.

Secretary Homer's Power Point presentation, entitled [Joint Commission on Transportation Accountability](#), outlines Virginia's ARRA funding as well as the framework for appropriations. The second document, entitled [Va ARRA Transp 40209](#), provides greater specificity on projects receiving ARRA funding including public transportation, bridge, and pavement preservation and restoration projects.

**Key points about Virginia's ARRA highway funding (taken from Secretary Homer's presentation; see links for greater detail):**

- Virginia will receive \$694.5 million in highway funding
- States must obligate at least 50 percent of discretionary funds within 120 days
- Commonwealth Program Priorities
  - Structurally Deficient Bridges
  - Deficient Pavements
  - BRAC
  - Cancelled/delayed construction projects and citizen suggestions
- Commonwealth's next steps:
  - Procure structurally deficient bridges (\$66.1 million)
  - Procure deficient pavements (\$110 million)
  - Provide prioritized list of stimulus projects, including contingency projects, to General Assembly, Congressional Delegation, MPO's and affected localities (\$694 million)
  - Procure/Secure BRAC projects (\$80-\$100 million)
  - Procure/Secure remaining projects (\$250-\$350 million)

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