

# **AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IN THE MILWAUKEE URBANIZED AREA**

## **HAVE INPUT – ATTEND A PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) allocated \$38.7 million in Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Program funds to the Milwaukee urbanized area (FHWA STP-MUA) for county and municipal transportation projects. The Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, working with local officials and specifically the Commission's Advisory Committee on Transportation System Planning and Programming for the Milwaukee Urbanized Area, is developing a process for selecting candidate county and municipal transportation projects within the Milwaukee urbanized area for use of ARRA FHWA STP-MUA funding. The Milwaukee urbanized area consists of all of Milwaukee County and portions of Ozaukee, Washington and Waukesha Counties.

In addition, ARRA allocated \$28.5 million in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307/5340 funds to the Milwaukee urbanized area that is intended for capital projects. The ARRA FTA Section 5307/5340 funding has been allocated among the transit operators within the Milwaukee urbanized area based on the amount of transit service and ridership carried by each system, with Milwaukee County receiving 90 percent, and the remaining four transit operators receiving 10 percent.

A public informational meeting has been scheduled to provide information about the ARRA FHWA and FTA funding available to the Milwaukee urbanized area and to obtain input from the public on the use of the ARRA funds in the Milwaukee urbanized area. Staff will be available in an "open house" format from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to individually answer questions and provide information on ARRA funding. A brief presentation will be made by staff at 6:00 p.m. Written comments may be submitted anytime during the meeting, including by speaking to a court reporter.

The public informational meeting will be held:

Tuesday, April 28, 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Milwaukee County Downtown Transit Center  
Harbor Lights Room  
909 E. Michigan Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Information on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and a map showing the Milwaukee urbanized area is available at the Commission's website—[www.sewrpc.org/](http://www.sewrpc.org/)—or from the Commission offices. Commission staff is available weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to meet with the public and to answer any questions concerning the ARRA funding available to the Milwaukee urbanized area.

Following the meetings, a record of public comments will be assembled, which will be provided to the Advisory Committee and to the Commission.

Persons with special needs are asked to contact the Commission offices a minimum of 72 hours in advance of the meeting date so that appropriate arrangements can be made. This may involve site access, mobility, materials review or interpretation, questions or comments, or other needs.

The comment period extends through May 5, 2009, with opportunities to submit comments during or after the public meetings. To submit written comments or to ask questions, please contact:

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