



March 27, 2009

Honorable Governor Heineman
P.O. Box 94848
Lincoln, NE 68509-4848

Dear Governor Heineman:

Attached please find the list of transportation projects recommended by the League of Nebraska Municipalities for stimulus funding with funds dedicated to Cities with populations between 5,000 and 199,999 not in an MPO. The League Executive Board endorsed this list yesterday afternoon based on the recommendation of a Subcommittee of former elected officials and persons with expertise in municipal administration.

The Subcommittee developed this list using the concepts of economic need and shovel readiness. The Subcommittee created project funding criteria based on language in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that provides, "Priority shall be given to projects that are projected for completion within a 3-year time frame and are located in economically distressed areas..." "...Recipients shall give preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously" As required by the law, They utilized the "economically distressed" map located on the Federal Highway Administration website, http://hepgis.fhwa.dot.gov/hepgis_v2/GeneralInfo/Map.aspx. Shovel readiness was based on Department of Roads assessment of how many of the required project permits and requirements were already in place or close to completion.

Also, please note that the recommendation also sets aside some funds for cost overruns to be utilized on a first come first serve basis.

I will transmit this information with the proper Department of Roads coding to the appropriate Department officials later this morning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lash Chaffin', is written over a wavy line. The signature is positioned above the typed name and title.

Lash Chaffin
Utilities Section Director

Stimulus Projects, First Class Cities

<u>CITY</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
Blair	Hwy 75 improvements
Columbus	Lost Creek Pkwy, US-81 to 33rd Ave.
Crete	East 13th and Iris Ave.
Gering	Rundell Rd. (D St.)
Grand Island	Locust, I-80 to US-34
Hastings	Showboat Rd., 7th to 12th
Hastings	Baltimore Ave., 2nd to 12th
Hastings	9th St., Burlington to Baltimore
Hastings	7th St., Baltimore to Oswego
Holdrege	11th Ave. and Lincoln St.
Kearney	39th St., Pony Express to Ave. M
Kearney	8th St. bridge replacement
Lexington	13th St. reconstruction
McCook	"J" St. paving
Nebraska City	11th St., 10th to 14th
Nebraska City	11th Corso realignment
Plattsmouth	15th St., Ave. A to Ave. C
Plattsmouth	15th St., 1st Ave. to Main
Schuyler	9th St., "B" St. to "G" St.
Scottsbluff	Ave. B
South Sioux City	signal integration
South Sioux City	Dakota Ave. street lights
York	Nebraska Ave. storm sewer