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First Recovery Act Project Completed

SR 69 paving first of 41 highway projects to wrap up construction

PHOENIX—Arizona continues to lead the way in getting Recovery Act projects to construction—and completion. One of ADOT's stimulus projects has already wrapped up construction within four weeks. The State Route 69 repaving project between Cordes Junction and Mayer in Yavapai County—a \$1.9 million project—began on June 30, with paving work finishing up on July 31. The final striping will be completed in about a month. Fann Contracting did the work on this project.

Eleven more Recovery Act projects are now under construction around the state. A total of 51 projects have been advertised, with only six left to be advertised. Forty projects have been awarded contracts by the State Transportation Board. (Some statewide projects from the original list of 41 have multiple projects with different contractors under one heading.)

The Arizona Department of Transportation is well on its way to accomplishing its two major goals through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act—improving our state's highway system, along with creating and sustaining more than 6,000 direct construction jobs. In addition, ADOT has produced a cost savings of more than \$27 million when comparing the state's estimates for ARRA projects to the approved low bids. Those cost savings will make way for additional ARRA projects throughout the state.

ADOT will receive an estimated \$350 million in ARRA funds for its highway and bridge projects. Maricopa County will receive \$130 million for five projects, Pima County will receive \$46 million for eight projects, and the 13 other counties in Greater Arizona will receive \$175 million for 28 projects.

For more information about ADOT's ARRA projects, log on to www.azdot.gov/recovery.

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