

AGENDA ITEM VII - ACTION

February 3, 2010

Jobs for Main Street Act

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Congress is currently debating a possible second stimulus bill (Jobs for Main Street Act) for the country. The infrastructure component of this bill has an anticipated \$2.25 billion* dollars coming to Texas. As with the previous American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus bill, time line requirements, project readiness, and project inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) are important for approvals.

TxDOT's balance in the current ARRA program has some underruns on projects that have already been awarded and must be recommitted to other projects by March 1, 2010. TxDOT's Paris District is working on getting four projects for consideration.

These projects are:

- **US 75** From: US 82 To: Loy Lake R. Reverse existing ramp configuration in the southbound direction Cost: \$1,655,040
- **FM 131 & US 82** Build Turn Lanes Cost: \$763,760
- **FM 996** From: FM 120 To: FM 1417 Rehab existing road Cost: \$1,109,450
- **SH 56** From: SH 289 To: Binkley Park Drive Overlay Cost: \$2,043,900

Should the ARRA underrun funding for these projects not be available, they will be submitted for consideration in the Jobs for Main Street Act.

Staff Recommendation:

That the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) review and approve the proposed projects for inclusion with the ARRA under runs group or the Jobs for Main Street Act whichever bill will place projects in line for project selection during the next round of stimulus infrastructure program.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Jobs for Main Street Act PowerPoint
- Stimulus Projects Map