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SENATE APPROVES \$635 MILLION FEDERAL FUNDS FOR ROADS

LANSING, Michigan – The Senate this week approved a \$635 million investment in the state's economy. The federal funds will come through the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act, and will be used to put people back to work repairing and upgrading Detroit area roads, bridges, and highways.

"These road projects for the 2nd Senate District couldn't come at a better time to help create jobs and improve the business climate in my communities," said State Senator Martha G. Scott (D-Highland Park). "I am glad to join my State Senate colleagues, and my President, in getting this money into our communities to improve Michigan for all of us."

Funding is determined by a formula used for the distribution of all federal funds. To meet the criteria, Michigan transportation projects must be ready to go within 120 days, be eligible for federal aid, and be approved through the federal aid process. Distribution within the state is determined by population, where the dollars will have the most impact in creating jobs, and where the greatest need for infrastructure improvements exists.

The goal is to stimulate economic activity statewide, and to create as many jobs as possible. If projects are completed within a set frame of time, the state will be eligible for an additional \$120 million in funding, which combined with the initial investments will create an estimated 25,000 jobs. Some of the approved projects include:

- \$22 million for deck replacement on a total of 11 bridges over I-96;
- \$13 million for M-8 (Davison Fwy) resurfacing from Oakland to Conant;
- \$4.3 million for deck replacement on Joseph Campau and Goddard over M-8 (Davison Fwy);
- More than \$4 million for resurfacing M-39 (Southfield Fwy) between McNichols and M-153 (Ford Rd); and
- \$1.7 million for the installation of an active speed system on I-94 eastbound and westbound at I-96.

The latest Senate Fiscal Agency information about the federal stimulus package is available at <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/sfa/main/ARRAct2009.pdf>.

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Senator Scott represents the 2nd Senate District, which includes areas of Detroit and the cities of Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Highland Park and all of the Grosse Pointes. She serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee.