

# Jobs for Main Street Act - HR 2847

## Highways

### *Funding*

- \$27.5 billion is provided for highways.
  - \$26.655 distributed to states and local governments
  - \$105 million for the Puerto Rico Highway Program
  - \$45 million for the Territorial Highway Program
  - \$60 million for Ferry Boats and Facilities – USDOT grant program
  - \$550 million for Indian reservations and federal lands
    - ✓ \$310 million for Indian Reservation Roads
    - ✓ \$170 million for Park Roads and Parkways
    - ✓ \$60 million for Forest Highways
    - ✓ \$10 million for Refuge Roads
  - \$20 million for highway surface transportation and technology training
  - \$20 million for DBE bonding assistance
  - \$45 million for FHWA administration
  - \$5 million for the Office of Expedited Project Delivery

### *Distribution*

- 50 percent of funds will be apportioned to states by the STP formula, and 50 percent apportioned in the same ratio as funding in FY 2008.
- 3 percent of each state's allocation must go to Transportation Enhancements.
- 30 percent of each states allocation is subject to suballocation to local governments.

### *Priorities*

- Give priority to projects that can be completed within a 3-year timeframe.
- Give priority to projects located in economically distressed areas as defined by the federal government.
- Ensure an equitable distribution of funds.
- Ensure appropriate balance in addressing the needs of urban and rural communities.

### *Timelines*

- **States must have 50 percent of funding under contract within 90 days.** Funds subject to this 90 day requirement not under contract will be redistributed to other states that meet this requirement.
- **All funds must be under contract within one year.** Funds not under contract will be redistributed to other states that meet this requirement.

### *General*

- Matching requirements are waived.

## **Transit**

### *Funding*

- \$6.15 billion is provided for formula capital grants.
  - \$100 million is provided for discretionary grants for reducing the energy consumption or greenhouse gas emissions of public transportation systems
  - 80 percent is provided to Urbanized Areas under the Section 5307 program.
  - 10 percent is provided to states and Urbanized Areas using the Section 5340 (growing states and high density states) distribution formula.
  - 10 percent is provided for states to distribute under the Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Areas program.
  - 2.5 percent of funding provided under the 5311 program is set aside for tribal transit projects.
- \$500 million is provided for the New Starts Program - capital investment grants for new or expanded fixed guideway projects.
- \$1.75 billion is provided for the Fixed Guideway Modernization Program - formula funds to address repair needs of existing subway, light rail and commuter rail systems.

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- All funds must be under contract within one year. Funds not under contract will be redistributed to other states that meet this requirement.

### *General*

- Matching requirements are waived.
- Funds may not be commingled with any prior year funds.
- Up to 10 percent of funds apportioned to a state or urbanized area may be used for operating costs.

### *Comments*

- Compared to ARRA, gives slightly less to capital grants and new/small starts. Rail modernization formula is heavy weighted to NYC, Chicago and two or three other big urban systems.

## **Amtrak**

- \$800 million is provided for capital grants for acquisition and rehabilitation of rolling stock and passenger equipment

### **Airports**

- \$500 million for airport improvement grants.

### **Maritime Administration**

- \$100 million to allow vessel and shipyard owners to obtain long-term financing for growth and modernization projects.

### **General**

- States are required to maintain their effort with regard to state funding for transportation projects funded under the act.
- Periodic reports are required of recipients of funding.