

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

- **Signed yesterday (date of enactment Feb. 17, 2009)**

Board decisions shown in red font

Funding Available

- **DRCOG selection**
 - **STP-Metro: approx. \$56 M**
 - **Enhancement: approx. \$4 M**
- **CDOT in DRCOG area: approx. \$120 M**
- **RTD:**
 - **Formula: approx. \$70 M**
 - **New Starts: West Corridor possible**

Timeframes

- U.S. DOT has 21 days to apportion
- Funding must be obligated as follows or it is lost

	Partial	Full (100%)
Enhancement	50%/120 days	1 year
STP-Metro	No requirement	1 year
CDOT (most funds)	50%/120 days	1 year
RTD	50%/180 days	1 year

Maintenance of Effort

- **As of February 17, 2009**
- **Amount “planned to expend” [baseline]**
- **“For the types of projects that are funded” by this act**
- **Between February 17, 2009 and Sept. 30, 2010**
- **Governor certify within 30 days of enactment**
 - **“for each amount that is distributed to a state or agency thereof”**
- **Locals need to certify? To Governor?**
- **DRCOG need to certify? To Governor?**

Reporting

- **“Each grant recipient”**
- **Funds: appropriated, obligated, to bid, awarded, work begun, work completed**
- **Direct jobs**
- **Indirect jobs in supplying industries**
- **Expenditures: total including recovery vs. baseline**
- **Reports due (after enactment):**
 - 90 days, 180 days, 1 yr. , 2 yrs. , 3 yrs.**

Project Scrutiny

- **Monthly progress meetings**
- **Bi-weekly as deadlines approach**
- **Zero tolerance for milestones missed – regardless of fault or circumstances**

DRCOG Call for Projects

- **Submittals**
 - **39 agencies**
 - **185 projects**
 - **\$650 million**
- **Eligible**
 - **37 agencies**
 - **165 projects**
 - **\$540 million**

Tiers (Feb. 4)

Tier 1.
Construction,
standard TIP criteria

RTP with regional funds
Regional roadways (reconstruct,
operations)
Bike/Ped/other enhancement
Rapid transit/facilities

Tier 2.
Construction,
“additional” criteria

Major collectors, minor arterials
Overlays

Tier 3.
Design

Confirm Eligibility

1. Projects in current TIP?
 - Construction [Tier 1] – yes on Feb, 4
 - Non-construction [Tier 3]
2. Capacity projects in fiscally constrained RTP as “100% locally funded”? [Tier 2]
3. New safety, bridge, etc. construction projects?
[Tier 2]
 - Yes – DRCOG staff allowed, projects already submitted
 - No – to some or all

Approved Tiers

Tier 1.
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Any construction currently in TIP

Tier 2.
Construction,
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Capacity projects in RTP as 100% local
Other fed-eligible construction
(not in current TIP Policy)

Tier 3.
Non-construction

Design
Any non-construction currently in TIP

Selection Issues

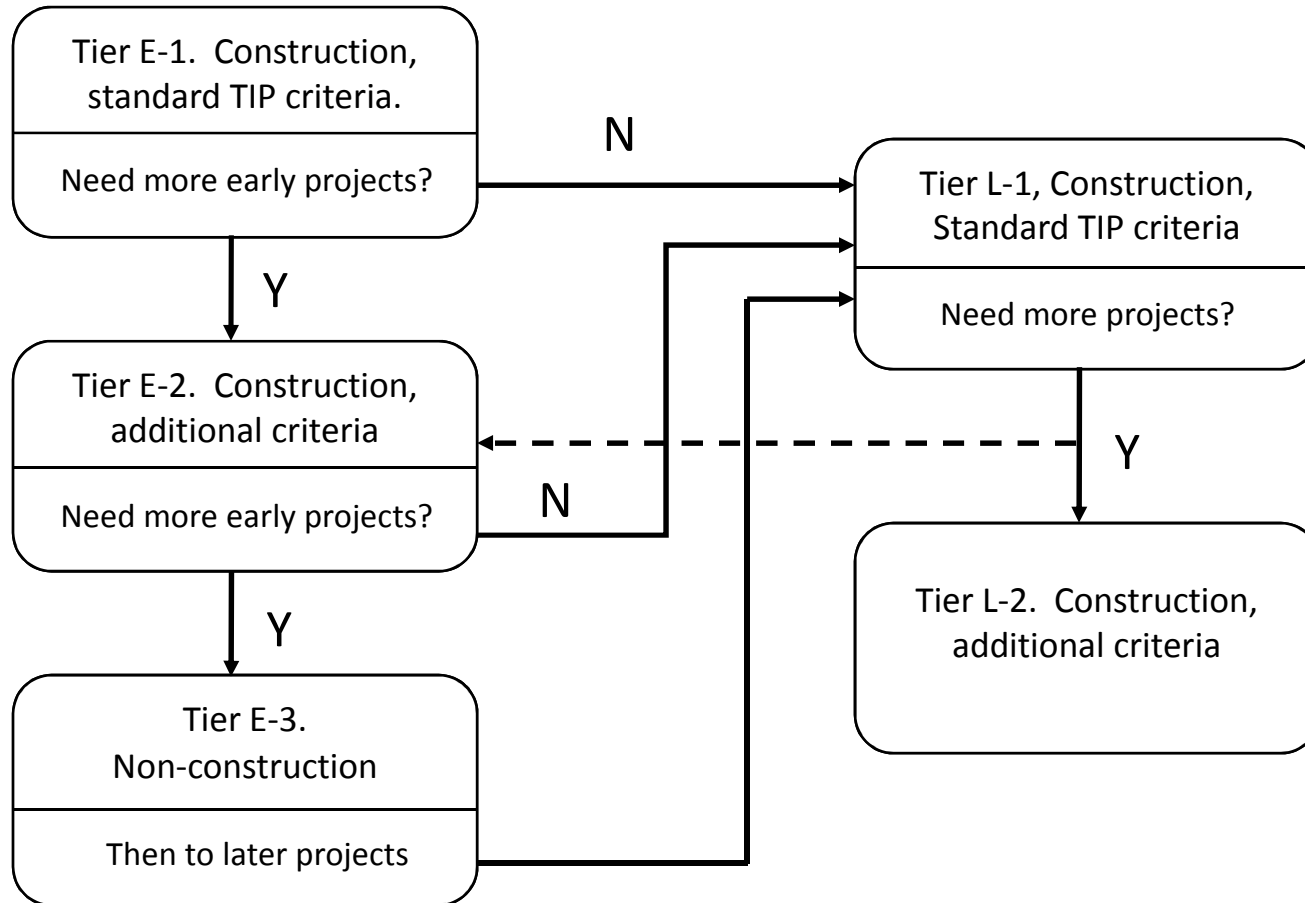
- **Need to make selections very quickly (March 4)**
 - **Governor's certification March 19**
- **Set an early time period funding target?**
- **Narrow applications to be considered?**

Set Target for Early Time Period Funding?

- Act requires 50% enhancement in 120 days
- Act has no early requirement for STP-Metro
- Observations
 - Spend quickly?
 - Bid competition (CDOT)?
- Recommendation – soft targets: **Board Approved**
 - Enhancement: 100% in 120 days
 - STP-Metro: 30% in 120 days
- Reminder: 100% by December 31, 2009 (Board set as requirement 2/4)

Early Time Period¹

Later Time Period²



¹ Early time period: prior to any expenditure deadlines that might be set in the bill (enhancement) or set by DRCOG

² Later time period: from the end of the early time period to December 31, 2009

Narrow Applications to be Scrutinized (Considered)?

- Limited time for scrutiny; need to prioritize
- Recommendation:
 - Concentrate on Tier 1
 - For enhancements (Tier 1), concentrate on early projects

Yes

No

DRCOG Call for Projects

Concentration Approved	Early 120 days \$ millions	Late 121 days to Dec 31, 2009 \$ millions	Total \$millions
Tier 1 Enhancement STP-Metro	\$20 \$110	\$30 \$200	\$50 \$310
Tier 2 STP-Metro	\$135	\$30	\$165
Tier 3 STP-Metro	\$10	\$5	\$15

\$540

Concentration Tiers

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Selection Process – Priorities

- **Two priorities identified in Act**
- **Project be completed in 3 years**
 - **DRCOG: required**
- **Project be located in economically distressed area**
 - **Weld County**

Selection Priority Decision

1. Are projects currently in TIP higher priority than projects not currently in TIP?
 - Projects in TIP already federalized & mostly “in process”
 - Projects in TIP with regional funds previously selected through a rigorous, agreed-to, public, regional process
 - Process being used in rest of state

Yes

No

Selection Priority Decision

2. Are major/regional projects in the fiscally constrained RTP higher priority than other projects for STP-Metro?

Yes

No – no priority established at this time

Selection Process Decision

4. Should past performance in implementing federal projects be considered?

- Use findings from DRCOG's annual 3-strikes reports?

Yes – an absolute criterion

Only as a tie-breaker

Not considered

Selection Process Decision

5. Should geographic distribution be considered?

- Recovery funding outcomes added into “equity” computation in next TIP
- Infeasible to address quantitatively (timeframes, criteria, other constraints)



Not at all



Only qualitatively



Quantitatively (if so, how)