

**Navajo Nation**  
**American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Symposium**

**Gallup Inn & Suites**  
**Gallup, New Mexico**

**June 10, 2009**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

**Navajo Regional Office**

**Division of Transportation**

**Road Construction Status Report**

**Compiled and Reported by:**

**Irvin Bekis, Division Manager**

**505-863-8282**

**505-593-3947**

**Report Content:**

- 1. Summary**
- 2. ARRA Funding Distribution**
- 3. Navajo Nation Council's Transportation and Community Development Committee's Tribal Transportation Improvement Program (TTIP)**
- 4. Approved Project Status Summary**
- 5. Indian Reservation Roads Program TTIP**
- 6. Map Location of FY-2009 and FY-2010 ARRA Projects**

## Summary

As determined by the BIADOT Central Office and Federal Highway Administration, Federal Lands Highway Office (FHWA-FLFO), the BIA Regions are provided a deadline to obligate the ARRA allotted funds by February 17, 2010.

BIA NRO is working continually in preparing transportation projects in a construction ready status by the deadline provided in the report. In order for the BIA to meet the NNC-TCDC TTIP, we will need all programs involved with the approval process to complete these tasks in a timely manner. The ARRA Road Construction allotment is treated like the IRR Program that will be approved according to 25 CFR 170, thereby tribal shares on the initial funding amounts.

We are also obligating the regular FY-09 IRR Program funds with projects in construction ready status. The obligations of the IRR Projects take precedence as we are in the last year of the SAFETEA-LU legislation. We were informed several times by BIADOT and FHWA-FLHO it is critical that the IRR Program amounts are obligated to the maximum amounts as we are entering a reauthorization period.

After February 17, 2010, unobligated ARRA funds will be reprogrammed by BIADOT and made available for all 12 BIA Regions on a first-come-first-served basis.

We expect to complete and fully obligate all the FY-09 ARRA projects in order to prepare for the FY-2010 ARRA funds that may be available as noted above.

### Transportation ARRA Contact Persons:

#### Road Construction

Irvin Bekis, BIA NRO DOT Manager, 505-863-8282, 505-593-3947

Harold Riley, BIA NRO DOT Planning and Design Chief, 505-863-8284, 505-593-3948

#### Road and Bridge Repair and Restoration (Road Maintenance)

Roland Becenti, BIA WNA DOT Manager, 938-283-2298

Herby Larsen, BIA NRO DOT Construction Chief, 505-863-8255, 505-713-2389

(Road Maintenance Report will be made in a separate format)