

**Board Approved April 16, 2009**

**Reasonable Progress Policy**

**OTO American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)**

It is the general policy of the OTO to spend all federal monies suballocated through the State of Missouri from the Federal Highway Administration in an expeditious manner as to avoid any loss of funds.

Futhermore, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) allows until February 17, 2010 for all suballocated funds to be spent or the funds will go to another state.

In an effort to avoid the loss of these federal funds to another state the following is the Reasonable Progress Policy of the OTO related to ARRA funds only:

All funds must be obligated by September 30, 2009.

In order to ensure this obligation date is met the following benchmarks must be met:

May 4, 2009	Submission of TIP amendment for May Technical Committee
June 18, 2009	Board approval of <b>TIP amendment</b>
July 1, 2009	<b>Programming Data Form</b> submitted to MoDOT
July 30, 2009	<b>Program Agreements</b> signed by local agency and returned to MoDOT
August 30, 2009	Final <b>Engineering Services Agreement</b> or <b>Final Plans, Specifications and Estimates</b> to MoDOT.
September 30, 2009	Federal <b>obligation</b> of funds and Notice to Proceed

If a project does not meet the benchmarks as outlined above, they will be notified within five days by email and mail that the project funding has been rescinded. The local agency will have five days to notify the OTO Executive Director of a request to appeal the rescission of funds. The appeal will be sent via email to the Board of Directors for a final decision.

All funds that are rescinded will go to MoDOT, District 8 for use on OTO Projects of Regional Significance if possible. If an OTO Project of Regional Significance cannot meet the required timeframe to avoid loss of funding then MoDOT will utilize the funds within the OTO planning area.