

# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

## Project Eligibility

**(Only projects meeting criteria of one of the programs listed below are eligible.)**

- Is it a road or bridge project?
- Is the project eligible for funding in one of the following Title 23 categories?
  - **Surface Transportation Program (STP)**
    - Road or bridge construction on a federal-aid route
      - Counties: Functionally classified as a major collector (RS route)
      - Cities: Functionally classified as a collector or arterial street
    - Any new construction or reconstruction project on eligible routes is eligible
    - Substantial maintenance projects are eligible if they meet the following conditions:
      - Estimated design life of about 7 years: Examples include 1 ½” to 2” overlay; 1” mill with 2” overlay.
      - Projects should be those that would come out of the LPA’s normal pavement management practices, whether a formal pavement management program or an informal process.
      - Safety should not be decreased. Consider practical, low-cost safety improvements in conjunction with the surfacing work such as tree removal, improved signing, delineation.
  - **Highway Bridge Program (BR)**
    - Rehabilitation or replacement of deficient bridges
    - Bridge may be on any public route
    - NBI inspection records must be current and up-to-date.
    - Bridge is classified as deficient based on current NBI inspection
      - Classified as “structurally deficient” or “functionally obsolete”.
      - Sufficiency rating between 50 and 80 – eligible for rehabilitation only.
      - Sufficiency rating less than 50 – eligible for rehabilitation or replacement.
  - **Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ)**
    - Funding applies only to Transportation Management Areas (population>200,000).
    - Projects to benefit air quality