



## **RTAC LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

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The attached document outlines the statewide distribution of the stimulus transportation funding. The rural areas received 38% of the highway/road funding and 33% of the transportation total (includes transit).

Calendar Year 2007 State Highway System Length and Travel Statistics indicate that the rurals have 82.5% of the state system route miles, 76% of the lane miles and 44.5% of the daily vehicle miles traveled. MAG experienced 46.7%, a difference of just over 2%.

The state legislative session is very much in limbo. Due to the lack of activity in the State Senate, the future of all non-budget bills remains very much in question as committee hearing deadlines have passed before hearings have even started in the Senate. I will send a specific update on transportation bills including their description and status shortly but the lack of hearings in the Senate poses a serious obstacle to the enactment of all of them.

Regarding the budget, majority leadership released a plan including \$2.4 Billion in various adjustments last week. A consensus on the details has yet to be reached and minority leadership has also released an alternative. In addition, the \$2.4 Billion plan appears to be around a Billion short of the adjustments that will be required for a balanced budget. Fund sweeps are included in the plan, but the specifics for each fund, such as HURF and the State Aviation Fund, have yet to be released. I will provide further information as it becomes available.

Also, former ADOT Director Victor Mendez has just been nominated by the Obama Administration to be the next Federal Highway Administrator.