



## **RTAC LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

### **March 12, 2009**

ADOT's Priority Planning Advisory Committee (PPAC) met this afternoon to approve additional recommendations for the selection of projects to be funded with the federal stimulus funding. The State Transportation Board will consider those recommendations at their meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning at 10:00.

PPAC's actions today were consistent with the direction provided at the last State Transportation Board meeting to allocate the \$350 Million of stimulus funding for state projects based on the Casa Grande or Resource Allocation Advisory Committee (RAAC) formula which provides 50% of the funding to the rural counties.

The attachment provides the list of projects to be funded with the state portion of the stimulus funding. The top 28 projects on the rural list, described as TOC (thirteen other counties) total \$176 Million and will be recommended to the State Transportation Board for selection.

PPAC approved only slight changes to the previous list of projects recommended for funding. A Gila County project was replaced with a different Gila County project and a La Paz County project was added. A breakdown on the level of funding to be spent in each county is also provided in the attachment.

No formal action on the \$156 Million for local projects is anticipated for tomorrow's meeting but a discussion is likely. If you plan on attending, I would strongly suggest arriving early as a packed room is expected. The meeting will take place in the ADOT Auditorium located in ADOT's administration building at 206 S. 17th Avenue in Phoenix at 10:00.

I will provide a report on the outcome of tomorrow's meeting.