

# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

## OVERVIEW

Indianapolis Regional  
Transportation Council

April 9, 2009



# General Guidance

- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5) was enacted on February 17, 2009.
- Information and guidance can be found on the INDOT Website:  
<http://www.in.gov/indot/div/public/arra/arra.htm>

# Funding Allocation Summary

- National appropriation for highways was \$27.5 billion
- INDOT received \$658 million
- 3% of State funds must be set aside for Transportation Enhancement
- 30% of State funds are suballocated to urbanized areas over 200,000
- Indianapolis Urbanized Area received \$39,569,672
- IndyGo received roughly \$16 million directly from FTA

# Use It or Lose It

- *States* must...
  - obligate 50% of funds within 120 days or they will be reappropriated
  - obligate remaining 50% of funds within 1 year
- Urbanized areas (MPOs) have one year from date of allocation to obligate funds or they will be reappropriated
- Failure by State or MPO to obligate by the deadlines jeopardizes all funds statewide

# Requirements

- **Funding award based upon contract bid amount**
- Change orders and cost overruns – costs must be paid by local entity – ARRA funding will not cover these expenses
- Preliminary engineering (PE) and right-of-way (R/W) costs are not eligible
- Title 23 Federal requirements apply, including all standard environmental and right-of-way clearances
- Project must be on federal system (with some exceptions including trail and bridge projects)
  - Arterials, Urban Collectors, Rural Major Collector
- **There will be mandatory project status reports required on a monthly basis**

# MPO Data Collection Process

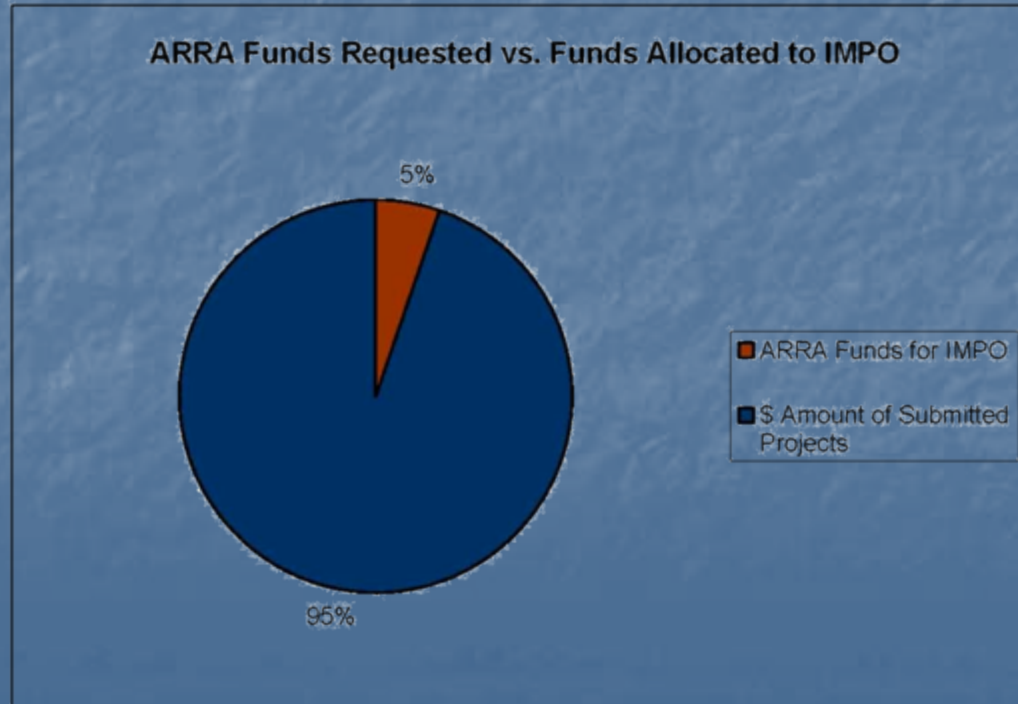
- First Email: “Preparation for Possible Stimulus Package”
  - Distributed to IRTC Technical and Policy Committees on December 8, 2009
  - Included Excel spreadsheet to be completed with project information and returned by December 17, 2009
- Second Email: “STIMULUS PACKAGE – Update, Information Request, and Opportunity to Submit Additional Projects”
  - Distributed to IRTC Technical and Policy Committee Members
    - LPAs that had already submitted projects received this email individually with their projects attached
  - Included another excel spreadsheet, slightly more detailed than the first, to be completed and returned by January 23<sup>rd</sup>

# MPO Data Collection Process

- Special Meeting of the IRTC Technical Committee was held March 9th to discuss ARRA requirements and to go over the projects that had been received in order to confirm their status
  - Due to the amount of new information and clearer explanations from FHWA and INDOT related to the eligibility of projects for ARRA, and the discussion that took place at this meeting, revisions to projects and new eligible projects were accepted until March 13, 2009.

# Projects Submitted to IMPO

- The facts:
  - MPO received over \$700 million dollars worth of requests
  - Lists were compiled that included all of the submittals and were sent to INDOT



# Criteria Used by MPO to Guide Project Evaluation

- Project must be Title 23 eligible per Federal regulations
- Project must be on the Federal Aid system depending on type (some trail and bridge projects do not need to be on the federal system)
- Project must be able to go to an INDOT letting no later than the end of 2009
- Per the Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council Policy Guidelines and Indianapolis Regional Transportation Plan – projects should focus on preservation of the existing system
- If regionally significant, the project must be in the conforming Indianapolis Regional Transportation Plan

# Criteria Used by MPO to Guide Project Evaluation (cont.)

- Projects must be able to be completed in 3 years
- Projects should have potential to enhance economic development, stimulate the economy and assist in job creation
- An equitable distribution of ARRA funds should be considered
- Local match contributions to the regional transportation planning process were considered
- Other applicable INDOT and Federal requirements

# Dates to Remember

Complete and accurate bid packages must be in District Offices 10 weeks prior to desired letting date.

## RFC Date:

March 11

March 25

April 15

May 20

June 17

July 15

August 12

September 9\*

October 14\*

## Letting Date:

May 20

June 3

June 24

July 29

August 26

September 23

October 21

November 18\*

December 23\*

\* These dates are estimations based on guidance from INDOT, as they have not yet set letting dates past October. Final dates will be provided when available.