



# CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

**Agenda Item 2**  
**February 17, 2009**

**SUBJECT:** Approval of a prioritized list of road projects to be submitted to the Oakland Federal Aid Committee for potential Federal Economic Stimulus Package funding.

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Engineering *R44*

**CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:** *[Signature]*

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Federal funding for eligible road projects in Novi is administered by the Oakland Federal Aid Committee (FAC); therefore, any funding that is made available to Oakland County communities from the Federal Economic Stimulus Package/American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will be allocated by the Oakland FAC. Recently, the Committee issued a Call for Projects to determine which eligible road projects might receive Stimulus Package funding (February 5, 2009 letter, attached). According to the Committee, the criteria for project eligibility include:

- The road must be Federal aid-eligible by virtue of being classified as an Urban Collector or higher.
- The project must be on the Committee's and SEMCOG's short-term Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP); otherwise, it must be a new project not previously considered by the FAC. (TIP projects must be on the approved TIP for fiscal years 2010-2012, or must have been selected for inclusion in the proposed FY 2013 TIP.)
- Projects must be obligated (i.e., construction contract awarded) within 90 to 150 days from the date the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is signed into law.

The attached table lists Novi's candidate projects that meet these criteria. The road projects have been arranged in a proposed priority order based on need as well as likelihood of approval. For example, it is more likely that projects on the approved 2012 TIP stand a better chance of receiving Stimulus Package funding than projects on the proposed 2013 TIP; and projects on the proposed 2013 TIP would fare better than new projects that have yet to be evaluated by the FAC.

Novi's list of candidate road projects must be submitted to the Oakland FAC no later than February 18<sup>th</sup>. Rob Hayes will be attending the Oakland FAC's next meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup> to vote on the methodology for distributing funds and selecting projects.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval of a prioritized list of road projects to be submitted to the Oakland Federal Aid Committee for potential Federal Economic Stimulus Package funding.

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Mayor Landry				
Mayor Pro Tem Gatt				
Council Member Burke				
Council Member Crawford				

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Council Member Margolis				
Council Member Mutch				
Council Member Staudt				

**CITY OF NOVI  
PROPOSED ROADWAY PROJECTS  
TO BE FUNDED BY FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE**

Proposed Priority	Project Name	Route	Project Description	Estimated Project Cost	Federal Aid-Eligible?	On Approved TIP?	On Proposed TIP?	New Project?	Obligate in 90-150 Days?
1	Nine Mile Road	Meadowbrook to Haggerty	Pavement repairs and repaving the one mile length of 2- and 3- lane roadway.	\$593,688	Yes	Yes - 2012			Yes
2	Nine Mile Road	Novi to Taft	Pavement repairs and repaving the one mile length of 2- and 3- lane roadway.	\$556,600	Yes	Yes - 2012			Yes
3	Meadowbrook Rd	Eight Mile to Nine Mile	Pavement repairs and repaving the one mile length of 2- and 3- lane roadway.	\$653,200	Yes	Yes - 2012			Yes
4	Meadowbrook Rd	Ten Mile to Cherry Hill	Pavement repairs and repaving the 0.70 mile length of 2- and 3- lane roadway.	\$342,700	Yes		Yes - 2013		Yes
5	Nine Mile Road	Beck to Taft	Pavement repairs and repaving the one mile length of 2- and 3- lane roadway.	\$449,650	Yes		Yes - 2013		Yes
6	Grand River Ave	Novi to Haggerty	Pavement repairs and overlay of the 2.2 mile length of 2- and 3- lane roadway to extend pavement life until reconstruction/widening occurs in 2025.	\$920,000	Yes			Yes	Yes
7	Wixom Road	Ten Mile to Grand River	Rehabilitate a 3-lane section over a two mile length.	\$995,000	Yes			Yes	Yes
8	Beck Road	Nine Mile to Cheltenham	Reconstruct a 2- and 3-lane section over a 0.50 mile length.	\$510,000	Yes			Yes	Yes



## OAKLAND COUNTY FEDERAL AID TASK FORCE

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February 05, 2009

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To: Bob Hayes  
Pls handle.  
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**RE: Federal Stimulus Call for Projects**

Dear Oakland County Federal Aid Task Force Member:

As the federal stimulus package works its way through the US Senate, members of the Oakland County Federal Aid Funding Committee have been discussing how stimulus funds should be distributed among road jurisdictions within Oakland County. The committee will continue this discussion at their upcoming meeting 9:00 a.m., February 24, 2009 at the Madison Heights Fire Headquarters. In anticipation of a vote on a distribution method at that meeting we are issuing a call for stimulus projects for their review.

**Please share this communication with the appropriate individual(s) in your organization who would respond to this call for projects.**

Current talks at the national level indicate the stimulus package will allot a very narrow window of opportunity for submission and obligation. Providing your projects to us by **February 18, 2009** will ensure the Funding Committee has adequate time to familiarize themselves with the projects before acting on them the following week.

**Submission worksheets and instructions can be downloaded from the FAC Webpage (<http://www.oaklandfac.org>) in the "Federal Stimulus" section.**

Sincerely,

*David A. Evancoe*

David A. Evancoe, Chair  
Oakland County Federal Aid Committee

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# ROAD COMMISSION for OAKLAND COUNTY PRESS RELEASE PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, Feb. 9, 2009  
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## OAKLAND COUNTY FEDERAL ROAD FUNDING COMMITTEE WILL FACE SHORTFALL AT FEB. 24 MEETING

**Beverly Hills, Mich.** — The Funding Committee of the Oakland County Federal Aid Task Force will meet Feb. 24 to award \$17.4 million in available federal and state road funds. Because of the limited funding available, the committee has restricted the quantity and type of projects it will consider this year.

The committee may also allocate the federal stimulus program dollars, if the president has signed the federal stimulus bill by Feb. 24. The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) has estimated there will be \$26.6 million in federal stimulus dollars available for use on Oakland roads, though this could change as the federal stimulus bill evolves.

The 14-member committee includes 10 representatives of Oakland's cities, villages and townships, as well as two members from the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), one representative from SMART and one from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). It meets every February to identify the road projects that will receive the available federal and state road funds four years in the future.

This year, the committee will identify projects to receive funds in 2013 as well as the stimulus bill funds that are to be spent primarily in 2009. If the federal stimulus package is not approved by Feb. 24, the committee will set an additional meeting later to address the stimulus funds.

Excluding the one-time anticipated federal stimulus program funds, the committee awards funding from two sources: The Surface Transportation Program (STP), which is federal dollars awarded to each region based on a formula, and Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF), which is a combination of state and federal dollars intended primarily to address congestion caused by economic development.

Because of the limited STP and TEDF funding available this year, the committee will not consider any new road widening projects, though widening projects previously approved are eligible for "next phase" funding. The projects vying for federal stimulus funds must be "shovel ready" in 90 or 180 days.

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"We are again facing the situation where the road needs surpass the available funding," observed RCOC Managing Director Brent Bair. He noted \$42.8 million of projects is vying for the available \$17.4 million in STP and TEDF funds. "This is just the tip of the iceberg," Bair said. "This does not include the full cost to complete the submitted projects or those needed projects that were not allowed to be submitted."

Projects generally are submitted in three phases — design, right of way acquisition and construction — and the committee funds only one phase of each project at a time. So, the \$42.8 million includes the cost of only one phase for each project submitted.

The committee reviews projects submitted by RCOC and all the cities and villages in the county. Projects compete for the available funds. In order to receive federal road construction dollars, projects must be approved, rated and ranked by the committee.

The projects are ranked using an objective point system that gives the most points to those projects that will do the most to improve motorist safety and reduce traffic congestion. Then, only the projects that receive the most points receive funding. Every year, numerous worthy projects remain unfunded because of a lack of funds.

"This is a 'worst first' funding formula," Bair said.

RCOC and the county's cities and villages rely on STP or TEDF funds for nearly all major road construction projects. Without these funds, there would be very few major road projects undertaken on city, village or county roads.

It is anticipated that the federal stimulus funds will be used primarily on resurfacing projects because of the short turn-around time required.

Bair and RCOC Planning and Development Director David Evancoe praised the system of distributing the available federal funds. "This is a very fair and objective means of determining which projects will receive the limited dollars available," said Evancoe, who chairs the committee. "Each project submitted is reviewed solely on its merit. In fact, some years ago, our point system was identified by the Federal Highway Administration as a model for use nationwide. The problem is simply that there are far too few dollars to come close to meeting the needs."

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 9 a.m., Feb. 24, and will take place at the City of Madison Heights' Fire Department Headquarters, located at 31313 Brush St., in Madison Heights (zip code 48071).

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To: Bob Hayes