

The Federal *"Stimulus"* Package Opportunities for Houston

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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5)

- Signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009.
- **\$787 BILLION** Economic Recovery Package



Major Provisions

- Tax Relief (\$288 billion)
 - Individuals (\$237 billion)/Corporate (\$51 billion)
- Healthcare (\$148 billion)
- Education (\$90 billion)
- Environment (\$7 billion)
 - Wastewater \$4 billion, Drinking Water \$2 billion
 - Remainder storage tanks, Brownfields, Superfund
- Worker Assistance, including training (\$82 billion)
- Infrastructure Investment (\$81 billion)
 - Roads/bridges/transit (\$51 billion)
 - Facilities/fleets (\$29 billion)
- “Supplemental Investments” (broadband, parks, transportation investments) (\$15 billion)
- Energy Efficiency (\$61 billion)
- Housing (\$12 billion)
- Scientific Research (\$9 billion)
- Others (Law enforcement, transit/port security, etc) (\$18 billion).



Best Prospects for Houston

- Airport Improvements (\$7 million)
 - Ellington Field Taxiways
- Alternative/Clean Fuel Vehicles (\$30 million??)
 - Airport/Solid Waste/Fire/PWE
- Broadband Deployment (\$5 million??)
 - Library/Police/Health/PWE



Best Prospects for Houston (cont'd)

- Brownfields (\$7.6 million)
 - 10 inner City sites – Dynamo site?? COPS Hiring Recovery Program (\$40 million)
 - Funding for approx 250 new trainee officers each year for three year period
- Emergency Operations Center Improvements (\$9 million)
 - Natural gas generators for key life safety facilities



Best Prospects for Houston (cont'd)

- Energy Efficiency/Conservation (\$8 to \$50 million)
 - Solar Energy at GRB/CHP projects at Wastewater Facilities
- Underground Storage Tank Remediation (\$50 million??)
 - Potentially 42 City fueling sites
- Weatherization (\$30 million??)
 - Grants for low-income families



Infrastructure

- Significant impact of State Highway and METRO projects
 - Potential jumpstart of North and Southeast light rail corridors
 - IH10/IH610/Beltway ramp projects
- MPO Sub-Allocated Projects
 - \$12 million for Intelligent Transportation System improvements



Infrastructure (cont'd)

- Potential additional major thoroughfare improvements
 - Airport Blvd.
 - Clinton Drive
 - Yale Blvd.
- Potential water/wastewater project funding
 - Energy efficiency/reliability
 - Sewer rehabilitation



Some Concerns

- Allocations at state level should recognize particular needs of large cities
- Consistent/reasonable definition of "shovel ready"
- Reasonable/minimal levels of administrative costs by pass-through agencies
- Full consideration of any "strings" that may be attached

