

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Summary of Key Programs in the Conference Report

The conference report for the \$789 billion measure has been released to the public. Early reports about funding in the conference agreement varied, but most of the final numbers are as expected. Highway Infrastructure Investment is \$27.5 billion, which is less than the House allocated but on par with the Senate's bill. Funding for Transit is less than in the House bill, but remains at the level of \$8.4 billion that was granted by the Senate. Amtrak funding has remained relatively the same, with the final agreement allocating \$850 million, of which not more than 60 percent may be used for the Northeast Corridor. There was a dramatic increase in funding for Intercity Passenger Rail and High Speed Rail Corridors. The House allocated \$1.1 billion, the Senate allocated \$3.1 billion, but the final conference agreement includes \$9.3 billion for these programs.

The funding information below is based on an initial review of the lengthy conference report. AMPO will continue to review the language for accuracy and changes will be reported as necessary.

Funding listed in billions

Program	Conference Report
HIGHWAY & BRIDGES	27.5
TRANSIT	8.4
<i>Transit Capital Assistance</i>	6.9
<i>Transit Capital Investment Grants</i>	.75
<i>Fixed Guideway Infrastructure Investment</i>	.75
INTERCITY AND HIGH SPEED RAIL	9.3
<i>High Speed Rail Corridors</i>	8
<i>Capital Assistance for Intercity Passenger Rail</i>	<i>Funding included in \$8 billion above</i>
<i>Amtrak</i>	.85
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCRETIONARY GRANTS FOR A NATIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM	1.5
Transportation Specifics	Conference Report
Requirements to obligate 50% of funding	States-120 days MPOs-1 year
Suballocation	Funds will be apportioned under current STP provisions. This means that funds will be sub-allocated for 200,000 UZA and above to the MPO. MPOs below 200,000 will not receive sub-allocation.
Funding for Transportation Enhancements	3% of funds to be used for enhancements.