

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
FOR GOVERNMENTAL RESPONSES TO FEBRUARY 27, 2009 LETTER
AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 (P.L. 111-5)
March 31, 2009

Should respondents include projected, anticipated, or estimated job statistics in responses to the Committee?

No. Respondents should only report actual job statistics. The number of direct jobs, job hours, and payroll should reflect what has occurred as of March 31, 2009. In some cases, the correct number to report will be "0", even though you anticipate projects will create jobs in the future. You should not report on the total amount of direct jobs, job hours, and payroll you project, anticipate, or estimate to result from the Recovery Act.

See generally FHWA guidelines for information on reporting job statistics (page 6-7):
http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/forms/arra_reporting_req_1_0.pdf

Should respondents complete Table 2 if no funds have been obligated?

No. Do not complete Table 2 unless funds have been obligated for a specific project.

How should public transit agencies define "obligated"?

For the Transit Capital Investment and Fixed Guideway Infrastructure Investment programs, obligated means a grant agreement has been executed between the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the recipient agency. This definition is the same definition that FTA uses under its existing programs.

How should public transit agencies answer the maintenance-of-effort questions (the final three questions in Table 1) when the questions ask about "state" funds?

Transit agencies can choose to complete this question in one of two ways: 1) Report on expenditures from state sources, or 2) Report on expenditures from local sources. If you report on local sources, please note using the following format: "1000 (Local)".

How should Governors answer the maintenance-of-effort questions when completing a separate Table 1 for each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) serving a Transportation Management Area (TMA) in the state?

If the data is available, Governors should report the data to the Committee. If the data is unavailable, Governors may report "NA" when completing the maintenance-of-effort questions on a separate Table 1 specific to each MPO.

Should Metropolitan Planning Organizations report directly to the Committee?

No. The Governor will respond on behalf of the state, including the MPOs. MPOs should coordinate with the Governor to ensure that the Governor has the information needed to

complete Table 1 specific for each MPO serving a TMA in the state. If the MPO would prefer to respond directly to the February 27, 2009 letter, please contact Joseph Wender of the Committee staff.