

SEMCOG Public Notice

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SEMCOG invites public comment on transportation projects selected for funding using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act dollars

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, announces the public comment period for projects selected for funding using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) or Federal Stimulus dollars.

The 193 projects total \$453.3 million. The majority of the projects are preservation in nature (transit capital, road resurfacing/reconstruction, or bridges). There is one major capacity project that widens M-59 from Crooks to Ryan, and another that widens one mile of Canton Center Road in Canton. SMART, the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, is requesting hybrid buses and improving information for riders through Global Positioning Systems and Intelligent transportation systems.

Like all other transportation projects, these must undergo the same scrutiny – an air quality conformity analysis, an environmental justice review, a public comment process (details are available from SEMCOG), and are constrained to available funding.

A complete list of all projects is available from the SEMCOG Information Center, 313-324-3362 or on SEMCOG's Web site at www.semco.org/FederalStimulusPackageUpdateForSEMI.aspx.

Address written comments to SEMCOG Information Center, 535 Griswold, Suite 300, Detroit, MI 48226; send faxes to 313-961-4869; call 313-324-3362; or e-mail infocenter@semco.org. Comments can also be made in person at the following meetings:

- SEMCOG General Assembly, Thursday, March 26, 2009, 4:30 p.m., Rock Financial Showplace (46100 Grand River, Novi, MI 48374); and
- Transportation Advisory Council, Wednesday, April 22, 2009, 9:30 a.m. SEMCOG offices.

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