

**SCENARIOS FOR RESPONDING TO THE NEW JOBS CREATION  
LEGISLATION UNDER CONSIDERATION BY CONGRESS**

**DESCRIPTION**

Congress is considering legislation to create jobs and bolster our nation's slumping economy. Some have referred to this legislation as a second economic stimulus package. Provisions of this potential legislation will likely include the rapid implementation of job creating activities to boost employment opportunities immediately. In an effort to be proactive to take advantage of any possible funding for transportation included in this legislation, department staff has developed a recommended list of projects for funding consideration by the commission should a jobs creation bill be passed into law.

**ISSUES**

The House version of the jobs creation legislation, known as the Jobs for Main Street Act, included provisions requiring 50 percent of the funding provided for transportation projects to be under contract within 90 days of the states receiving their apportionments, and 100 percent of the funding to be under contract within one year. The Senate has not yet passed a companion to the Jobs for Main Street Act, but initial indications are that they may consider only requiring 50 percent of the funds to be obligated within 120 days. Regardless, the state may be required to quickly implement a large number of projects in response to a jobs creation law. Staff has prepared a list of more than 2,000 projects with an estimated cost of over \$8.2 billion that may be implementable within one year. These projects have been categorized and ranked within one of five categories (Urban Mobility, Rural Mobility, Safety, Bridges and Pavement Preservation), and evaluated based on a variety of possible bill requirements.

**REFERENCES**

See attached summary and analysis.

**DESIRED RESULTS**

Staff will recommend commission approval of a prioritized list of candidate projects for funding from the jobs creation legislation should it be passed by Congress prior to the commission meeting. Otherwise, staff will seek guidance from the commission on the development of a plan to respond quickly if job creation legislation is passed.

**FURTHER ACTIONS**

Staff will provide a recommended list of projects for commission consideration and approval should proposed legislation be passed and signed into law.

**OTHER:**

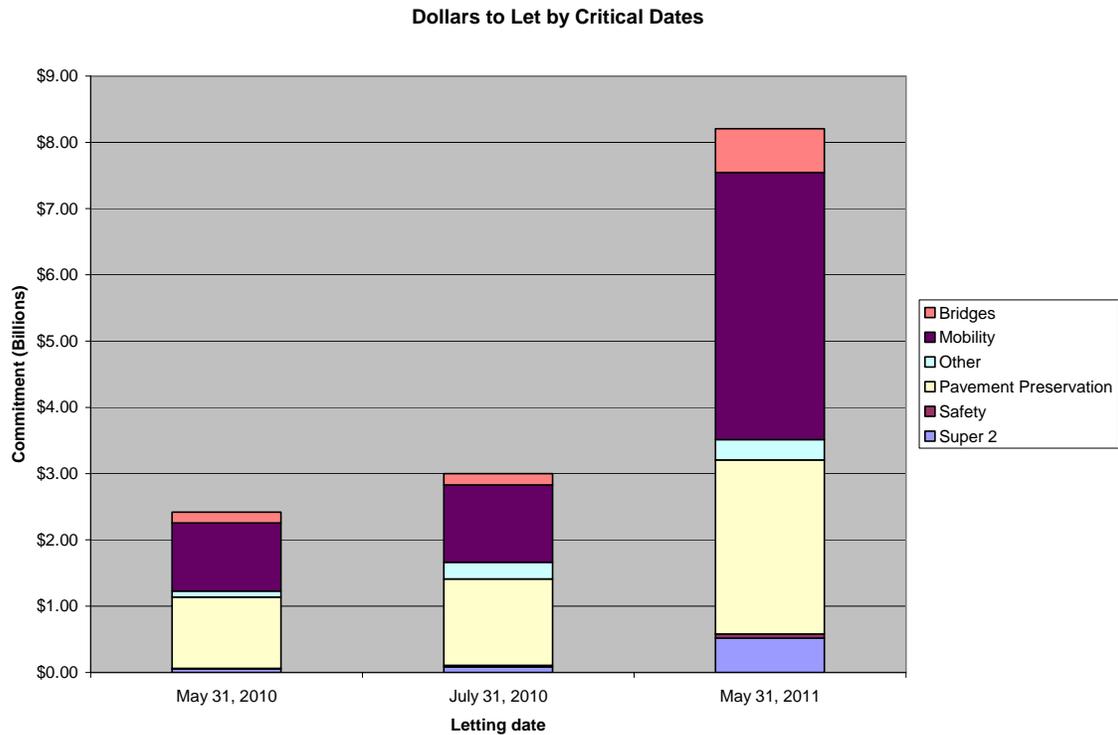
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## Summary and Analysis

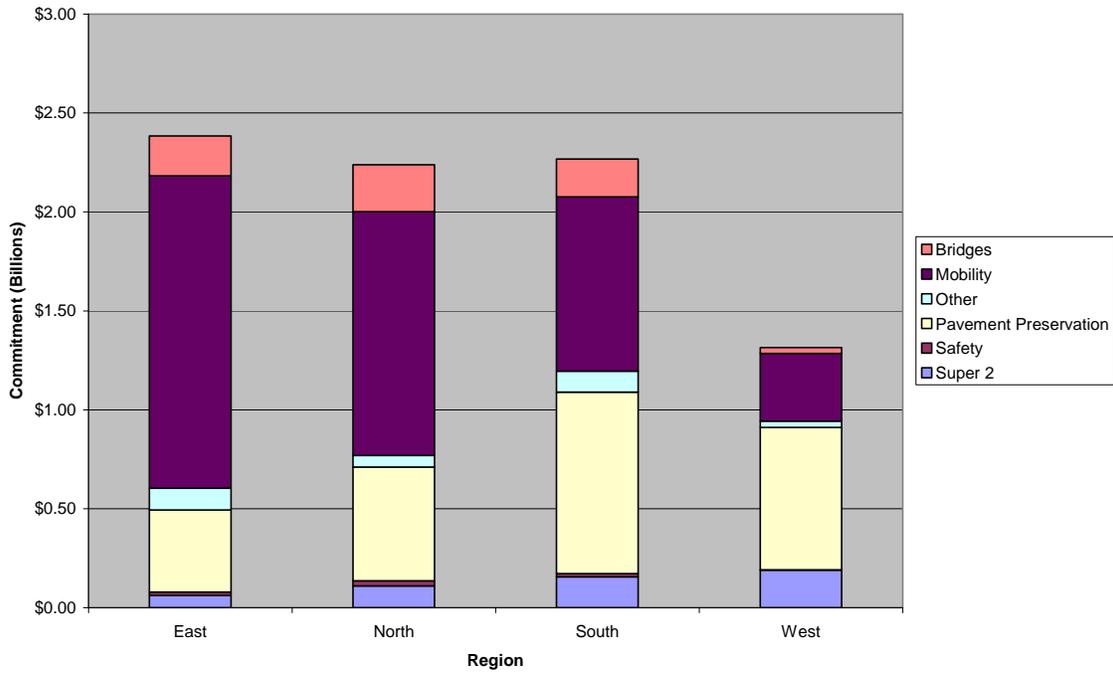
### Project Breakdown per Category

Totals: \$8.2 Billion (2039 projects)

- \$2.6 B in Pavement preservation (1339 projects)
- \$0.52 B in Super 2 (92 projects)
- \$4.0 B in Mobility (187 projects)
- \$0.06 B in Safety (54 projects)
- \$0.66 B in Bridge (223 projects)
- \$0.3 B in Other (144 projects)



Total to Let by Regions



Urban vs. Rural Dollars to Let

