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First 2 Local Projects Among 17 on Latest INDOT ARRA Funding List

June 3 Bid List includes Projects in Harrison, LaPorte Counties

INDIANAPOLIS – Two local projects – one in Harrison County and the other in LaPorte County – are included on INDOT’s latest list of projects that have been advertised for funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The list of 17 projects, located in 11 different counties, is valued at \$22 million.

“We’re pleased to see these local projects approved by INDOT and the Federal Highway Administration,” said Michael Reed, commissioner-INDOT. “We know that there will be many more local projects on future lists.”

The project in Harrison County is 11 miles west of Corydon and calls for the Rothrock Mill Bridge to be relocated. The bridge has been stored on a resident’s property for the last four years. It will be disassembled and moved to the county’s solid waste facility near Corydon. Ultimately, the bridge will be rehabilitated and placed across Indiana Creek as part of the Indian Creek Trail project.

Meanwhile, in LaPorte County, the City of Delphi plans to construct a boat dock and handicapped accessible ramp along the Wabash and Erie Canal in Canal Park. The facilities will be used to load passengers into a replica canal boat for a trip along the canal.

Thus far, INDOT has advertised 126 projects for funding through ARRA. The projects are valued at an estimated \$297 million. They are scattered over 57 Indiana counties.

“INDOT continues to work expeditiously to get projects approved for bidding that represent a variety of work all around the state,” Reed said. “By doing this, we can ensure that we are helping create or sustain jobs for Hoosiers.”

Background

President Barack Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act into law on February 17.

The State of Indiana received \$658 million for highway and infrastructure projects.

Of that, \$460 million was allocated for state projects.

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Local Planning Agencies (LPAs) were allocated \$198 million. The funds for the Harrison and LaPorte County projects will come from that allocation.