

RESOLUTION 09-18797

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS CALLING FOR AN
EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PROPOSED FEDERAL STIMULUS
PACKAGE AS PART OF THE ONGOING INFRASTRUCTURE
INVESTMENT IN MONTANA .

WHEREAS, the City of Billings in coordination with the Montana League of Cities and Towns are requesting Federal funding from the proposed Stimulus Package be equitably distributed to the local communities.

WHEREAS, infrastructure and capital projects have been carefully reviewed to ensure they would provide immediate stimulus and benefit the residents of the City of Billings and Montana.

WHEREAS, the City of Billings is requesting the following projects be recommended for funding in the Federal Stimulus Package infrastructure program.

Projects ready to bid in 120 days:

Transit:

Para-transit Vans Replacement - \$200,000	Purchase 2 new Para-transit Vans
Bus Replacement - \$700,000	Purchase 2 new Bus Coaches
CCTV for Buses- \$153,500	Install CCTV on MET Buses
Bus Wash Renovations - \$315,000	Renovate 1983 facility

Airport:

Runway Sweeper - \$540,000	New 20' Sweeper for Snow removal.
Rehabilitate Taxiway 'A' East - \$1,500,000	Replaces Asphalt Surface on Taxiway.
Taxiway 'A' Obstruction Removal and Realignment/Reconstruction - \$4,000,000.	

PRPL:

Wading Pool Replacements	3 Spray grounds	\$1,050,000
Rose Park Pool Renovations		\$ 360,000
Irrigation System Upgrades	Cemetery	\$ 1,595,000
Road Paving	Cemetery	\$ 647,000
Playground Accessibility Improvements		\$ 910,000

Public Works:

Water/Wastewater:

Zone 4 Reservoir	\$6.5 million
Water & Wastewater Pipe Rehabilitation	\$12.0 million
Water Treatment Plant Backup Power	\$1.2 million
Water Treatment Plant SCADA Upgrade	\$0.6 million

Storm water:

Nutter & BBWA to Hilltop Storm water Improvements	\$5.5 million
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Midland Road Improvements	\$1.5 million
East End Industrial (3 rd to Yegen Drain)	\$4.5 million

Roadway:

Alkali Creek Road Stabilization	\$4.8 million
Pavement Overlay & Rehabilitation Project	\$4.4 million
Polly Drive & Zimmerman Traffic Signal	\$0.5 million

Ready 6 – 9 Months

Storm water:

Sharptail Pond at Hogan Slough Confluence	\$4.0 million
Hogan Slough and Suburban Ditch Upgrade	\$3.2 million

Landfill:

Hazardous Waste Storage Facility	\$0.6 million
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Roadways:

Rimrock Road (17 th to Shiloh)	\$6.2 million
Central Avenue (32 nd to Shiloh)	\$5.1 million

Water:

Zone 3 Reservoir	\$3.5 million
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Ready 12- 18 Months

Fire Department:

Fire Training Center	\$12,000,000
Communication Center	\$ 4,000,000

Public Works:

Inner Belt Loop 6.5 miles of Arterial Roadway	\$12,000,000
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS MONTANA AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Council requests the aforementioned projects be considered for inclusion in the Federal Stimulus Package. Funding for the projects would be distributed to the local government.

APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Billings this 23rd day of February 2009.



ATTEST:

BY: Cari Martin
Cari Martin, City Clerk

THE CITY OF BILLINGS:

By: Ed Ulledalen
Ed Ulledalen, Deputy Mayor

The Jobs Bill

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

QUICK FACTS:

- Invests **\$789 billion** to help rebuild America's economy:
 - **\$285 billion** in tax breaks (business, individual, energy)
 - **\$311 billion** in discretionary spending (infrastructure, education)
 - **\$193 billion** in mandatory spending (health care, unemployment insurance)
- Will create or save **3.5 million jobs nationwide** by the end of 2010 (11,100 jobs in Montana)
- There are no earmarks in this bill

TOTAL MONTANA FUNDING: \$625,913,635

- **Montana highway funding:** \$211,793,391
- **Montana transit formula funding:** \$15,611,710
- **Montana Stabilization Fund** (assists states and local governments for education, public safety and other needs): \$121,371,174
- **Montana water systems:** \$39,188,800
- **Montana Head Start and education for the disadvantaged:** \$46,094,661
- **U.S. Department of Education funding for Montana:** \$38,588,400
- **Montana education technology:** \$4,839,000
- **Montana energy and weatherization programs:** \$52,747,681
- **Housing in Montana:** \$18,645,064
- **Montana Child Care and Development block grants:** \$5,747,006
- **Montana Community Services Block Grants:** \$4,544,915
- **Montana food and shelter assistance:** \$51,228,591
- **Montana's drug task forces and other community justice funding:** \$6,645,076
- **U.S. Department of Labor grants for Montana:** \$8,868,166

NATIONAL FUNDING AFFECTING MONTANA

- **Bureau of Reclamation (Water and Environmental infrastructure):** \$1 billion
- **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:** \$4.6 billion
- **National Park Service:** \$750 million
- **U.S. Forest Service:** \$1.15 billion (includes \$500 million for wildfire management)
- **Indian Country:** \$2.5 billion for tribal projects
 - \$450 million for BIA Construction projects
 - \$415 million for Indian Health Facilities
 - \$510 million for Indian Housing Block Grants
 - \$245 million for Tribal Law Enforcement programs
 - \$310 million for Indian Reservation Roads (transportation)
 - \$2.4 billion in tribal taxation/tax incentive authority
- **Veterans Administration facilities:** \$1.2 billion

TAX BREAKS AND DIRECT SPENDING

- 95 percent of Americans will receive a tax cut from the Jobs Bill. The bill includes:
 - The "Making Work Pay" tax credit (\$400 per individual, \$800 per couple)
 - A one-time payment of \$250 in the pockets of retired and disabled Montanans on Social Security, Railroad Retirement and Veterans Disability.
 - A temporary tax hold on some unemployment benefits, to help unemployment checks stretch further.
 - A new "American Opportunity" tax credit of up to \$2,500 to help Montanans pay for college.
- The Jobs Bill also includes an additional \$170 million for Medicaid funding in Montana

