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Trail Improvement Projects to Benefit From Recovery Funding

More than \$7 million has been awarded to government entities in Nebraska to help complete 11 transportation enhancement projects. Nebraska's share of funding for trails and other enhancement projects comes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

A total of \$7,067,678 has been awarded for transportation enhancement projects. The program provides funding to construct and restore transportation infrastructure such as pedestrians and bicycle trails, scenic byways and historic transportation facilities.

The projects were selected by the Nebraska Department of Roads' Transportation Enhancement Selection Committee, made up of representatives from federal, state and local agencies and citizen representatives with expertise in transportation enhancement projects.

All ARRA funded projects will be reviewed by the Federal Highway Administration and other regulatory agencies to ensure compliance with funding criteria.

One of the projects receiving funding is the Meridian Bridge, located over the Missouri River in the northeast part of the state. Nebraska will partner with South Dakota to complete the project.

The list of Nebraska transportation enhancement projects follows:

<u>Project Sponsor</u>	<u>Project</u>
City of Dakota City	Dakota City Depot - Interior Renovation
City of Fremont	Fremont Main Street Historical Lighting - Phase 2
City of Omaha	Omaha Old Market Street Rehabilitation & Renovation
City of Wayne	Wayne Trail – Phase 2
Lewis & Clark NRD	Gavin's Point Nebraska Meridian Trail- Phase 1
Lewis & Clark NRD	Gavin's Point Nebraska Meridian Trail - Phase 2
Platte County	Platte County Monastery Trail
State of Nebraska	Meridian Pedestrian Bridge
Village of Axtell	Axtell Mosaic Recreational Area Trail
Village of Cairo	Cairo Downtown Improvements
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	Winnebago Thunder Way Trail

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Transportation Enhancement Projects to be Funded with Recovery Act Funding

Project Sponsor	Project Name	Cost Estimate	
City of Dakota City	Dakota City Depot - Interior Renovation	\$187,627	The City of Dakota City was awarded funding for construction of the second phase of a two-phase plan to renovate the former Chicago and Northwestern (C&NW) Railroad Depot. The depot is located one block from the Dakota City Public School and 125 feet from the end of the T.E. funded Dakota City Trail. As a result of its close proximity to these features, the City has planned to convert the depot into a trailhead facility for use by the community. Funds will be used to renovate the approximately 1,400 square feet interior of the depot to include restrooms and interpretive railroad equipment displays.
City of Fremont	Fremont Main Street Historical Lighting -PH2	\$49,060	The City of Fremont was awarded funding to Replace existing streetlights located on Main Street from 5th to 1st Streets with historic replica lighting.
City of Omaha	Omaha Old Market Street Rehabilitation and Renovation	\$500,000	The City of Omaha was awarded \$500,000 for the restoration of brick street paving and street curbs in the Old Market Historic District. The City is planning a \$1.3 million dollar restoration in the Old Market intended to repair deteriorated brick streets and related structures such as drainage inlets and historic curbs. The repair work will be limited to brick pavement that has settled, been damaged or removed due to utility work. Replacement of deteriorated concrete curbs with historically accurate granite and limestone curbs is also included in the project. Other incidental work includes the replacement of curb/sump inlets, repair of deteriorated concrete street bed below the bricks, and installation of traffic signals for pedestrian safety.
City of Wayne	Wayne Trail – Phase 2	\$491,988.00	Construction and construction engineering of Phase 2 of the City's trail master plan. The concrete and crushed limestone trail will be 3.6 miles long. The trail begins on the north bank of Logan Creek and follows the western and northern corporate limits of Wayne. The trail provides access to residential and recreational areas and terminates at the Wayne State College campus.
Lewis & Clark NRD	Gavin's Point Nebraska Meridian Trail- Phase 1	\$196,535	The Lewis and Clark Natural Resource District (NRD) was awarded funding for the construction of a 10-foot wide, 6,200 linear foot recycled crushed concrete trail. The trail will be constructed on the Missouri River bank parallel to Highway 121. This location is approximately three-quarters of a mile east of Gavin's Point Dam. The project will provide a transportation connection to an existing trail in South Dakota and eventually a loop route through Nebraska across the historic Yankton Meridian Bridge. The project is Phase 1 of a phased trail plan connecting the Community of Yankton, SD, Lewis and Clark Recreation Area, Gavin's Point Dam, and the Corp of Discovery Welcome Center.

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Lewis & Clark NRD	Gavin's Point Nebraska Meridian Trail - Phase 2	\$500,000	The Lewis and Clark Natural Resource District was awarded funding for the construction of Phase Two of the Nebraska Meridian Trail Project. This phase will include a 10-foot wide, 6-inch deep recycled crushed concrete trail surface providing approximately 4,000 linear foot trail connection from the community of Aten, Nebraska to the Lewis & Clark Estates Development Area. The trail will be constructed on the Missouri River bank parallel to Nebraska Highway 121.
Platte County	Platte County Monastery Trail	\$500,000	Platte County was awarded funding for the construction of a 10-foot-wide concrete trail, approximately one mile in length connecting the existing Wilderness Park Trail and the Robert "Bob" White Trail. It will begin on the north side of the Lost Creek Flood Control Project at the Wilderness Park Trail and travel north along 18th Avenue, terminating at the newly constructed Bob White Trail on the southern edge of Lake Babcock. The trail will provide connections to Lake Babcock Park, Central Community College, Lakeview High School, and several residential areas.
State of Nebraska	Meridian Pedestrian Bridge	\$3,850,000	The Meridian Bridge on old US-81 over the Missouri River will be rehabilitated and converted to a pedestrian structure. The work includes deck beam repair, gusset plate repair, lateral bracing repair, substructure repair, bridge deck repair, new roller bearings, new expansion joints, pedestrian rails and bridge lighting. The rehabilitation will add an estimated 25 years of life to the bridge as a pedestrian structure. The State of South Dakota is the lead agency on the conversion.
Village of Axtell	Axtell Mosaic Recreational Area Trail	\$186,467	The Village of Axtell was awarded funding for the construction of an 8-foot-wide trail which connects the City Park and Axtell School at the edge of downtown with the Nature's Mosaic Recreation Area 3,000 feet north of town. The City Park includes a swimming pool, tennis courts, track and location of a proposed future elementary school. Nature's Mosaic features a 60-acre restored wetland, learning center, pond with fishing access, picnic shelters, trail and wildlife viewing area.
Village of Cairo	Cairo Downtown Improvements	\$272,365	The Village of Cairo was awarded funding for installation of landscaping along Highway 11 that travels through the Village. The proposed project consists of landscape areas in the downtown corridor (2.5 blocks); and a 20-foot wide landscape area from the southern downtown area extending to the southern city limits (2.5 blocks). Landscaping will consist of street trees, shrubs, and sod. The proposed project lies along the Loup River Scenic Byway Highway 11, and is part of a larger NDOR construction project that will enhance the infrastructure of the downtown. All planting beds for the landscaping portion of the project will be located and constructed under the roadway improvements contract.
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	Winnebago Thunder Way Trail	\$373,232	The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska was awarded funding for the construction of an 8-foot wide concrete bicycle/pedestrian trail that will be approximately one mile in length. The trail will connect the Heritage Store area on the southern edge of the Village of Winnebago to the Thunder Way subdivision.