



WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Division of Highways

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Joe Manchin III
Governor

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Mr. Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S. E.
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

The West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) is appreciative of the funding we have received as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), and we are already awarding contracts. However, due to the recent enactment of the Omnibus Appropriations Bill, we want to officially notify you that we are implementing a change to our previously submitted list of ARRA projects.

The WVDOH selected ARRA projects prior to the passage of the Omnibus Appropriation Bill. One of the selected ARRA projects was for the construction of two bridges on Corridor H west of WV 93 to east of Grant County Route 1 at an estimated cost of approximately \$21 million. However, Senator Robert C. Byrd was able to obtain \$9.5 million for Corridor H in the Omnibus Bill. With the \$15.9 million the WVDOH has available in Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS) funds, we now have sufficient funding to construct these two bridges.

Therefore, the WVDOH will be removing Corridor H from our ARRA funding list. As a result, we now have approximately \$20 million in ARRA funding available for use on other projects in our First Congressional District. We propose to use this money for the needed renovation of bridges at Cheat Lake near Morgantown and Market Street near Follansbee, and also for paving of WV 2 in the northern panhandle.

We will work with the local office of the Federal Highway Administration to authorize the new projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul A. Mattox, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul A. Mattox, Jr., P. E.
Secretary of Transportation/
Commissioner of Highways

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cc: Governor Joe Manchin III
Thomas Smith, FHWA