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To: DISTRICT DIRECTORS

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Subject: Inclusion of American Reinvestment and Recovery Act Funding Signs in Project Plans

On all State highway projects funded under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA), please advise staff to include ARRA funding signs in the PS&E. For these projects, ARRA funding signs will be installed downstream of Proposition 1B funding signs, or, construction funding identification signs under Standard Plan T7 if ARRA funding is also a part of the project.

Details for ARRA funding signs are available at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/signtech/signdel/bondfund.htm>

If you have any further questions, please contact Don Howe at (916) 654-2634 or don_howe@dot.ca.gov, or Jennifer Perry at (916) 654-7266 or jennifer_perry@dot.ca.gov.

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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Project Funding Sign Assembly

Support:

On March 3, 2009 President Obama made the commitment that all projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) will bear a "RECOVERY.GOV" pictograph to make it easier for Americans to access information on-line and monitor projects funded by the ARRA. To meet this commitment, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) strongly encourage agencies in California to use the economic recovery signs on all projects funded by the ARRA.

Standard:

In no case shall these signs be placed such that they obscure road users' view of other traffic control devices.

Guidance:

The following factors should be considered with respect to design and placement of these signs:

Sign Design

All economic recovery sign design layout and colors should be similar to the sign assembly design attached with this guidance. Sign specifications are available on-line at: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/arrasigndetail.pdf>

Sign Placement

With respect to placement of traffic control signs, regulatory warning, and guide signs should have a higher priority than the economic recovery sign.

Economic recovery signs should be placed where they can be easily identified with the corresponding projects.

If the placement of economic recovery signs conflicts with newly installed higher priority signs, traffic signals, or temporary traffic control devices, or other priority devices, the economic recovery signs should be relocated.

On projects where other funding identification signs are used, the economic recovery sign should be placed downstream of the Proposition 1B Funding, or Caltrans construction project funding identification sign.

Due to public safety concerns, economic recovery signs should not be allowed at the following location:

- On the front, back, adjacent to or around any traffic control device, including traffic signs, signals, changeable message signs, traffic control device posts or structures, or bridge piers.
- At key decision points where a driver's attention is more appropriately focused on traffic control devices, roadway geometry, or traffic conditions. These locations include, but are not limited to exit and entrance ramps, intersections controlled by traffic signals or by stop or yield signs, highway-rail grade crossings, and areas of limited sight distance.