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NACo highlights ready-to-go infrastructure needs

WASHINGTON, D.C. – A snap-shot survey of 104 counties from 30 states reported that 2,805 infrastructure projects totaling an estimated \$24.1 billion are “ready-to-go,” which would create jobs and stimulate the national and local economies if funded by a new federal economic stimulus package currently under consideration by Congress. The responding counties represent more than 51.5 million U.S. residents or about 17 percent of the population.

The National Association of Counties’ (NACo) conducted the survey Dec. 1-12 of ready-to-go infrastructure projects which would help repair and renovate aging county infrastructure including transportation, water, healthcare and school systems throughout the U.S.

“County governments are poised to play a vital role in stimulating the economy, creating good jobs and providing essential, long-lasting benefits to the communities they serve,” said NACo Executive Director Larry E. Naake. “In this era of shrinking county revenues, increased costs and growing demands for essential services, financial assistance from the federal government to the nation’s 3,068 counties is not only appropriate but critical for economic development and sustainable communities.”

Naake said that federal investment in the nation’s infrastructure should focus on both new and deferred projects that are “ready-to-go,” meaning the work can begin within 120 days.

Projects in the survey include airports, housing, roads, highways, bridges, clean water, sewer, sidewalks, public transit systems, communications technology, county government buildings and schools.

Because the majority of America’s infrastructure is built and maintained by counties and cities, NACo is urging the Bush Administration, the Obama transition team and Congress to send stimulus funds directly to local government leaders via fair and transparent distribution formula.

“We believe that this is the fastest and most effective way to achieve the intended results of a federal

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stimulus package,” Naake said.

The survey results do not represent all the nation’s counties infrastructure needs, but demonstrate the nature of projects, the areas of need and the estimated costs to complete. Key survey responses showed:

- 868 road and highways projects totaling \$10.3 billion;
- 218 bridge projects totaling \$393 million;
- 68 public transit system projects totaling \$308 million;
- 73 airport construction projects totaling \$432 million;
- 187 water system projects totaling \$1.2 billion
- 124 sewage treatment plant projects totaling \$1.4 billion;
- 258 school construction projects totaling \$4.3 billion;
- 366 county building projects totaling \$3.3 billion; and
- 34 hospital and health clinic projects totaling \$285 million.

Local governments own and maintain 75 percent of the more than four million miles of public roads, about 50 percent of the nation’s nearly 600,000 bridges, and manage 90 percent of the public transit systems in the U.S. More than 98 percent of the nation’s investment in water infrastructure has been made at the local level. About 87 percent of the nation’s airports are owned and operated by local governing authorities. Virtually all public schools are owned and operated by local governments and local governments play a major role in building the infrastructure for communication technologies, such as broadband development.

Visit www.naco.org to review the survey results.

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The National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo provides essential services to the nation’s 3,068 counties. NACo advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public’s understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money. For more information about NACo, visit www.naco.org

**National Association of Counties
County Infrastructure Survey – December 2008**

1. Does your county have any ready-to-go infrastructure projects that are eligible for federal funding?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	102	98%
2	No	2	2%
	Total	104	100%

2. Please indicate the following for your county's ready-to-go infrastructure projects that are eligible for federal funding.

Roads/Highways	
Number of Projects	Total Amount of Funding Needed in Dollars
13	9,426,000
14	42,130,200
55	92,632,760
6	34,600,000
7	58,794,859
1	3,500,000
6	36,050,000
3	55,900,000
5	11,700,000
4	39,000,000
17	48,109,250
1	1,000,000
1	500,000
3	2,000,000
3	17,796,606
35	28,603,188
5	4,307,540
3	85,000,000
6	1,612,500
4	48,461,500
3	23,000,000

3	10,115,000
26	234,547,502
1	2,200,000
6	23,593,000
15	110,314,595
13	31,865,000
15	232,060,000
2	3,000,000
2	1,800,000
7	429,400,000
1	3,000,000
9	106,750,000
10	43,395,947
3	5,550,500
2	1,500,000
8	32,500,000
3	54,750,000
5	29,400,000
10	111,296,000
5	20,000,000
12	2,000,000
57	134,633,596
9	250,000,000
4	34,000,000
7	243,080,000
88	122,300,000
2	26,500,000
6	169,000,000
3	9,000,000
6	33,100,000
2	98,100,000
22	307,234,750
62	121,974,594
15	68,100,000
5	13,600,00

23	29,432,252
19	5,262,915,013
4	7,216,000
3	4,952,771
3	18,000,000
8	10,075,000
2	8,000,000
1	40,000,000
1	15,000,000
6	10,570,000
5	9,977,596
4	2,610,000
15	37,978,001
5	125,000,000
5	125,000,000
1	540,000
4	5,650,000
4	3,600,000
10	1,000,000
3	3,114,400
1	230,000
1	1,500,000
20	267,558,638
11	19,750,000
5	11,068,200
1	8,526,000
23	49,550,000
14	188,950,000
1	3,600,000
13	181,213,600
7	10,365,000
1	54,340,000
3	6,300,000
TOTAL: 868	TOTAL: \$10,273,767,358

Number of Projects	Total Amount of Funding Needed in Dollars
1	5,000,000
2	7,380,000
10	10,160,000
3	1,600,000
2	800,000
2	4,750,000
13	3,570,000
11	6,180,000
20	6,516,949
2	100,000
1	8,593,834
2	1,560,000
1	350,000
1	4,400,000
18	72,455,458
2	4,000,000
2	1,351,000
5	50,000,000
4	2,904,000
1	2,415,000
1	400,000
3	6,500,000
1	206,000
1	750,000
5	800,000
2	2,900,000
5	10,000,000
2	1,500,000
2	825,000.00
5	3,100,000
1	1,000,000
4	50,395,384
6	34,119,544
5	15,400,000

8	18,546,500
4	3,750,000
1	2,500,000
15	2,000,000
4	2,109,555
1	622,639
4	12,900,000
1	300,000
1	500,000
2	325,000
2	875,000
1	120,000
1	1,100,000
10	33,128,847
10	350,000
4	2,467,000
10	1,500,000
1	6,000,000
TOTAL: 218	TOTAL: \$392,530,210

Transit Systems	
Number of Projects	Total Amount of Funding Needed in Dollars
6	3,633,658
12	24,080,000
3	65,000,000
2	55,000,000
3	3,200,000
34	58,274,125
7	98,900,000
1	250,000
TOTAL: 68	TOTAL: \$308,337,783

Airport Construction	
Number of Projects	Total Amount of Funding Needed in Dollars
1	1,000,000

1	750,000
1	1,000,000
2	7,947,668
4	4,427,000
18	18,497,751
1	1,000,000
5	48,496,000
2	1,749,000
3	2,000,000
6	28,100,000
11	226,800,000
8	43,800,000
1	25,000,000
3	5,845,000
1	3,500,000
1	130,000
1	10,000,000
3	2,294,736
TOTAL: 73	TOTAL: \$432,337,155

Water Systems	
Number of Projects	Total Amount of Funding Needed in Dollars
8	26,800,000
1	18,837,424
1	6,000,000
3	5,000,000
2	6,500,000
8	5,650,000
6	57,275,000
11	89,338,500
21	245,508,000
2	1,500,000
1	100,000,000
5	34,453,660
1	170,000,000
8	28,000,000

5	50,900,000
1	500,000
1	2,000,000
31	258,300,000
3	10,600,000
2	7,000,000
29	66,283
12	39,980,759
15	4,515,020
1	200,000
3	1,923,000
1	6,000,000
3	2,540,000
1	235,000
1	5,500,000
TOTAL: 187	TOTAL: \$1,185,122,646

Sewage Treatment Plants	
Number of Projects	Total Amount of Funding Needed in Dollars
1	130,000
1	1,500,000
1	10,000,000
9	404,958,063
2	324,000,000
6	38,133,000
1	66,000,000
1	2,500,000
1	40,000,000
1	2,600,000
5	87,250,000
6	16,016,000
12	158,250,000
4	25,700,000
22	3,300,000
16	62,300,000
5	60,030,411

19	25,200,000
3	6,500,000
1	900,000
2	12,000,000
1	500,000
2	2,500,000
1	75,000
1	20,000,000
TOTAL: 124	TOTAL: \$ 1,370,342,474

School Construction	
Number of Projects	Total Amount of Funding Needed in Dollars
1	8,000,000
4	37,250,000
2	36,000,000
1	24,900,000
7	300,000,000
39	598,143,000
6	217,930,000
10	236,800,000
184	2,820,000,000
1	3,100,000
2	40,000,000
1	2,050,000
TOTAL: 258	TOTAL: \$ 4,324,173,000

County Buildings	
Number of Projects	Total Amount of Funding Needed in Dollars
4	43,000,000
19	28,600,000
4	17,900,000
1	2,500,000
12	24,000,000
6	14,111,972
5	30,400,000
5	4,125,000

8	69,000,000
1	559,470
2	10,300,000
2	5,000,000
8	36,750,000
1	200,000,000
3	8,700,000
7	98,100,000
1	75,000,000
12	162,119,670
1	65,000,000
1	18,000,000
6	25,706,000
29	319,664,000
6	29,700,000
2	5,250,000
9	36,930,000
6	18,900,000
2	5,500,000
5	76,824,000
2	4,737,000
2	8,365,000
1	30,000,000
7	185,495,578
5	15,000,000
1	4,000,000
1	1,000,000
28	47,186,633
6	18,750,000
4	193,000,000
7	56,000,000
1	8,400,000
3	110,000,000
3	7,500,000
11	28,542,326

38	333,900,000
6	10,900,000
12	369,597,000
3	13,300,000
1	1,150,000
4	150,000
4	13,900,000
4	86,000,000
1	300,000
1	750,000
1	450,000
2	2,660,000
1	18,000,000
2	16,000,000
1	9,500,000
3	3,300,000
1	18,000,000
1	1,500,000
2	13,500,000
10	170,942,067
1	15,000,000
2	553,000
9	20,860,000
2	41,000,000
1	25,000,000
3	8,100,000
TOTAL: 366	TOTAL: \$ 3,343,928,716

Hospitals/Clinics	
Number of Projects	Total Amount of Funding Needed in Dollars
2	26,500,000
7	6,573,000
1	13,000,000
2	15,000,000
1	31,000,000

1	3,000,000
2	5,800,000
2	2,000,000.
1	1,500,000
6	12,300,000
3	75,000,000
1	8,300,000
1	2,000,000
2	60,000,000
1	3,000,000
1	20,000,000
TOTAL: 34	TOTAL: \$ 284,973,000

Recreation Facilities	
Number of Projects	Total Amount of Funding Needed in Dollars
1	1,000,000
1	765,000
5	9,455,000
5	12,300,000
2	35,000,000
1	5,000,000
1	75,000
1	1,000,000
2	3,000,000
4	700,000
10	47,350,000
3	151,800,000
19	135,293,238
52	257,545,000
11	38,380,000
1	2,200,000
11	28,300,000
9	5,340,000
2	7,710,000
1	1,750,000
1	2,600,000

4	6,400,000
12	2,800,000
5	20,000,000
3	385,000
3	7,600,000
2	12,530,000
11	5,800,000
4	13,500,000
3	4,200,000
4	8,246,000
50	52,200,000
5	43,200,000
5	1,632,542
2	7,000,000
3	6,100,000
1	200,000
1	1,200,000
2	1,170,000
5	11,400,000
1	3,000,000
2	2,400,000
1	1,000,000
3	4,575,000
TOTAL: 275	TOTAL: \$ 963,101,780

Housing (Construction and Rehabilitation)	
Number of Projects	Total Amount of Funding Needed in Dollars
1	1,000,000
10	1,000,000
2	1,000,000
25	625,000
26	96,000,000
12	124,350,700
3	108,700,000
2	33,000,000

1	1,000,000
1	50,000
1	500,000
2	28,820,000
1	6,000,000
TOTAL: 87	TOTAL: \$ 402,045,700

Broadband Deployment	
Number of Projects	Total Amount of Funding Needed in Dollars
2	2,050,000
1	1,900,000
2	500,000
1	900,000
1	4,350,000
2	13,900,000
1	3,500,000
1	3,500,000
1	1,200,000
1	75,000,000
1	80,000
TOTAL: 14	TOTAL: \$106,880,000

Rural Water/ Waste Water Backlog Projects	
Number of Projects	Total Amount of Funding Needed in Dollars
7	45,585,000
1	6,000,000
3	7,700,000
2	79,000,000
2	1,000,000
5	6,500,000
2	5,800,000
6	10,000,000
6	29,550,000
12	17,875,002
1	5,000,000
2	3,297,769

1	4,500,000
1	3,500,000
1	145,000
1	910,000
TOTAL: 53	TOTAL: \$ 226,362,771

Green Infrastructure Projects (wind, solar, etc)	
Number of Projects	Total Amount of Funding Needed in Dollars
3	7,400,000
4	2,000,000
3	10,715,000
9	48,750,000
1	3,000,000
6	11,630,000
2	25,600,000
3	14,650,000
1	12,000,000
2	800,000
4	4,220,000
2	10,000,000
31	159,864,500
1	2,700,000
47	76,000,000
4	4,276,529
15	64,000,000
2	1,000,000
3	47,937,500
1	1,000,000
1	300,000
4	1,900,000
1	1,000,000
4	3,970,000
3	850,000
TOTAL: 157	TOTAL: \$ 515,563,529

Number of Projects	Total Amount of Funding Needed in Dollars
1	5,000,000
1	65,000
10	2,000,000
2	2,500,000
1	2,000,000
1	618,000
1	67,571
1	30,000
2	250,000
1	600,000
1	350,000
1	2,000,000
TOTAL: 23	TOTAL: \$ 15,480,571

TOTALS	
Total Number of Projects	Total Amount of Funding Needed in Dollars
2,805	\$ 24,144,946,693

Respondents

State	Number of Counties
AL	1
AZ	1
CA	7
CO	24
DE	1
FL	6
GA	16
IL	1
IN	3

KS	3
MA	1
MD	1
MI	3
MO	1
NC	3
NE	2
NV	2
NJ	4
NM	1
NY	2
OH	2
PA	2
SC	1
TN	1
TX	3
UT	1
VA	5
WA	3
WI	1
WV	2
TOTAL: 30 States	TOTAL: 104 Counties