

Infrastructure Amendment to S. 336

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

- The proposed amendment to be offered by Transportation-Housing Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Patty Murray and Interior–Environment Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Diane Feinstein directs **\$25 billion to a targeted list of infrastructure programs** under their jurisdiction, including highway, transit, and water and sewer programs. Adopting the amendment will make investments in our nation’s physical infrastructure a clear focal point of the economic recovery bill.
- These infrastructure investments will quickly translate into construction projects in communities across our country, and support the jobs necessary to get our economy back on track. In total, the amendment will support 655,000 jobs. Importantly, building and improving our physical infrastructure will sustain our economy long after it recovers and begins to expand again.
- The amendment makes these investments in a balanced fashion, providing robust funding levels for the following programs:
 - **Highways** – The amendment increases highway investments by \$13 billion, supporting an additional 362,000 jobs. **Adopting the amendment will increase the total highway investment from \$27 to \$40 billion.** The highway funding will be provided as grants to states and local communities and distributed by formula.
 - **Public Transportation** – The amendment increases investments in public transportation by \$5 billion, supporting an additional 139,000 jobs. **Adopting the amendment will increase the total investment in public transportation from \$8.4 billion to \$13.4 billion.**

The \$5 billion increase will go to the following programs:

- \$2 billion for transit grants distributed by formula to local communities across the country.
- \$2 billion for the “Fixed Guideway Modernization” program, distributing grants to local communities by formula.
- \$1 billion for investments in new transit service through the New Starts and Small Starts programs.
- **EPA Water and Sewer Grants** – The amendment increases investments in the water and sewer infrastructure by \$7 billion, supporting an additional 154,000 jobs. **Adopting the amendment would increase the total funding for water and sewer grants from \$6 billion to \$13 billion,** and mean an additional 1,935 sewer projects and an additional 385 drinking water projects nationwide.