

Florida League of Cities

ALERT

FAST
Federal
Action Strike Team

TO: Key Officials
Members, Federal Action Strike Team

FROM: John Charles Thomas, Director
Policy and Political Affairs

DATE: December 4, 2008

RE: Federal Economic Stimulus bill on Infrastructure

Congress has announced that they will return on January 6, 2009, to consider a \$500 billion stimulus plan for infrastructure; however, it is not yet known what the details of this plan will include. Congress is hoping to have legislation ready for President-Elect Obama's signature when he takes office January 20.

The National League of Cities (NLC) has proposed an Economic Recovery Plan that asks Congress to provide additional funding to federal programs that assist cities with local infrastructure projects such as roads, housing, bridges, water and sewer projects, etc.

The NLC Economic Recovery issue paper can be found at:
www.nlc.org/ADVOCATING_FOR_CITIES/fedlobbyingpriorities.aspx

The Florida League of Cities is working with NLC in compiling data on local infrastructure projects in Florida that are "ready to go" and could help stimulate the economy by creating jobs.

We are asking Florida's municipalities to provide information to the Florida League on any infrastructure projects they have that could be ready to go to bid within 120 days. If your city has projects that meet these criteria, please provide us with a brief description which includes the cost of the project and an estimate on the number of jobs the project would create.

Please provide information in the following format:

City **Federal Program** **Brief Project Descrip.** **Funding Required** **Jobs**
(Ex. CDBG)

So that we can have this information compiled before Congress returns next year, we are asking cities to provide this information to us by **Monday, December 29, 2008**. We also urge cities to share this information with your Members of Congress so that they, too, have this information before they return to Washington DC.

Please provide this information to:

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Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Allison Payne or myself at the League.

Thank you for your participation.