

# It's the 'TransEconomy' man

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# Mississippi does have water...

- **16 Ports:** Mississippi River, Tenn. Tom Corridor, Gulf Coast, Panama Canal, Cuba?
- Multimodal Fund: **32%** allocated for Ports and Waterways (circumnavigate by water)
- Transportation Commission NOT a Governors agenda
- MS Goods Movement Study: Freight Master Plan



# Escalating Energy Costs and Reduced Gas Revenues



**Asphalt**



**Equal significant short falls within**



**Concrete**



**Rebar**



**Petroleum**



# AASHTO Priorities

- “Transconomy” Freight + Economic sustainability = Jobs and Growth
- Education—technical in nature / we’ve lost touch
- Environment /Sustainability: Al Biehler, PennDOT
- Reauthorization: Future \$\$\$



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# American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

- REAL Jobs—just ask Oberstar
- All 50 State DOTs 100% obligated, for example:
- MDOT.....\$298,796,712 (68 contracts)  
Others (MPOs).....\$55,767,631 (101 contracts)

**TOTAL: \$354,564,343 (169 contracts)**



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# HIRE Act

- Bill contains extension of Highway Trust Fund  
Dec. 31st 2010
- Transfers: 19.5 Billion from the General Fund into Hwy Trust Fund
- Restores \$8.7 Billion to offset last Fall's Rescission of Contract Authority
- U.S. DOT will release a set of 'principles' for Authorization in the next 90 days



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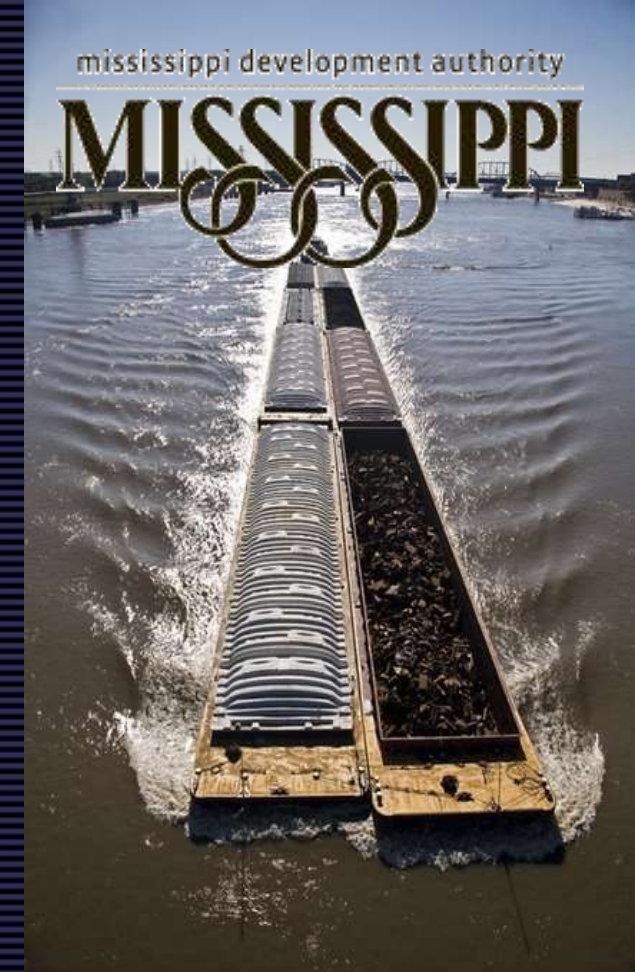
# Ray LaHood—Mixed signals?

- “The System is Built out”
- State DOTs need more capacity
- USDOT priorities: Urban and Mass Transit focus (Metro and High Speed Rail)
- Less than 3% Transit trips /97% Highway trips—*delivering bread and milk to the grocery store*



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