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

Equal significant short falls within

Asphalt

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 $$$
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)
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
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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