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### **Regional Councils Urge Recovery Spending**

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Infrastructure spending to stimulate the economy could start right away with more than \$25 billion in ready-to-go regional projects, said the National Association of Regional Councils in a report released Dec. 10.

The NARC report, *Regional Infrastructure Investment: Building Our Economies; Investing in Our Communities*, said that much money is needed for regional and local transportation and wastewater infrastructure projects offered by Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), regional Councils of Governments (COGs) and Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs) in urban, suburban and rural America. These projects could begin within 30, 60 or 90 days of funding.

"NARC is pleased to present this report and recommendations to Members of Congress and the new Administration, as examples of projects that, if funded, could immediately begin to create jobs, strengthen communities and stimulate local, regional and national economies," said NARC President Betty Knight, presiding Platte County, Mo., commissioner.

Knight recently sent letters to Congressional leadership. NARC executive directors council member Gary Gallegos, executive director of the San Diego Association of Governments, testified at the Oct. 29 House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee hearing.