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Washington state's first state highway construction "[Washington Jobs Now](#)" projects funded by the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) are now [advertised to contractors](#). Construction on the \$3 million west Ellensburg I-90 paving project is scheduled to start as early as April. The second I-90 contract, a \$4 million paving project east of Keechelus Dam, is slated to begin construction in June.

Tell us what you think about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act on the [WSDOT Blog](#).

Washington State Senate honors WSDOT and WSP

State road workers and State Patrol troopers received a [standing ovation](#) from state senators for their winter storm response efforts over the past two years. They received special honors through [Senate Resolution 8634](#) at the Washington State Capitol last month for heroic efforts and tireless dedication in response to the December 2007 flood and the December 2008 holiday snow storm and January 2009 flood.

Bridging Futures Art and Essay Contest: we need your student's help!

WSDOT and I-90 Wildlife Bridges Coalition would like to invite your students to participate in the fifth annual Bridging Futures Art and Essay Contest. This contest presents a great opportunity for students to learn about transportation issues and how state agencies and citizens are making roadways safer for people and wildlife. [Find out](#) how to enter your drawing and essay. Hurry, contest deadline is April 20!