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Trenton, NJ - Governor Chris Christie today issued the following statement welcoming \$10 million in additional quick release emergency relief funds for New Jersey approved today by US Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood:

"The additional federal transportation funding is welcome and warranted, and I want to personally thank Secretary LaHood and the Obama Administration for continuing to work together with us to get New Jersey what we need to recover and rebuild. This funding is another recognition and acknowledgement of the extent of damage inflicted by Hurricane Sandy and the uphill climb to recovery we still face. Moreover, it's a statement of the critical importance of New Jersey's transportation system, not just to our state but also the region, and the need to restore our infrastructure as quickly as possible. That is a message we will continue to press in concert with our partners in the region, Congress, and the federal government as we seek the appropriate level of disaster funding for New Jersey and its residents."

Quick release emergency funds are provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and may be used for immediate and emergent repairs to roads, bridges and tunnels that are critical to complete. The \$10 million for New Jersey brings the state's total to \$20 million in quick release funds, providing key additional resources to repair infrastructure and prepare the shore for next year's tourism season - an economic essential for the region.

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