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lists and to ensure that timely project submissions would be presented for any and all potential funding consideration. The firm was selected based on the fact that the Senior Associate for CJ Strategies, LLC, Mr. John Young, served as Legislative Director for the late Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald from 2002 through 2005. During that time, Mr. Young became familiar with Carson and the need for federal assistance for our regional projects. Through the combined efforts of staff and Mr. Young, Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald secured federal funding for critical projects in the amount of \$10,480,000 for federal highways and transportation program projects. Two of these projects, the interchange modifications for the I/405 at Avalon Boulevard and the I/405 at Wilmington Avenue, continue to be top Carson priorities for funding through the economic stimulus program and pending transportation reauthorization bills.

Once engaged, Mr. Young immediately began researching and tracking the proposed stimulus act, met with senior staff members from the offices of Congressman Richardson, and Senators Feinstein and Boxer, as well as provided updates to staff regarding progress and deadlines.

On February 17, 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The ARRA funded investments in many programs including health care, energy, infrastructure, education, and public safety. The total cost of the package was \$828 billion. It included \$396 billion for upgrades to transportation, infrastructure, and other systems including health care, education, housing assistance, and energy efficiency projects. It also provided \$144 billion in state and local fiscal relief, and \$288 billion in personal and business tax credits.

The city received ARRA funds that were used to off-set costs for the following projects:

\$800,000.00	Wilmington Avenue: Del Amo Boulevard to Victoria Street Pavement Reconstruction
\$929,900.00	Solar panels/Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center
\$2,000,000.00	Broadway Improvements: Main Street to Alondra Boulevard

On April 7, 2009, the Agency Board approved a six-month extension to the Consultant Services Agreement with CJ Strategies, LLC for federal legislative advocacy and targeted Brownfields clean-up funding and financing opportunity services (Exhibit No. 3). The Agency Board approved a one-year extension to the agreement on September 1, 2009 that will expire on October 31, 2010