

FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY  
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## WPA AT WORK ON \$17,000,000 ACCESS ROAD PROGRAM

More than \$17,000,000 worth of access roads leading to naval, military and defense industry sites in many parts of the country are now under construction by a force of more than 15,000 WPA workers, many engaged on around-the-clock schedules, Howard O. Hunter, WPA Commissioner, said today.

On the basis of a report covering operations as of May 1, Mr. Hunter said there were 120 active projects in the program with a total value in WPA funds of \$17,143,017. There were, in addition, more than \$3,700,000 worth of projects which had been approved but not placed in operation, and still more projects have been approved in the interim. Projects within naval and military reservations and those in the strategic highway system are not included.

Each of the projects has been certified by either the Secretary of War or the Secretary of Navy as important to the defense program, Mr. Hunter said. In a number of instances crews are being worked 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in order to speed completion of the jobs. The roads are needed to facilitate traffic at Army and Navy reservations, airports, munitions and armament plants and similar places.

Significance of the program was emphasized recently by President Roosevelt's request to Congress for an immediate appropriation of \$125,000,000 for work of this type. The President's message stated there were 204 areas in which new access roads were urgently

needed. In many instances, Mr. Hunter pointed out, WPA already is at work on sites covered in the program outlined by the President.

The projects vary, Mr. Hunter said, from new construction of four-lane, high-speed highways to the widening and improving of existing dirt roads. In many instances bridges have to be strengthened or replaced, roadbeds widened or new surfacing applied which will stand up under the pounding of fleets of heavy trucks.

Typical of the larger type of projects, he said, is an access road now being constructed to link the City of Jacksonville, Florida, with nearby Camp Blanding and the Southeastern Naval Air Base. State route 363, the principal road now connecting these points, is being converted into a dual highway consisting of four 22-foot concrete strips extending a distance of approximately six miles from the outskirts of the city. A new bridge over the Ortega River is included. The total estimated cost of the project in WPA funds is \$614,572, of which \$93,116 had been spent up to May 1. More than 200 men were employed on the project at that time and efforts are being made to complete the work by August.

The 120 access road projects operating as of May 1 were distributed among 32 states, Puerto Rico and Hawaii. The largest state program was in Texas where there were 17 projects with a total valuation of \$3,393,546 in WPA funds. California had 13 projects costing \$2,233,909; Florida, 10 projects costing \$2,257,397, and Massachusetts, eight projects costing \$943,051. Total expenditures under the program on that date totaled \$2,675,835, while projects to the value of \$248,997 had been completed.

(A table is attached showing, by states, total estimated cost, expenditures and employment on individual access road projects operated by WPA as of April 30, 1941.)

STATUS OF WPA ACCESS ROAD PROJECTS 1/ PLACED IN OPERATION THROUGH APRIL 30, 1941,  
AND CERTIFIED BY THE SECRETARY OF WAR AND THE SECRETARY  
OF THE NAVY AS IMPORTANT TO NATIONAL DEFENSE

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DESCRIPTION (STATE, COUNTY, CITY, AND LOCATION)	PROJECTS ACTIVE AS OF APRIL 30, 1941		
	ESTIMATED COST WPA FUNDS	EXPENDITURES	
		THROUGH APRIL 30, 1941, (WPA FUNDS)	EMPLOY- MENT APRIL 30, 1941
U. S. TOTAL	\$17,143,017 A/	\$2,675,835	15,023
<b>ALABAMA</b>	<u>24,231</u>	<u>306</u>	<u>39</u>
CALHOUN, ANNISTON; LORRAINE AND 19TH STS. TO FT. MCCLELLAN	24,231	306	39
<b>ARIZONA</b>	<u>232,882</u>	<u>47,180</u>	<u>301</u>
PIMA, NR. TUCSON; ROAD TO ARMY AIRPORT AT TUCSON	101,006	15,000	136
COCHISE, NR. FT. HUACHUCA; STATE HWY. #92 FROM FT. HUACHUCA TO STATE HWY. #82	131,876	32,180	145
<b>ARKANSAS</b>	<u>177,339</u>	<u>25,170</u>	<u>327</u>
PULASKI, CAMP ROBINSON; COUNTY RD. FROM CAMP ROBINSON TO U. S. HWY. #65	38,174	1,185	107
PULASKI, CAMP ROBINSON; ACCESS RD. TO CAMP ROBINSON-REMOUNT RD. HWY. #5	36,270	22,200	115
FAULKNER, CAMP ROBINSON AREA; SALTILLO SOUTH AND CLINTON RD. EAST	102,895	1,785	105
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>	<u>1,539,603</u>	<u>88,036</u>	<u>1,189</u>
SAN LUIS OBISPO, NR. SAN LUIS OBISPO; ACCESS RD. TO CAMP SAN LUIS OBISPO	107,427	35,448	172
MONTEREY, NR. FORT ORD; ACCESS ROADS TO FORT ORD	46,912	-	84
SACRAMENTO, NR. SACRAMENTO; ACCESS RDS. TO ARMY AIR DEPOT AND DOCK AND TO MCCLELLAN FIELD	468,640	13,743	259
SAN LUIS OBISPO, NR. SAN LUIS OBISPO; ACCESS RDS. TO SAN LUIS OBISPO NATIONAL GUARD CAMP	630,000	3,723	459
MONTEREY, NR. JOLON; ACCESS ROADS (VARIOUS) HUNTER LIGGETT	184,152	-	124
SACRAMENTO, NR. SACRAMENTO; ACCESS RDS. TO ARMY AIR DEPOT	51,835	750	42
ALAMEDA, OAKLAND; ACCESS RD. TO NAVAL SUPPLY DEPOT	50,637	34,372	49
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>	<u>694,306</u>	<u>71,362</u>	<u>538</u>
SAN BERNARDINO, NR. BARSTOW; ACCESS ROAD TO FIRING RANGE, MOJAVE DESERT	168,755	14,658	157
RIVERSIDE, NR. RIVERSIDE; ACCESS RD. TO CAMP HAAN	125,104	3,694	122
LOS ANGELES, CAMP HAAN; ACCESS RD. TO CAMP HAAN	37,539	-	16
LOS ANGELES, CAMP HAAN; ACCESS RD. TO CAMP HAAN	12,008	-	11
SAN DIEGO, SAN DIEGO; IMPROVE ROSECRANS ST.	44,100	7,599	93
LOS ANGELES, LONG BEACH; ACCESS RD. FLEET OPER. BASE AT TERMINAL ISLAND	306,800	45,411	139
<b>COLORADO</b>	<u>516,871</u>	<u>90,012</u>	<u>317</u>
ARAPAHOE, NR. DENVER; ACCESS RD. TO AUXILIARY FIELD AND BOMBING RANGE (LOWRY FIELD)	314,371	81,514	216
ARAPAHOE, NR. FT. LOGAN; ACCESS ROAD TO FORT LOGAN	202,500	8,498	101
<b>FLORIDA</b>	<u>2,257,397</u>	<u>493,439</u>	<u>1,362</u>
BREVARD, COCOA BEACH; ACCESS ROAD TO NAVAL AIR BASE	22,075	7,458	23
DUVAL, JACKSONVILLE; ACCESS ROAD TO SOUTHEASTERN NAVAL AIR STATION	614,572	93,116	203
DUVAL, NR. JACKSONVILLE; ACCESS ROAD TO CAMP BLANDING	572,489	75,186	52
ESCAMBIA, NR. PENSACOLA; ACCESS ROAD TO PENSACOLA NAVAL AIR STATION	180,044	82,848	117
LEON, NR. TALLAHASSEE; ACCESS ROADS TO ARMY AIR BASE	29,012	8,945	81
ORANGE, NR. ORLANDO; ACCESS ROAD TO ARMY AIR BASE	35,687	6,164	70
CLAY, NR. CAMP BLANDING; ACCESS ROAD TO CAMP BLANDING	221,442	132,139	117
HILLSBOROUGH, NR. MACDILL AND DREW FIELDS; ACCESS ROADS TO MACDILL AND DREW FIELDS	172,036	28,626	193
HILLSBOROUGH, TAMPA; ACCESS ROAD TO MACDILL FIELD	389,175	53,199	398
DUVAL, JACKSONVILLE; ACCESS ROAD TO NAVAL AIR STATION	20,865	5,758	108
<b>GEORGIA</b>	<u>438,015</u>	<u>98,722</u>	<u>731</u>
LIBERTY, HINESVILLE; ACCESS ROAD TO CAMP STUART	119,428	21,764	164
CHATHAM, NR. SAVANNAH; ACCESS ROAD TO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT	112,320	53,080	192
DE KALB, NR. CHAMBLEE; ACCESS ROAD TO ARMY GENERAL HOSPITAL	34,102	15,442	77
MUSCOGEE, COLUMBUS; ACCESS ROAD TO FORT BENNING	60,032	1,788	27
RICHMOND, AUGUSTA; ACCESS ROAD TO U. S. GOVERNMENT RES. AIR BASE	15,042	4,454	80
CATOGSA, NR. RINGOLD; ACCESS ROAD TO FORT OGLETHORPE TARGET RANGE	41,900	798	21
BIBB, NR. MACON; ACCESS ROAD TO MACON BASIC FLYING SCHOOL	22,623	1,396	112
RICHMOND, AUGUSTA; ARSENAL AVENUE FROM WALTON WAY TO MCDOWELL STREET	15,439	-	24
DE KALB, CHAMBLEE; ACCESS ROAD TO NAVAL AIR STATION	17,129	-	34
<b>IDAHO</b>	<u>56,628</u>	<u>33,038</u>	<u>3</u>
ADA, BOISE; ACCESS ROAD AND BRIDGE TO BOISE AIRPORT	56,628	33,038	3
<b>ILLINOIS</b>	<u>354,704</u>	<u>14,369</u>	<u>134</u>
LAKE, GREAT LAKES NAVAL TRAINING STATION; ACCESS ROAD TO GREAT LAKES NAVAL TRAINING STATION	69,014	12,043	88
WILL, KINKAKEE ORDNANCE; ACCESS ROAD TO KINKAKEE AND ENWOOD ORDNANCE WORKS	285,690	2,326	46
<b>KENTUCKY</b>	<u>318,079</u>	<u>114,243</u>	<u>577</u>
MEADE, NR. FT. KNOX; ACCESS ROAD TO FT. KNOX	70,733	24,816	173
HARDIN, NR. FT. KNOX; ACCESS ROAD TO FT. KNOX	116,666	24,943	170
BULLITT, NR. FT. KNOX; ACCESS ROAD TO FT. KNOX	53,084	14,391	94
JEFFERSON, NR. LOUISVILLE; ACCESS ROAD TO BOWMAN FIELD	77,596	50,093	140

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		THROUGH APRIL 30, 1941, (WPA FUNDS)	EMPLOY- MENT APRIL 30, 1941
<u>LOUISIANA</u>	\$ 915,930	\$ 151,478	890
VERNON, NR. LEEVILLE; ACCESS ROADS TO CAMP POLK	93,847	33,571	102
RAPIDES, NR. ALEXANDRIA; ACCESS ROAD MCNUTT TO ALEXANDRIA AND HINESTON CLAIBORNE TO HINESTON	227,504	1,575	135
ORLEANS, NR. NEW ORLEANS; ACCESS ROAD TO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT	500,732	82,761	551
VERNON, PARISH-WIDE; ACCESS ROADS LEEVILLE TO SLAGLE	93,847	33,571	102
<u>MARYLAND</u>	251,397	82,198	275
HARFORD, NO. BALTIMORE; ACCESS ROADS TO EDGEWOOD ARSENAL	32,282	12,856	53
ANNE ARUNDEL, NO. CAMP MEADE; ACCESS TO CAMP MEADE	192,264	50,706	130
WASHINGTON, HAGERSTOWN; ACCESS ROADS TO FAIRCHILD MANUFACTURING PLANT	26,851	18,636	92
<u>MASSACHUSETTS</u>	943,051	380,363	1,034
HAMPSHIRE AND HAMPDEN, GRANBY, CHICOPEE, AND SOUTH HADLEY; LUDLOW ROAD TO SLOBBERY POND ROAD	48,437	37,963	71
HAMPSHIRE AND HAMPDEN, GRANBY, CHICOPEE, AND SOUTH HADLEY; ACCESS ROADS TO FT. DEVENS AIRPORT	168,829	72,507	60
HAMPSHIRE, GRANBY; ACCESS ROAD TO WESTOVER AIR BASE	48,946	6,233	76
MIDDLESEX, AVER; ROUTES 2-110 TO FT. DEVENS	168,829	72,507	337
BARNSTABLE, BOURNE; ACCESS ROAD TO CAMP EDWARDS	188,052	135,197	222
BARNSTABLE, BOURNE; ACCESS ROAD TO CAMP EDWARDS	266,478	31,402	141
HAMPSHIRE, GRANBY; ACCESS ROAD WESTOVER AIR BASE	37,893	18,340	76
HAMPDEN, CHICOPEE; GRANBY ROAD TO IND. GATE - WESTOVER FIELD	15,587	6,214	51
<u>MISSISSIPPI</u>	679,334	177,413	478
FORREST, NR. CAMP SHELBY; ACCESS ROAD TO CAMP SHELBY, HIGHWAY 49	37,266	18,187	36
FORREST, NR. CAMP SHELBY; ACCESS ROAD TO CAMP SHELBY, HIGHWAY 49	33,024	24,573	41
FORREST, NR. CAMP SHELBY; HATTIESBURG TO CAMP SHELBY	580,073	133,126	313
FORREST, NR. CAMP SHELBY; ACCESS ROAD TO CAMP SHELBY	28,971	1,527	88
<u>MISSOURI</u>	5,743	1,046	53
ST. LOUIS, LAMBERT FIELD TO BROWN ROAD	5,743	1,046	53
<u>NEBRASKA</u>	295,677	38,963	397
DOUGLAS, OMAHA; ACCESS ROAD TO FORT CROOK	295,677	38,963	397
<u>NEW JERSEY</u>	38,454	13,477	71
MORRIS, LAKE DENMARK; ACCESS ROAD TO NAVAL AMMUNITION DEPOT	38,454	13,477	71
<u>NEW MEXICO</u>	353,363	12,671	161
DONA ANA, BERING; ACCESS ROAD TO DONA ANA TARGET RANGE	353,363	12,671	161
<u>NEW YORK (EXCL. N.Y.C.)</u>	293,802	-	-
NASSAU, HEMPSTEAD; ACCESS ROAD TO MITCHELL FIELD	293,802	-	-
<u>NORTH CAROLINA</u>	506,313	172,440	290
CUMBERLAND, GREENVILLE; ACCESS ROAD TO CAMP BRAGG	470,435	144,102	199
MECKLENBURG, GREENVILLE; RELOCATE ROAD TRAVERSING ARMY CANTONMENT, CHARLOTTE AIRPORT	35,878	28,338	91
<u>OHIO</u>	624,588	57,300	901
TRUMBULL, NR. WARREN; ACCESS ROAD-STATE ROUTE #5, WERNER CITY TO LEAVITTSBURG-RAVENNA ARSENAL	313,861	35,432	525
MONTGOMERY; ACCESS ROAD TO WRIGHT FIELD, STATE HIGHWAY	225,897	16,634	266
OTTAWA; STATE HIGHWAY #438 TO #279-ERIE-ORDNANCE PROVING GROUNDS	165,113	4,177	69
HAMILTON; ACCESS ROAD TO WRIGHT AERONAUTICAL AND LOCKLAND	56,805	1,057	8
ERIE; NR. SANDUSKY; ACCESS ROAD TO BOGART ROAD TO DEWITT AV.	62,912	-	41
<u>OREGON</u>	516,991	61,796	508
UMATILLA, NR. HERMISTON; ACCESS ROAD TO ORDNANCE DEPOT	15,235	5,193	18
MULTNOMAH, NR. PORTLAND; ACCESS ROAD TO ARMY AIR BASE, PORTLAND COL. AIRPORT	221,905	32,784	124
CLATSOP, NR. WARRENTON; ACCESS ROAD TO FT. STEVENS AND CAMP CLATSOP	279,851	23,819	366
<u>PENNSYLVANIA</u>	302,862	70,020	585
LEBANON, E. HARRISON AND UNION TWP.; ACCESS ROAD TO INDIANTOWN GAP MILITARY RES- ERVATION	256,290	56,040	487
YORK, FAIRVIEW TWP.; IMPROVE ROUTE 56029 NEW CUMBERLAND GUN DEPOT	46,572	13,980	98
<u>RHODE ISLAND</u>	85,097	2,165	45
NEWPORT, JAMESTOWN; ACCESS ROAD TO WETHERILL	52,127	31	1
WASHINGTON, NARRAGANSETT; ACCESS ROAD TO FT. KEARNEY	32,970	2,134	44

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		THROUGH APRIL 30, 1941, (WPA FUNDS)	
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>			
BEAUFORT, HILTON HEAD ISL.; ACCESS ROAD TO CAMP McDOUGALL	\$190,431	\$ 66,983	267
CHARLESTON, NR. NO. CHARLESTON; ACCESS ROAD TO ARMY HOSPITAL	121,907	44,271	107
BERKELEY; NAVAL AMMUNITION DUMP, ACCESS ROAD TO ARMY HOSPITAL	30,704	4,697	92
	37,820	18,015	68
<b>TENNESSEE</b>			
GIBSON, MILAN; ACCESS ROAD TO WOLF CREEK ORDNANCE PLANT	256,822	59,662	380
VAN BUREN, ROCKY RIVER; ACCESS ROAD TO CAMP FORREST	57,985	11,507	176
WARREN Co., NR. EUREKA CHURCH; ACCESS ROAD TO ARTILLERY RANGE	101,425	28,466	115
COFFEE AND FRANKLIN COS., NR. CAMP FORREST, ACCESS ROAD TO CAMP FORREST	26,272	14,272	45
	71,140	5,417	44
<b>TEXAS</b>			
BEXAR, NR. SAN ANTONIO; ROADS AT CAMP BULLIS—FT. SAM HOUSTON	3,393,546	149,036	2,427
TARRANT, NR. FT. WORTH; ACCESS ROAD TO BOMBER PLANT—CON. AIRCRAFT	7,013	1,694	49
TAYLOR, NR. ABILENE; ACCESS ROAD TO CAMP BERKELEY	154,214	22,772	449
CALHOUN, NR. CAMP HULEN; ACCESS ROAD TO CAMP HULEN FIRING RANGE	320,535	8,534	328
BROWN, BROWNWOOD; ACCESS ROAD TO CAMP BOWIE	264,167	197	2
DALLAS; ACCESS ROAD TO NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION PLANT	227,473	44,215	214
GALVESTON, NR. CAMP WALLACE; ACCESS ROAD TO CAMP WALLACE	23,839	3,544	133
GALVESTON, NR. HITCHCOCK; ACCESS ROAD TO CAMP WALLACE	95,602	16,316	131
BEXAR; ACCESS ROADS TO CAMP BULLIS AND FT. SAM HOUSTON	250,037	64	-
BEXAR, NR. SAN ANTONIO; ACCESS ROAD TO BROOKS FIELD MILITARY RESERVATION	982,883	8,223	339
BEXAR, NR. SAN ANTONIO; ACCESS ROADS TO KELLY AND DUNCAN FIELDS AND CAMP NORMAYLE	193,174	.324	89
EL PASO; ACCESS ROAD TO DONA ANA TARGET RANGE, FT. BLISS	117,541	21,947	154
BEXAR, SAN ANTONIO; ACCESS ROAD INSIDE CAMP BULLIS RESERVATION	489,750	1,609	178
MATAGORDA, BAY CITY; ACCESS ROAD TO CAMP HULEN	89,538	2,519	157
DALLAS; ACCESS ROAD TO NAVAL AIR BASE	72,669	126	11
PRESIDIO; NR. FT. D. A. RUSSELL; ACCESS ROAD TO FT. D. A. RUSSELL	53,566	1,455	115
PRESIDIO; NR. FT. D. A. RUSSELL; ACCESS ROAD TO FT. D. A. RUSSELL	16,831	893	33
	28,694	14,604	45
<b>VERMONT</b>			
CHITTENDEN Co.; ACCESS ROADS TO FT. ETHAN ALLEN	48,000	14,206	22
	48,000	14,206	22
<b>VIRGINIA</b>			
MONTGOMERY Co., RADFORD AREA; ACCESS ROADS TO HERCULES POWDER PLANT	288,298	7,037	141
PRINCE GEORGE Co., NR. PRINCE GEORGE COURTHOUSE; ACCESS ROADS TO CAMP LEE	235,266	7,037	102
	53,032	-	39
<b>WASHINGTON</b>			
KING, SEATTLE; ACCESS ROAD TO SAND POINT NAVAL AIR STATION	122,244	-	-
JEFFERSON Co., PORT TOWNSEND; ACCESS ROAD TO FORT WORDEN	52,294	-	-
	69,950	-	-
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>			
KANAWHA, SO. CHARLESTON; ACCESS ROAD TO NAVAL ORDNANCE PLANT	39,230	1,091	67
	39,230	1,091	67
<b>WISCONSIN</b>			
MONROE Co.; ACCESS ROADS TO CAMP MCCOY	18,823	915	1
	18,823	915	1
<b>HAWAII</b>			
SOUTH POINT ROAD, HAWAII ISLAND; ACCESS ROADS	100,946	74,647	216
ISLAND OF MAUI, KEHEI ROAD; ACCESS ROADS TO NAVAL AIR BASE	64,000	61,843	128
	36,946	12,804	88
<b>PUERTO RICO</b>			
AGUADILLA CITY; ACCESS ROAD TO BORINQUEN FIELD	62,020	5,031	296
ACCESS ROAD TO U. S. NAVY RESERVATION	32,020	4,125	144
	30,000	906	152

- 1/ EXCLUDES WPA PROJECTS SPONSORED BY THE WAR AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS AND ALSO WPA PROJECTS OPERATED BY OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES WITH FUNDS ALLOCATED BY THE WPA.
- 2/ EXCLUDES DATA FOR PROJECTS COMPLETED PRIOR TO APRIL 30, 1941.
- 3/ DATA NOT AVAILABLE BY SECTION. EMPLOYMENT ON THE WHOLE PROJECT WAS 182.

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DIVISION OF STATISTICS