

Washington – Today, Congressman John Olver (1st District) announced that the final version of the FY '01 Transportation appropriations bill includes \$1 million for new buses in Berkshire County," Olver said.

"Updated buses will ultimately mean better service for Berkshire County," Olver said.

Congressman Olver is a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation.

"My hope is that this funding will boost the number of people using public transportation in Berkshire County."

BRTA will replace some older 35 foot buses with a fleet of more maneuverable 26 foot buses.

Also included in the FY '01 Transportation appropriations bill is language that requires the use of new buses in Central and Western Massachusetts.

"If this language has its desired effect, transportation projects in Central and Western Massachusetts will benefit from the use of new buses."

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