

Washington - Today, Congressman John Olver (1st District) announced that the final version of the Transportation, Treasury, and Infrastructure Security, and International Trade and Customs Act of 2015, which Olver serves on the Transportation Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee, authorized \$6 million for transportation projects in Franklin County.

"This funding will allow work to begin on the long-awaited Erving Paper Mill Bypass," Olver said. "Access to the Mill is currently limited by the state of the road, preventing the planned reconstruction of the road. Route 116 is a critical link between Franklin and Hampshire Counties," Olver added. "This project will reconstruct the severely deteriorated roadway from Route 116 in Ashfield to the Erving Paper Mill. The projects along the Connecticut River Scenic Farm Byway will highlight the striking beauty of the region. The Connecticut River Scenic Farm Byway will eventually include the construction of a scenic overlook. "These investments are essential if we are to maintain roads in Franklin County that are safe and accessible. For more information on these transportation projects, contact Linda Dunlavy, Executive Director of the Franklin County Department of Transportation."

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