

WASHINGTON – Congressman John W. Olver (1st District) announced today that he secured \$4.64 million in federal funding for public transit in North Worcester County.

"This is an excellent start for the Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies Appropriations Committee," Olver said.

Olver made the announcement today during ceremonies celebrating new transit facilities in the cities of North Worcester County.

The full Appropriations Committee has given its approval to the funding. Olver is the ranking member of the committee.

A summary of the earmarked projects is provided below.

MART Advanced Vehicle Locator System: \$240,000

MART has established an Advanced Vehicle Locator (AVL) pilot program with 65 vehicles. This advanced program allows MART to track the location of its fleet.

"Expanding this program will allow MART to serve a larger population of elderly, handicapped, and low-income riders," Olver said.

Previously, Olver secured \$595,000 in federal funding for this program.

MART Regional Transit Storage Facility: \$2.4 million

This earmark will fund the construction of a storage facility adjacent to the existing MART garage in North Worcester County.

"This new facility will ensure that MART's fleet is safe and well maintained to better serve local residents," Olver said.

MART Bus and Bus Facility: \$1.25 million

This earmark will fund the acquisition of three to four alternative fuel vehicles by MART for use on its routes.

"I am very pleased that MART is looking to use emission free vehicles that provide quality transit services," Olver said.

MART Maintenance Facility: \$750,000

This earmark will fund the purchase of land, and architectural and engineering services for the design and construction of a maintenance facility.

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