

WASHINGTON – Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) and Congressman Richard Neal (D-

"Having quality, accessible public transportation is essential to maintaining a vibrant, economically

"This announcement is good news for those in western Massachusetts who rely on public transport

The Transportation and Treasury Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee has given its app

A summary of the earmarked projects is provided below.

PVTA Bus Replacement Program: \$2.5 million

This funding will be used to replace an aging fleet of PVTA buses with new vehicles, such as low fl

PVTA Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS): \$4 million

This funding will allow PVTA to upgrade its bus communications and data systems, its advance ve

ITS will provide passengers with improved information and assist disabled riders and other passen

These upgrades will be the building blocks for future projects including passenger information syst

Olver secured \$750,000 in FY02 and \$1 million in the FY01 for this program.

PVTA Access to Jobs and Reverse Commute Program: \$405,000

Over the past three years, PVTA has strived to provide efficient and economical transportation sol

PVTA has developed an Area-Wide Job Access and Reverse Commute program to address the ne

Projects funded during the first two years of the this program include 'Night Owl' service that exten

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