

WASHINGTON – Congressman John W. Olver (1st District) has secured \$4 million for transportation

"This is an excellent start for the Transportation and Treasury bill," Olver said. "As the appropriations

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

A summary of the earmarked projects is provided below.

Route 8, Lanesboro-Cheshire-Adams: \$1.25 million

This earmark will fund a corridor management project designed to preserve Route 8 from Lanesboro

"Route 8 is an important transportation link for this region," Olver said. "Preserving the existing high

This project will include the acquisition of access rights through easements and land purchases to

For more information, contact Nat Karns at the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission at 413-442-1500

Mohawk Trail Scenic Byway: \$1 million

This earmark will fund the acquisition of scenic easements and farm preservation easements along

"The Mohawk Trail showcases the scenic beauty of western Massachusetts," Olver said. "This funding

In FY03, Olver secured \$500,000 for scenic enhancements and safety improvement plans to the Mohawk

For more information, contact Elizabeth Giannini, Senior Transportation Planner at the Franklin Regional

BRTA Buses and Fare Boxes: \$765,000

This earmark will provide \$600,000 for Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (BRTA) to help purchase

The \$600,000 portion will cover 80 percent of the cost of three new buses to replace aging vehicles

The \$165,000 portion will purchase 17 new fare boxes for buses. Some of the boxes will be installed

For more information, contact Chuck MacNeil, executive director of BRTA, at 413-499-2782

Pittsfield Intermodal Center: \$615,000

This funding will go to Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (BRTA) for costs associated with construction

"Intermodal centers are the backbone of an efficient and accessible transportation system," Olver said

Olver has secured a total of \$8.2 million for this project. Of the total cost of the intermodal center a

For more information, contact Chuck MacNeil, executive director of BRTA, at 413-499-2782

Transportation Association of North Berkshire (TANB) Dial-A-Ride: \$400,000

This funding will support a Dial-A-Ride program operated by the Transportation Association of North Berkshire (TANB).

TANB began the Dial-A-Ride program in July 2002 to provide rides for work-related trips to residents in the northern Berkshire region.

"There has always been a tremendous need for public transportation services in the northern Berkshire region," said Roger Breckner, executive director of TANB.

Working in conjunction with the Berkshire Regional Transit Administration (BRTA) and Community Transit Services, TANB provides a flexible and efficient transportation service for its members.

For more information, please contact Roger Breckner, executive director of TANB, at 413-664-0300 or email rbreckner@tanb.org

###