

WASHINGTON – Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) has secured \$3.4 million in the House of Representatives.

"This is an excellent start for the Transportation and Treasury bill," Olver said. "As the appropriations process moves forward, we will continue to work for additional funding for the North Quabbin area."

The Transportation and Treasury Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee has given its approval to the funding request.

A summary of the earmarked projects is provided below.

Route 2: \$3 million

This earmark for continuing long-term safety improvements to Route 2 focuses on the 30-mile, two-lane road that runs through the North Quabbin region.

"Route 2 is of ever-increasing importance to the economy of western and central Massachusetts," Olver said. "Improvements to this road will help to reduce travel time and improve safety for all motorists."

These renovations are based on recommendations from the Route 2 Safety Improvement Study conducted by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

Previously, Olver has secured \$10.4 million in federal funds for improvements to Route 2.

For more information, contact Linda Dunlavy, executive director of the Franklin Regional Council of Government, at 978-852-2200.

Community Transit Services: \$400,000

This earmark will allow Community Transit Services (CTS), a non-profit public transportation provider in the North Quabbin region, to purchase new vehicles.

"There has always been a tremendous need for public transit services in the North Quabbin region," Olver said. "This funding will help to improve the quality of life for residents in the area."

Since 1998, Congressman Olver has secured more than \$2 million in funding for CTS and its affiliated transit authorities.

In conjunction with the Montachusett and Franklin Regional Transit Authorities, CTS has also created a new transit route connecting the North Quabbin region to the rest of the state.

For more information, contact Fran Gramulski, director of CTS, at 978-575-9966.

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