

WASHINGTON – Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced today that the House of

Olver co-sponsored a successful amendment to the bill to protect funding for transportation enhanc

"The transportation enhancement program is part of a balanced transportation policy designed to h

Olver is the ranking member of the Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies Subcomm

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

**Route 116 improvements: \$2.5 million**

This earmark will assist with an upgrade to Route 116, an important regional link in deteriorating co

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

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

**Gill-Montague Bridge: \$5 million**

The Gill-Montague Bridge provides a critical transportation link between Route 2 and Montague bu

**Pittsfield Intermodal Center: \$615,000**

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

**Westfield and Holyoke Multimodal Transportation Centers**

Included in the bill are earmarks for the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA) to create multimod

The Holyoke project would involve preserving and renovating the city's historic fire station building

The Westfield Multimodal Transportation Center will provide a comfortable, safe and convenient w

**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 f

**Franklin Regional Transit Authority Bus Replacement: \$150,000**

This earmark will help purchase one new bus for the Franklin Regional Transit Authority's (FRTA)

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

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

**BRTA Buses and Fare Boxes: \$765,000**

This earmark will provide funds for Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (BRTA) to purchase 17 ne

**MART Advanced Vehicle Locator System: \$240,000**

MART has established an Advanced Vehicle Locator (AVL) pilot program with 65 vehicles. This ad

**MART Regional Transit Storage Facility: \$2.4 million**

This earmark will fund the construction of a storage facility adjacent to the existing MART garage o

**MART Bus and Bus Facility: \$1.25 millio n**

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

**MART Maintenance Facility: \$750,000**

This earmark will fund the purchase of land, and architectural and engineering services for the des

**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 Nor

TANB works with the Berkshire Regional Transit Administration (BRTA) and Community Transport

**Community Transit Services: \$400,000**

This earmark will allow Community Transit Services (CTS), a non-profit public transportation provid

In conjunction with the Montachusett and Franklin Regional Transit Authorities, CTS has also crea

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

This earmark will continue to fund the Area-Wide Job Access and Reverse Commute program that

**Mohawk Trail Scenic Byway: \$1 million**

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

**Holyoke Canalwalk: \$1.2 million**

The Holyoke Canalwalk is part of a large-scale, multi-phased urban renewal and rural enhancement project.

**Mohawk Trail Scenic Byway: \$1 million**

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

**Connecticut River Scenic Byway: \$1 million**

The Connecticut River Scenic Farm Byway runs along Routes 47 and 63 from Sunderland to North Ferrisburgh.

**UMass Risk Prone Driving Research: \$300,000**

The Human Performance Laboratory at the University of Massachusetts College of Engineering is conducting research on risk-prone driving.

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