

WASHINGTON, D.C. , Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced that Congress has approved

The funding is included in the fiscal year (FY) 2006 Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development

Olver is the Ranking Member (most senior Democrat) of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation

The conference report contains the following earmarks:

\$1.85 million for streetscaping in downtown Pittsfield

The streetscaping initiative for downtown Pittsfield involves decorative paving, period lighting, trees with

"This is about further revitalizing downtown Pittsfield," said Olver. "The project will boost the arts and culture

"There's a great ongoing effort on multiple spokes to raise the image of downtown Pittsfield , to truly make it

For more information on this project, contact Pittsfield Mayor James M. Ruberto at 413-499-9321.

\$192,000 for Corridor Access Management on Route 7/20 in Lenox and Pittsfield

The initial stage of this project involves a focused plan for improving access to developed and undeveloped

"New businesses are going into the retail area between the Lenox and airport arteries all the time," said

For more information on this project, contact Nat Karns, Director, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

\$400,000 for transit services through the Transportation Association of Northern Berkshire (TANB)

TANB is working to improve public transit services specifically designed to meet the mobility challenges

"Public transportation on the western end of the northern tier is critical to the economic development of

For more information on this project, contact Jana Hunkler Brule, TANB, at 413-664-2727.