

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

The bill also includes \$1 million for improvements to Routes 5 & 10 in Bernardston and \$400,000 for

Olver included the funding in the FY06 Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development (Housing and

Olver said, "Investments in the region's transportation and business development infrastructure are critical to

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

The conference report contains the following earmarks:

**\$1.5 million for the Franklin County Regional Transportation Center in Greenfield**

This project will design and construct a centralized, 10,000-square-foot regional transportation center for

Currently, Greenfield serves as the centralized location for accessing intra-county, inter-county, interstate

"Such a facility would be a great boon to Greenfield and Franklin County," Olver said. "We have seen

The Greenfield facility would sell tickets, and provide rest rooms, waiting areas sheltered from the weather

The selected site is less than a quarter of a mile from the Greenfield Town Hall, which is the current bus

These monies will fund site assembly work which includes site acquisition, relocation, clearance and a

For additional information, contact Denise Wallenius, FRTA, at 413-774-2262 or Maureen Mullaney, FR

**\$1 million for improvements to Routes 5 & 10 in Bernardston**

This earmark will go toward resurfacing, minor shoulder widening, limited sidewalk reconstruction and

The Route 5 work would begin at the Greenfield town line and proceeds northerly approximately 5.9 miles

This route is a commuter road for the region, therefore improvement of the roadway would improve access

For additional information, contact Albert R. Stegeman, District 2 Mass Highway Director, at 413-584-1

**\$400,000 for the Western Mass Enterprise Fund, Inc. (WMEF) in Greenfield**

These funds will assist WMEF in providing business development resources to micro-enterprises and s

WMEF operates in partnership with community development corporations (CDCs), banks and other c

Chris Sikes, executive director, WMEF, said, "This grant will allow the enterprise fund to go much more

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