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Washington D.C. --- Fourth District Congressman Nick J. Rahall, (D-WV), today announced the final Federal Funding totals for the State of West Virginia under the Surface Transportation Act of 1978.

"I am very pleased to say that West Virginia will receive \$108,337,000 from this legislation," Congressman Rahall pointed out. Rahall, a co-sponsor of the Surface Transportation Act, served on the House Committee on Public Works and Transportation, which considered the measure.

Rahall explained, "This bill gives the State much needed money to complete the Interstate Highway System; construct and maintain primary, secondary and urban roads throughout the state; plus a substantial amount for bridge repair and replacement." The legislation also provides the mechanism for Federal funding for the construction of the East End Bridge in Huntington.

The funding breakdowns are as follows:

INTERSTATE SYSTEM FUNDS -----	\$71,059,000
PRIMARY SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION	
AND MAINTENANCE -----	\$13,434,000
SECONDARY SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION	
AND MAINTENANCE -----	\$6,069,000
URBAN SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION AND	
MAINTENANCE -----	\$3,890,000
BRIDGE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT -----	\$9,334,000
HAZARD ELIMINATION -----	\$1,030,000
HIGHWAY RAIL CROSSING UP-GRADING --	\$1,854,000

Congressman Rahall also pointed out that West Virginia will receive a total of \$3.5 Million under the Public Transportation Act of 1978. These funds will be used for public transportation operation in urban areas. The cities obtaining funds and their totals are:

HUNTINGTON	\$800,000
CHARLESTON	\$1,300,000
WHEELING	\$500,000
WEIRTON	\$300,000
PARKERSBURG	\$500,000

"I am very pleased with these amounts," Rahall stated, "for as our State grows and as the nation becomes more dependent on our coal, our transportation system will be able provide West Virginia with a broad and bright economic future."