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Washington D.C. --- "Legislation that would mean well over \$100 million in road funds for the State of West Virginia, is to be considered soon by the U.S. House of Representatives," Fourth District Congressman Nick J. Rahall, (D-WV), pointed out today.

The measure, HR 11733, the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1978, is scheduled to come before the House on Thurs. Sept. 21.

Congressman Rahall, as a co-sponsor of the bill and as a member of the Public Works and Transportation Committee which dealt with the proposal, is enthusiastic about what HR 11733 will mean to West Virginia.

"The Surface Transportation Bill is the result of two years of hard work by our Committee, and I am happy to say that West Virginia will get a fair share of needed funds from the bill," Rahall maintained.

Major sections of the bill containing money for West Virginia are:

- \$76 Million for completion of the Interstate system in, which includes the W. Va. Turnpike.
- \$19.6 Million for the construction and maintenance of primary roads in the State.
- \$8.1 Million for the construction and maintenance of secondary roads in the State.
- \$3.9 Million for the construction and maintenance of urban roads in the State.
- authorization of an 80% federal share for construction of the East Huntington Bridge.
- \$1.8 Billion nationwide for construction and repair of bridges. Over 800 bridges in West Virginia will be repaired under this provision.
- \$125 Million nationwide in rural assistance funds to aid in providing public transportation in rural areas.

"This measure will go a long way to improve our road situation in southern West Virginia," Congressman Rahall concluded.

The total amount HR 11733, will provide for 1979-82, will be \$66.5 billion.