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Huntington, West Virginia --- At the request of Fourth District Congressman Nick J. Rahall, (D-WV), the Subcommittee on Surface Transportation of the U.S. House of Representatives will hold an inspection trip to study the use of Federal Funds to complete construction of the East End Huntington Bridge. The trip will be held at 1 pm on April 3.

The press is invited to attend, and a press conference will be held at the bridge site around 1 pm.

Along with Congressman Rahall, will be Congressman James J.

Howard, (D-NJ), Chairman of the Surface Transportation Subcommittee
and committee staff members. Representatives from the West

Virginia Department of Highways will also accompany the Congressmen on the tour.

The trip is specifically being made in regards to legislation recently introduced by Congressman Rahall that outlines a proposal to provide federal dollars to complete construction of the East End Bridge. The bill, HR 10985, was introduced by Rahall on February 15, 1978.

Rahall, a member of the Surface Transportation Subcommittee, said, "This measure will make sure that if federal dollars are needed to build this much needed bridge, the money will be available."

"The residents of the Huntington area have looked at those two piers for many years now, and with the help of many people and public officials, the East End Brdige will finally be completed," Congressman Rahall observed.

Congressman Rahall also said, "This visit by Congressman Howard, shows that Washington can be made aware of the needs of the American people. A bridge is needed here in Huntington, and I believe we are making steps to see it become a reality."