

TAPE FOR WEEK OF JUNE 28

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

ALTHOUGH 5 PERCENT OF ITS MILEAGE IS STILL UNCOMPLETED, THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM ESSENTIALLY HAS ACCOMPLISHED WHAT IT WAS DESIGNED TO DO: LINK THE NATION'S CITIES WITH A HIGH-SPEED, HIGH-QUALITY ROAD NETWORK, NECESSARY FOR COMMERCE, PERSONAL MOBILITY, AND NATIONAL DEFENSE.

IN THE 25 YEARS SINCE CONSTRUCTION BEGAN, THE INTERSTATE SYSTEM HAS PROFOUNDLY RESHAPED AMERICANS LIVES, WORK AND SHOPPING HABITS.

OF THE STILL UNCOMPLETED SECTIONS OF INTERSTATE, IS THE LITTLE OVER 33 MILES STRETCH OF I-64 WHICH GOES INTO BECKLEY. A CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE STUDY ESTIMATES THAT THE COST TO COMPLETE THIS SECTION OF INTERESTATE WILL EXCEED \$419 MILLION.

ALL WEST VIRGINIANS FULLY REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD ROADS FOR OUR DAY-TO-DAY LIVES, AND FOR THIS REASON I FULLY SUPPORT THE EFFORTS TO COMPLETE THE INTERESTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

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