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RAHALL URGES \$\$\$ FOR I-64

Washington, D.C. -- Fourth District Representative Nick J. Rahall, II (D-WV) today urged the Federal Highway Administration to approve \$41.3 million in special discretionary Interstate Highway construction funds for West Virginia.

Representative Rahall has written to the Federal Highway Administration "to draw attention to the request for these much-needed monies and expedite their release."

"The money requested is for four projects on I-64 between Sam Black Church and Beckley, " Rahall pointed out.

"If the state receives this discretionary funding, in addition to its regular Interstate construction apportionments, all projects on I-64, except for the bridge over Glade Creek, should be under contract by next spring," Rahall said.

Rep. Rahall, as a member of the Surface Transportation Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over Federal Highway programs, supported legislation that set the guidelines for the use of discretionary highway construction funds.

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With warm regard, I am

Sincerely,

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