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RAHALL WANTS \$\$\$ FOR TURNPIKE, I-64

Washington D.C. --- West Virginia's Fourth District Congressman Nick J. Rahall has urged the Federal Highway Administration to approve \$102.3 Million in special discretionary Interstate Highway construction funds for West Virginia.

Congressman Rahall has written FHA Administrator R.A. Barnhart, "to draw attention to the request for these much-needed monies."

"The money requested," Rahall pointed out, "is for one project on the West Virginia Turnpike, and for six projects on I-64 between Sam Black Church and Beckley."

"The I-64 projects in particular," Rahall stated, "fulfill legal guidelines for the use of this discretionary money in that the I-64 projects are on an incompletd gap on the Interstate Highway System."

Congressman 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 discretionary highway construction funds.

The projects are:

1. \$36.9 million for the tunnel on the West Virginia Turnpike;
2. \$11.6 million, I-64, for a project one-mile east of the Turnpike to west of Beaver Creek Bridge;
3. \$7.5 million, I-64, for a project east of Beaver Creek Bridge to 1.11 miles east of Beaver Creek Bridge;
4. \$9.9 million, I-64, for a project east of Beaver Creek to .7 miles east of Airport Road;
5. \$13.4 million, I-64, for a project .7 miles east of Airport Road to west of the Glade Creek Bridge;
6. \$11.5 million, I-64, for a project east of Glade Creek Bridge to .7 miles west of the Bragg Interchange;
7. \$11.6 million, I-64, for a project .7 miles west of the Bragg Interchange to .8 miles east of the Route 27 Interchange.