

tape for week of Feb. 27

This is Congressman Nick Rahall.

Last week I contacted the Federal Highway Administration to urge them to approve a request of \$102.3 Million in construction funds for Interstate 64 and the West Virginia Turnpike.

My request, if approved, would provide over \$36 million for the tunnel on the Turnpike, and over \$70 Million to complete I-64 from Sam Black Church to Beckley.

Southern West Virginia has long suffered from the lack of adequate highways. The economy of our region of the state has likewise suffered because of this condition. But, I firmly believe that we can wait no longer. It is time for us to get our rightful share of highway money, and to make southern West Virginia more accessible to the centers of commerce throughout the eastern United States.

This is your Congressman, Nick Rahall.