

# news from ... Congressman Nick Rahall

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## House Committee Clears Funding For Highway Construction

Washington, D.C. -- Fourth District Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) today announced that the House Committee on Public Works and Transportation, on which he serves, has taken a major step toward providing funding for much-needed Interstate highway construction in West Virginia.

"The Committee voted to pass an Interstate Cost Estimate (ICE) which would release apportionment funds for highway projects," Rep. Rahall said. "Congressional approval of the ICE will enable the States to proceed with essential Interstate System construction."

The ICE contains \$7 billion for overall funding, \$81 million of which is earmarked for West Virginia. The action by the Committee is due largely to Rahall's intensive efforts to break the Congressional logjam to approve Interstate construction funds.

"The funds will be used in West Virginia to complete I-64 between Sam Black Church and Beckley, and to finish construction on I-77, The West Virginia Turnpike," Rep. Rahall said.

"Highway construction delays ultimately result in higher costs and potential dangers to highway safety," Rep. Rahall pointed out.

It is the intention of the Public Works and Transportation Committee to have this legislation considered by the House by the end of the week.