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Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) says that the highway funding bill passed by the House tonight contains a total of \$94.5 million in federal funds for West Virginia's road construction and maintenance program.

"Included in this bill, among other items for West Virginia, is \$9.7 million in Interstate construction funding and \$16.8 million for Interstate maintenance work, as well as \$62 million for work on rural roads and bridges," Rahall pointed out. "I am also pleased that the House has acted favorably on my funding proposal in the amount of \$17.6 million for the New River Parkway."

The highway bill provides federal assistance to the states for the nation's road and mass transit system. Rahall noted that the legislation also provides funds to the Tri-State Transit Authority in Huntington for that city's public transportation system.

"I am encouraged by the actions of the House in passing this bill,"
Rahall observed. "The condition of our infrastructure has deteriorated in
recent years and I feel that the money in this bill will help to bring many
of our roads and bridges in West Virginia up to par."

The bill will now go to the Senate for its consideration.

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