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RAHALL ANNOUNCES URBAN MASS TRANSIT GRANTS

Bramwell WV, - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) today announced the U.S. Department Of Transportation has awarded three grants to West Virginia.

The Gateway Regional Transit Authority in Bluefield has received \$66,396 for FY 89 operating assistance. The Wyoming County Council on aging has received \$15,068 for the purchase of six vans and one twenty passenger bus to serve senior citizens in the County. Finally, the West Virginia statewide Rural Transportation Assistance Program has received \$78,821.

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400 Seventh St., S.W. Washington, D.C. 20590

April 26, 1989

The Honorable Nick Joe Rahall, II House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Rahall:

Secretary Skinner and I are pleased to announce that the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) intends to approve the enclosed list of project(s) in your State as part of its ongoing bi-monthly release process. The bi-monthly release process includes projects from UMTA's Section 8 program for transit planning and special studies, Section 16(b)(2) program which provides funding for transportation of the elderly and handicapped, and the Section 18 program which provides funding for transportation activities in non-urban and rural areas.

These grants are to be approved under an expedited process which has proven successful in delivering funds to UMTA grantees as quickly as possible. Grantees will be advised of these approvals on April 28, but you should feel free to immediately make whatever local announcements you deem appropriate. If you need further information, please contact Ms. Nancy Butler, Special Assistant to the Administrator, at (202) 366-4319.

Sincerely,

Alfred A. DelliBovi

Enclosure