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The following voice actuality from Rep. Rahall may be obtained by telephoning: (202) 225-0800.

This is your Congressman Nick Rahall.

As Chairman of the House Surface Transportation Subcommittee, I have kicked-off a series of hearings on what Transportation Secretary Pena, who testified before my subcommittee, has termed as vital -- the proposed 159,000 miles of the National Highway System.

This next generation of America's highways will include the existing Interstate Highway system, urban and rural principal routes and high-priority corridors identified by Congress such as the proposed I-73 in West Virginia.

In addition to I-73, our current Interstate System, and the Appalachian corridor system -- projects such as I-66, Route 2, the Coalfields Expressway, and the Shawnee Parkway will benefit by incorporating them into the National Highway System.

Only routes designated by the Congress will be eligible for Federal funding. At stake for West Virginia is, at least, \$41.4 million a year.

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