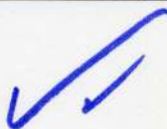


U.S. Congressman

**Nick Rahall***WORKING FOR WEST VIRGINIANS*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
March 9, 1994CONTACT: KENT KEYSER  
Acting Press Secretary  
Phone: (202) 225-3452**RAHALL ANNOUNCES TRANSIT DOLLARS  
FOR WEST VIRGINIA**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) today announced the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration has approved a grant of \$3.2 million for the West Virginia Department of Transportation to purchase 24 buses.

"I met with representatives of West Virginia's transit community yesterday while they were in Washington to discuss their needs. This grant will assist them in keeping their fleets up and running to continue their valuable service to our communities and our citizens." Rahall said.

The following transit authorities will benefit from the grant:

- Tri-State Transit Authority (TTA), Huntington, WV, \$884,684 for five buses and shop equipment.
- Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority, Charleston, WV, \$1,056,688 for six buses and shop equipment.
- Mountain Transit Authority, Summersville, WV, \$112,248 for one bus and shop equipment.
- Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Transit Authority, Parkersburg, WV \$374,940 for four buses and shop equipment.
- Morgantown Municipal Transit System, Morgantown, WV \$199,816 for two buses and shop equipment.
- Ohio Valley Regional Transportation Authority, Wheeling, WV \$371,812 for three buses and shop equipment.
- Potomac Valley Transit Authority, Petersburg, WV \$199,812 for two buses and shop equipment.

Rep. Rahall serves as Chairman of the Surface Transportation Subcommittee which has jurisdiction over federal transit programs.

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GRANTEE: West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT)  
Charleston, West Virginia

GRANT NO. WV-03-0020-02

FTA FUNDS: \$3,200,000

## DESCRIPTION:

- This amendment approval will provide an additional \$3,200,000 in Section 3 Bus funds to the West Virginia Department of Transportation to finance the capital needs of transit operators throughout the state of West Virginia. Funds will be used to purchase 23 replacement buses and shop equipment for seven transit operators (four urban and three rural).
- The transit operators included in this amendment and the federal share for each are as follows:
  - 1) Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority (KVRTA), Charleston, West Virginia, \$1,056,688 for six buses and shop equipment.
  - 2) Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Transit Authority (MOVTA), Parkersburg, West Virginia, \$374,940 for four buses and shop equipment.
  - 3) Morgantown Municipal Transit System (MMTS), Morgantown, West Virginia, \$199,816 for two buses and shop equipment.
  - 4) Mountain Transit Authority (MTA), Summersville, West Virginia, \$112,248 for one bus and shop equipment.
  - 5) Ohio Valley Regional Transportation Authority (OVRTA), Wheeling, West Virginia, \$371,812 for three buses and shop equipment.
  - 6) Potomac Valley Transit Authority (PVRTA), Petersburg, West Virginia, \$199,812 for two buses and shop equipment.
  - 7) Tri-State Transit Authority (TTA), Huntington, West Virginia, \$884,684 for five buses and shop equipment.

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- This amendment brings FTA's commitment to this project to \$15,200,000 and will complete the funding of WVDOT's request for the capital needs of 12 transit operators (four urban and eight rural). The total local share of \$4,800,000 is being provided by the state of West Virginia.
- All administrative and statutory requirements, including Section 13(c) Certification have been met. Therefore, this grant amendment is ready for obligation and release.
- All three of West Virginia's Congressional Districts are affected by this grant amendment.

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SECRETARY PEÑA AWARDS  
\$3.2 MILLION IN TRANSIT GRANTS  
TO WEST VIRGINIA

Secretary of Transportation Federico Peña today announced the award of a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) discretionary grant of \$3.2 million to the West Virginia Department of Transportation in Charleston, W. Va. The funds, which will be used to purchase 24 buses, were included among 35 nation wide bus-related grants totaling approximately \$80 million.

"The Clinton Administration is committed to investing in Charleston's infrastructure," the Secretary said. "This grant will enhance the city's ability to provide its citizens with safe, reliable and accessible transportation."

"Mass transit provides benefits for all Americans," FTA Administrator Gordon J. Linton said. "It provides a lifeline for those who necessarily use transit in the course of their daily activities, it provides an alternative means of mobility in times of need, and it enhances the vitality of all our cities by reducing reliance on automobiles for basic commuting."

The grants, which are made available under programs of the FTA, will be used exclusively for capital investment in new mass transit buses and related support equipment.

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