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NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM BILL SAILS THROUGH HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. – By a vote of 412 to 12, the U.S. House of Representatives today passed U.S. Rep. Nick J. Rahall's legislation to designate a new National Highway System. Rahall, who serves as the chairman of the Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, managed the bill on the House floor.

"Today, we paved the way for a brighter future for West Virginia and the Nation as a whole," Rahall observed after the overwhelming House vote.

According to a statement prepared by the Office of the President: "The Administration applauds the House for moving expeditiously to consider legislation to designate the National Highway System."

The bill approved by the House designates a 159,000 mile National Highway System comprised of Interstate Highways, certain principal arterial roads, high-priority corridors identified by the Congress, and routes which provide access to major ports and airports facilities as well as defense installations.

Figuring prominently in West Virginia's National Highway System are the I-73 Corridor (Route 52 replacement), the Coalfields Expressway and the proposed Shawnee Parkway. Routes listed on the National Highway System are eligible for Highway Trust Funds set aside for construction, rehabilitation, restoration, resurfacing and reconstruction projects on them.

The bill now goes to the Senate for its consideration.

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