



U.S. Congressman
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RAHALL ANNOUNCES TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) announced today that the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) has awarded a total of \$987,919 to the Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority.

\$904,919 has been earmarked for operation and assistance. The other \$83,600 will be used for the purchase of three 15-passenger, lift equipped vans, one replacement supervisory vehicle, and for computer hardware and software.

"Transportation is a vital part of every person's life, whether they depend on it for work, school, or recreation," Rahall said. "What we have to be mindful of, though, is that transportation is a right due everyone -- the physically challenged as well as the able, the rural as well as the urban."

Rep. Rahall has recently introduced a rural riders bill which seeks to increase the percentage that UMTA grants to rural areas and cities with population of under 200,000.

Rahall is a ranking Member of the Public Works and Transportation Committee and serves on the Surface Transportation Subcommittee.

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