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TRANSPORTATION GEMS PLUCKED BY HUNTINGTON AND KENOVA

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) today announced that the Tri-State Transit Authority and the Kenova Interstate Planning Commission have received almost \$640,000 combined in transit funds from the Urban Mass Transit Administration (UMTA).

"The funds will allow these small urban and rural transit systems to continue the extraordinary job they perform in southern West Virginia," said Rahall.

Tri-State Transit received the lion's share of the funds, almost \$620,000, for operating assistance and the purchase of one expansion support vehicle. Funds will also be used to purchase computer hardware and software.

Kenova Interstate Planning Commission received over \$22,000 in monies for the Unified Planning Work Program for the West Virginia and Ohio portions of the Huntington urbanized area.

Rahall, a ranking Member of the Public Works and Transportation Committee and the Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, has introduced legislation calling for increases in transit funding for rural and small urban transit systems.

"These funds are good, but we desperately need a larger portion of the mass transit pot. Hopefully if my bill is included as a portion of this year's highway bill, we will see that greater funding," said Rahall.

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