

Highway Administration to widen Rakow Road in McHenry County, Illinois. This road project will help relieve traffic congestion by adding capacity to Rakow Road between Ackman Road to Illinois Route 31 within the City of Crystal Lake and the Village of Lake-in-the-Hills by adding two or three through lanes in each direction and adequate turn lanes at the intersections. Rakow Road is designated by the Illinois Department of Transportation as a Strategic Regional Arterial (SRA) and is also part of the National Highway System. McHenry County is still one of the fastest growing counties in Illinois and continues to experience severe traffic congestion. Federal funding is continued to be needed in order to help address the regional transportation congestion in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. The McHenry County government has also passed a bond program that raises \$50 million to be dedicated to local road improvements such as the Rakow Road widening project to match state and federal investments. Previously, this project received \$570,000 in Fiscal Year 2009. The entity to receive funding for the Rakow Road widening project is the County of McHenry, Illinois located at 2200 Seminary Avenue in Woodstock, Illinois 60098.

My second request, totaling \$500,000, will come from the Economic Development Initiative account at the Department of Housing and Urban Development Date (HUD) for the City of Rockford, Illinois, for various public infrastructure improvements in the West Side neighborhood. Rockford, Illinois is experiencing one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation, which reached 14.5 percent in May. To address this problem, the local government of the City of Rockford plans to make improvements to public infrastructure (roads, sewer, storm-water, and water) to the west side of the city to support improvements to an area designated for commercial development. There is a great need for federal funding assistance to help develop the infrastructure in this area of the city of Rockford in order to attract and support new commercial and industrial employers. The City is also committing funding to this project as well as attracting significant private investment. This project will not only benefit the west side of the City of Rockford but the entire northern Illinois area by attracting more employers to Rockford. The entity to receive funding for the Rockford West Side Economic Development Initiative is the City of Rockford, Illinois, located at 425 East State Street in Rockford, Illinois 61104.

Madam Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Representative DAVID OBEY, and the Ranking Minority Member, Representative JERRY LEWIS, and the Chairman of the Transportation & Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee, Representative JOHN OLVER, and the Ranking Minority Member, Representative TOM LATHAM, for working with me in a bipartisan manner to include these two critical requests in this spending bill.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. FRED UPTON**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRED UPTON

1. Allegan County Facility Improvement and Bus Replacement, MI

Department: Federal Transit Administration

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Allegan County Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 3255 122nd Avenue, Suite 200, Allegan, Michigan 49010

Description of Request: This request is for the replacement of eight eligible transit vehicles. The requesting entity, Allegan County Transportation, will be meeting the required level of matching funding.

Amount: \$383,000

Financial Breakdown: Funding will be used to purchase eight public transit vehicles—six buses and two ADA vans. Allegan County will provide their required 20% match.

Justification for the use of taxpayer dollars: This funding is consistent with the mission of the Federal Transit Administration.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRETT GUTHRIE

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: FTA/Bus and Bus Facilities

Recipient: Western Kentucky University, 1906 College Heights Blvd, Bowling Green, KY 42101

Description of Request: Provide \$250,000 for the purchase of a new fuel-efficient, hybrid bus to meet the campus' transportation needs.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION FOR  
ROLLCALL VOTE 621**HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 621, I was present on the House floor and voted immediately before and immediately after this vote. I was in the chamber in front of the wall, sought recognition by

the Acting Speaker to vote. Despite my presence and my request, in the clear view of the Acting Speaker, my request was not recognized. While the High Speed Rail project addressed by the Amendment could potentially affect the 15th District of Illinois, the \$3 billion cost is also a significant factor in consideration thereof.

Had I been present, I would have voted "present."

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. VERN BUCHANAN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Manatee County and Sarasota County

Address of Requesting Entity: 1112 Avenue West, Bradenton (FL) 34205, 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota (FL) 34236.

Description of Request: I secured \$500,000 for the Intelligent Transportation (ITS), also known as Advanced Traffic Management System, project in Manatee and Sarasota Counties.

The counties are upgrading their signal system in order to deploy a more advanced traffic management system. This project also complements a programmed State of Florida project to deploy ITS for the purpose of incident management on 1–75. It is expected to reduce vehicular delay by 9.5 million hours per year and reduce fuel consumption by 3.8 million gallons per year.

Pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Sarasota

Address of Requesting Entity: 1565 First Street, Sarasota (FL) 34236.

Description of Request: I secured \$150,000 for the revitalization of the Robert L. Taylor Community Center as part of the Newtown Redevelopment Comprehensive Plan. The Robert L. Taylor Community Center is the only government sponsored/owned recreation center in Newtown and is the most heavily used recreation center in the City. Its renovation will provide modern recreation facilities for the youth of Newtown.

Pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2010.