

Condition Index Report identifies the northern 6,000 feet of the runway at below minimum service level.

Requesting Member: Hon. THOMAS E. PETRI  
Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Highway Administration—  
Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Wisconsin  
Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 4802 Sheboygan Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Description of Project: This \$500,000 will be used to complete a study and begin construction of an overpass across the Wisconsin Central Railyard on Lake Shore Drive in the Village of North Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The railyard is the largest of its kind in the State of Wisconsin and access at Lake Shore Drive is frequently blocked due to trains parked on the tracks. This overpass will allow for the safe and efficient passage of rail traffic through the community and allow for the delivery of essential services (including emergency services) to the residents of the community. The overpass will consist of a 532-foot bridge span across the yard and access ramps to the connecting roads on both sides of the structure.

Requesting Member: Hon. THOMAS E. PETRI  
Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Transit Administration—  
Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Wisconsin  
Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 4802 Sheboygan Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Description of Project: This \$250,000 will be used to purchase 35-foot replacement accessible buses and related fare box equipment for the Fond du Lac Area Transit System.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE JUDICIAL SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT OF 2009

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 22, 2009*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, today I am honored to introduce the Judicial Survivors Protection Act of 2009. The bill would provide a limited six month period for incumbent federal judges to opt into the Judicial Survivors' Annuities System (JSAS) and authorizes federal judges to voluntarily increase their contributions to JSAS to enhance their survivors' annuities.

The JSAS is an important optional benefit for federal judges. Unlike the survivors of other federal employees, judges' spouses and dependent children receive no survivor income benefits unless the judge elects to participate. Also, for a spouse to continue health insurance coverage under the Federal Employees Health Benefits program after the judge's death, the judge must have elected JSAS.

Currently only sixty percent of Article III and non-Article III judges participate in JSAS. While, the system is an opt-in system, in general, judges are bound by their initial decision for the remainder of their career despite changes in life circumstances. This leaves the survivors of the remaining forty percent of Article III and non-Article III judges at risk.

This bill would simply provide those forty percent of Judges, who did not initially enroll

in JSAS, a limited six month open season window to enroll in JSAS.

To compensate for their delay, new enrollees who previously declined to participate in JSAS would pay an enhanced contribution rate to preserve the financial integrity of the JSAS Fund. Finally, it would authorize federal judges to voluntarily increase their contributions to JSAS in order to enhance the value of their survivors' annuities.

Over the years, Congress has authorized such an open season three times: in 1976, 1985 and 1992. It has been seventeen years since the last open season and this bill is but a small step towards lightening what is often the financial burden of judicial public service.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. VERNON J. EHLERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 22, 2009*

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards, I am submitting the following information regarding projects I received funding for as part of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R.

Agency: Federal Transit Administration

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Barry County Transit

Address of Requesting Entity: 1216 W. State Street, Hastings, MI 49058

Description of Request: This bill provides \$127,000 for vehicle equipment replacement and building repair. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer money because it will replace two expansion vans that provide safe and efficient transportation to a growing rural senior and physically challenged population in Barry County. It will also provide for replacement radios and building repair.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R.

Agency: Federal Transit Administration

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Belding Dial-A-Ride

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Depot Street, Belding, MI 48809

Description of Request: This bill provides \$63,000 for the City of Belding Dial-A-Ride. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer money because it will go towards the purchase of a lift-equipped bus, which will replace an older bus that has met its useful life.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R.

Agency: Federal Highway Administration

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Grand Rapids, Michigan

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 Monroe Ave, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Description of Request: This bill provides \$500,000 for the Wealthy Street Extension. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer money because the construction project will

extend Wealthy Street and improve the existing street network in the vicinity of Millennium Park, which will ease traffic congestion and create an alternative artery to US-131.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R.

Agency: Federal Transit Administration

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Ionia Dial-A-Ride

Address of Requesting Entity: 251 East Adams Street, Ionia, MI 48846

Description of Request: This bill provides \$100,000 for the City of Ionia Dial-A-Ride. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer money because it will upgrade the Dial-A-Ride's facility. The upgrades include a new emergency generator, parking resurfacing, a new heater, and a new irrigation system.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R.

Agency: Federal Transit Administration

Account: Alternatives Analysis

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Rapid

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 Ellsworth Ave, SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Description of Request: This bill provides \$360,000 for a Streetcar Alternative Analysis Study. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer money because it will allow the Rapid to assess the ridership projections, economic development potential and funding options that will determine if a streetcar system would be a valuable investment in the Grand Rapids metro area. The study is to examine different models of public and private partnerships to build the infrastructure and operate the system.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 22, 2009*

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

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Name of requesting entity: Central City Community Development Corporation

Address of requesting entity: 2612 North Tampa Street, Tampa, Florida 33602

Description: The \$500,000 will be used to rehabilitate property to house homeless veterans.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3288

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Name of requesting entity: City of Tampa, Florida

Address of requesting entity: 315 East Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33602

Description: The \$500,000 will be used to widen Cross Creek Boulevard, which provides an important connection from the city to the

regional and statewide transportation network. The widening will reduce traffic congestion and its resulting environmental impacts.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3288

Account: Transportation and Community and System Preservation

Name of requesting entity: Pinellas County, Florida

Address of requesting entity: 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida 33756

Description: The \$300,000 will be used for the costs associated with replacement of the Beckett Bascule Bridge, which is the primary access route to and from the mainland for contiguous coastal communities in Pinellas County.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Name of requesting entity: Hillsborough Community College

Address of requesting entity: 39 Columbia Drive, Tampa, Florida 33606

Description: The \$200,000 will be used to replace the exterior skin on one of the college's buildings, improving safety and increasing energy efficiency.

#### COMMEMORATING BUFFALO CITY'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 22, 2009*

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of the Sesquicentennial celebration of Buffalo City, Wisconsin. Chartered in 1859, Buffalo City is a picturesque Wisconsin town nestled along the "National Scenic Byway" of Western Wisconsin's Great River Highway.

Buffalo City is the oldest incorporated city in Buffalo County. At one time, it was one of the smallest cities in the United States with an area encompassing just over six square miles. Steeped in history, Buffalo City was named after three brothers who raised buffalo on a bluff overlooking the city.

Buffalo City operates under a common council form of government headed by Mayor Bill Bruegger and consisting of four alderspersons. A town based in strong community ties, the common council holds regular monthly meetings for residents, council members, and the mayor to come together to discuss and act on pressing matters.

With a current population of just 972 residents, Buffalo City prides itself on being a close-knit community. Residents participate in such community activities as Little League, 4-H, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Great River Anglers.

The town's location on Spring Lake, a backwater of the Mississippi River, serves as a beautiful backdrop for a variety of outdoor recreational activities for family and friends to enjoy. Scenic parks and nature trails offer picturesque views of the river and bluffs and make Buffalo City a visually striking town that is a great place to live, work, and play.

On July 3rd Mayor Bruegger, local leaders, and Buffalo City residents came together to celebrate Buffalo City's sesquicentennial with music, games, food, and fireworks. Today, I recognize Buffalo City's Sesquicentennial and join in their celebration.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 22, 2009*

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding for the State of Delaware included in H.R. 3288, the Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Name of Intended Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location: Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Federal Lands

Name of Project: C & D Canal Trail Improvements

Project Description: The Act includes \$1,000,000 to transform over 13 miles of existing Army Corps service road on the north-side of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal—from Delaware City to Chesapeake City—into a multi-purpose recreation trail with associated amenities (trail heads, signage, and self-composting restroom facilities, and security). Creating a multi-purpose recreation trail on the existing service road would ensure a safer area for the residents of Delaware City (one of the fastest growing areas in the state of Delaware), Chesapeake City, and everywhere in between, to continue to enjoy the Canal.

Name of Intended Recipient: State of Delaware Department of Transportation

Location: 800 Bay Road, P.O. Box 778, Dover, DE 19903

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Interstate Maintenance

Name of Project: Turnpike Improvement Project

Project Description: The Act includes \$500,000 to improve the safety and efficiency of two major routes along the Northeast Corridor. It consists of three phases designed to improve the movement and safety of interstate, regional and local traffic through this heavily traveled intersection. The three phases include: a redesign of the I-95/SR-1 interchange, adding a fifth lane to I-95, and reconfiguring the I-95 toll plaza in Newark, DE, to incorporate Highway Speed E-Z Pass toll lanes. This project is anticipated to reduce traffic congestion and improve overall safety.

Name of Intended Recipient: State of Delaware Department of Transportation

Location: 800 Bay Road, P.O. Box 778, Dover, DE 19903

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: Federal Transit Administration, Capital Improvement Grants

Name of Project: Wilmington to Newark Commuter Rail Improvement Program

Project Description: The Act includes \$2,000,000 to install a third commuter rail track along the northeast corridor, build a new Newark Rail Station, and purchase four commuter rail cars. This program expands capacity to permit expansion of commuter rail serv-

ices and increases reliability of intercity and commuter rail services. It will also assist in significantly reducing traffic congestion along the northeast corridor.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 22, 2009*

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican 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 for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE BUYER (IN-04)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hendricks County Board of Commissioners

Address of Requesting Entity: 355 S. Washington Street, Danville, IN 46122

Description of Request: Provides \$400,000 for the continuation of construction on the Ronald Reagan Parkway, which ultimately connects I-70 and the Indianapolis International Airport to I-65 in Indiana. With the original northern and southern segments of the project completed or underway, this project will focus on the construction of the middle segments from US 40 to the northern interchange with I-74, including the construction of the County Road 100S-200S segment and the road widening from US 36 to County Road 100N. The Ronald Reagan Parkway is a joint project between Hendricks County, Boone County, the Indianapolis International Airport, and the towns of Plainfield, Avon, and Brownsburg, Indiana. These partners are working together to develop a limited access roadway connecting I-70 and I-65 in west-central Indiana, offering business owners and residents a powerful impetus for future industrial, commercial and residential development. The completion of this corridor will provide a significant north south corridor in Indiana, mitigating congestion on I-465 and providing an efficient multi-modal linkage.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE BUYER (IN-04)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: White County Board of Commissioners, Indiana

Address of Requesting Entity: 110 N. Main Street, Monticello, IN 47960

Description of Request: Provides \$400,000 for the 6th Street Corridor Project which is a 5.25 mile corridor project that is a joint effort between the City of Monticello and White County, which consists of several smaller phases. The scope of the project is to widen 5.5 miles of an existing road to a new, 3 lane major urban arterial street capable of serving traffic volumes forecast to occur during the 20 year design life of the improvements. Principal intersections will be designed to include turn lanes and traffic signals will be installed as warranted. The proposed improvement is a three lane roadway surface consisting of 12 foot wide through lanes in each direction separated by a 14 foot wide two-way left turn