

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.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of North Port

Address of Requesting Entity: 4970 City Hall Blvd., North Port (FL) 34286.

Description of Request: I secured \$100,000 for a new Family Services Center in the City of North Port.

This facility will house the city's Social Services Division as well as 12 other community agencies. This Center will bring a variety of health and human services to the citizens of North Port.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on member requests, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding congressionally directed appropriation projects I sponsored as part of H.R. 3288, FY 2010 Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies Appropriations Act.

Agency/Account: Federal Transit Administration/Buses and Bus Facilities

Amount: \$200,000

Requesting Entity: City of Abilene, P.O. Box 60, Abilene, TX 79601

The City of Abilene operates a bus system that provides the community with 12 fixed bus routes, ADA paratransit service, and demand-response evening service. The overall system had 583,000 passengers in FY 2008. Given the importance of the bus system to the community, Abilene has developed a comprehensive plan to improve the facilities, including Transfer Facility Rehabilitation, Bus Stop Improvements, Maintenance Facility Improvements, Bus Facility Security, and Bus Stop Signage.

Agency/Account: Federal Transit Administration/Buses and Bus Facilities

Amount: \$750,000

Requesting Entity: City of Lubbock/Citibus, P.O. Box 2000, Lubbock, TX 79457

Citibus currently has six low floor hybrid electric buses on order and expects delivery of the buses in November 2009. Citibus still has a need to replace thirty buses that are twelve years old and in need of replacement to better serve the Lubbock community. Citibus would like to purchase eight buses per year until all of the buses that have exceeded their useful life have been replaced. By purchasing hybrid electric buses, Citibus will be more environmentally friendly, and be less dependent on oil products. The funding will be used for a Section 5309 request to cover bus purchases that would replace the existing bus fleet with hybrid busses.

Agency/Account: Housing and Urban Development/Economic Development Initiatives

Amount: \$300,000

Requesting Entity: City of Abilene, P.O. Box 60, Abilene, TX 79601

This funding will assist the Development Corporation of Abilene, the economic develop-

ment arm of the City of Abilene, which is building a Life Sciences Accelerator, a biotech facility that will contain laboratories, research equipment, and office space to be "time shared" by biotech company tenants. This Accelerator is part of a much larger biotech initiative designed to diversify the regional economy by attracting high-paying jobs. The building is under construction with completion targeted by December 2009. The Accelerator needs the specialized equipment to make it a world class facility and to bring additional jobs to the region.

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: HUD/EDI

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

Description of Request: Provide \$250,000 to assist the business accelerator in their mission to help students, local entrepreneurs, and emerging small businesses access technology to begin their businesses.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. 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. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name: Alaska Native Heritage Center, Anchorage, AK for educational programming and outreach

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Alaska Native Heritage Center, 8800 Heritage Center Drive, Anchorage, AK 99504

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Educational programs to increase understanding of cultural diversity and multicultural communication. Their programs and message affect individuals nationally and internationally, reaching hundreds of thousands of students and visitors each year.

Appropriated Amount: \$150,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Personnel \$150,000
Project Name: Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center, Anchorage, AK for facilities and equipment

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center, P.O. Box 201849, Anchorage, AK 99520

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Implementing digital radiography to better serve underserved patients. This is a federally qualified health center under section 330 of the Public Health Act.

Appropriated Amount: \$100,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Equipment \$100,000

Project Name: Chickaloon Native Village, Chickaloon, AK for facilities and equipment

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Chickaloon Health Center, P.O. Box 1105, Chickaloon, AK 99674

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Improve the health status of medically underserved residents by establishing a community health center. This area has been declared underserved by HHS and there is a demonstrated need for a community health center in this region.

Appropriated Amount: \$250,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Personnel and equipment \$250,000

Project Name: Providence Health and Services, Anchorage, AK for a physician recruitment and retention initiative

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Providence Hospital Residency Program, 3200 Providence Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: The funding would be used to address the critical physician recruitment and retention problem in Alaska. The state is facing a shortage of physicians who will accept Medicare patients and this program is one of only a handful in the state that will see new Medicare eligible patients.

Appropriated Amount: \$350,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Personnel and training \$350,000

Project Name: Strengthening Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions Programs for activities authorized under the Higher Education Act

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: U.S. Department of Education, AK Native and Native Hawaiian Institutions, 1990 K Street, NW., 6th Floor Washington, DC 20806

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: The funding would be used to strengthen Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions Programs for activities authorized under the Higher Education Act.

Appropriated Amount: \$12,158,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Programming \$12,158,000

Project Name: Reading is Fundamental authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Reading Is Fundamental, 1825 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20009

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is