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Rahall: An Investment In Our Roads Is An Investment In Our Future

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Washington, DC (HNN) – In a speech to the National I-73/74 Corridor Association Tuesday, U.S. Rep. Nick J. Rahall (D-WV) reiterated his call for investment in southern West Virginia’s transportation infrastructure as key to spurring job growth and economic development throughout the region.

“The I-73/74 Corridor is just one of many important transportation projects that will help to create good jobs, improve our standard of living, and bring new businesses and industry to southern West Virginia,” said Rahall. “For these reasons, an investment in our roads is truly an investment in our future.”

Rahall has a long history of securing federal funding for transportation projects to promote the diversification of the economic base of southern West Virginia. He remains steadfast in his belief that proper investment in transportation infrastructure will improve the overall strength and stability of southern West Virginia’s economy and help to bring greater prosperity to the region.

“A smooth running transportation infrastructure can be an economic engine for southern West Virginia,” continued Rahall. “Each day, I work hard to see that our many challenging transportation needs are met.”

As Vice Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Rahall has more than 30 years experience in transportation policy and has proudly worked on every federal highway bill since coming to Congress. With transportation as the first T of his “three T’s” (Transportation, Technology, and Tourism) agenda, Rahall is recognized for his efforts to resuscitate our nation’s aging transportation system.

Rahall has worked in support of a long list of highway projects, including Corridor G, Route 10, the Coalfields Expressway, the Shawnee Parkway, the New River Parkway, the Z-Way at Beckley, and the Tolsia and King Coal Highways, which comprise the West Virginia portion of the I-73/74 Corridor. He has also initiated the Rahall Transportation Institute in Huntington to help further the goal of building jobs through transportation.

“Our interstate highway system was largely built in the 1950s and 60s, but the nation’s needs have continued to evolve,” said Rahall. “The system has delivered opportunity to so many in this nation, yet there are counties and communities that are still struggling in relative remoteness because of the lack of a good, solid, four-lane road. Investment in new and improved highways and bridges will invite new businesses to locate in our communities and allow existing businesses to grow.”
