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## **Chatham Area Transit Authority to Receive \$2.6 Million Grant**

*Money will purchase new buses; fund updated equipment and needed renovations*

**Washington, DC** – 12<sup>th</sup> District Congressman John Barrow (D-GA) today applauded the Department of Transportation’s decision to award the Chatham Area Transit Authority (CAT) a \$2,655,932.00 grant for the purchase of seven replacement buses and an automatic vehicle locator system. The money will also help fund the construction of passenger bus stop shelters and needed facility renovations.

“As Chatham County continues to grow, healthy public transportation alternatives like CAT are an increasingly valuable asset,” Barrow said. “I’m glad to see that the Department of Transportation recognizes Chatham County’s growing transportation needs and is working with us to help keep our region on the move.”

With nearly 200 employees, CAT commands a fleet of 52 buses that serve 18 individual routes throughout Chatham County. According to CAT, bus ridership in 2004 topped three and half million passengers.

For more information on the Chatham Area Transit Authority, visit: <http://catchacat.org/>.

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