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Barrow Announces House Approval of Over \$17 Million in Funding for Savannah Area Road Projects

Bill now moves to the U.S. Senate for additional debate and consideration

Washington, DC – 12th District Congressman John Barrow (D-GA) announced today that the U.S. House of Representatives has approved his requests for over \$17 million in federal funding to help finance important transportation projects in and around the Savannah area. The funding is set aside in House Resolution 3, *The Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (TEA-LU)*, which includes a total of \$33 million for 12th District road projects.

“This bill is a big win for the Savannah area,” Barrow said. “As Georgia’s second fastest growing city, it’s critical that Savannah and its surrounding communities maintain good roads and bridges that can meet the region’s growing transportation needs. Not only will these projects create new, good paying jobs, but they’ll improve the overall quality of life for the Savannah area – relieving traffic congestion, creating new recreational space, and expanding transportation alternatives like CAT.”

“These aren’t just my priorities – they reflect a consensus we developed in consultation with state and local transportation agencies,” Barrow added. “That’s the way we ought to work together to promote the interests of the district.”

TEA-LU is part of the Transportation Reauthorization Act, which is renewed every six years to provide discretionary resources for the purpose of funding local road projects, Interstates, highways, and state highway departments. The bill now heads to the U.S. Senate for further consideration.

Earmarked transportation projects for the Savannah area include:

- \$5,000,000 to purchase replacement buses and finance construction of new bus passenger facilities for the Chatham County Transit Authority;

- \$4,000,000 to build the SR 307 overpass over the Port of Savannah rail line. The overpass will improve safety and traffic flow – connecting SR 307, a major trucking route, to the Port of Savannah, with I-95, I-16, and I-516;
- \$4,000,000 to build a replacement for the Back River Bridge on US17/SR 404. Replacing the aging bridge will help improve safety and reduce traffic congestion along a well-traveled trucking route that serves the Port of Savannah;
- \$3,000,000 for construction of the Effingham Parkway – linking SR 119 to SR 30 and providing a north/south connector between Effingham County and Chatham County; and
- \$1,260,000 for Phase II construction of the Truman Linear Park Trail – a 5.25 mile asphalt shared-use path running between Lake Mayer Park and Daffin Park.

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