

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

**Washington, DC** - 12<sup>th</sup> District Congressman John Barrow (D-GA) announced today that the U.S. House of Representatives has approved his requests for over \$7 million in federal funding to help finance important transportation projects in and around the Augusta 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 12

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District road projects.

"I'm excited to announce that the Augusta area is one step closer to receiving over \$7 million in federal transportation funds," Barrow said. "By helping purchase new public buses for the Augusta area and widening portions of SR 4, we're working to help the region keep on track with its transportation needs."

Earlier this week, Congressman Barrow also announced a \$150,000 Department of Transportation grant for Daniel Field Airport. Barrow noted, "These federal transportation funds will help spur new economic growth throughout the region by creating new jobs, expanding transportation alternatives, and helping reduce traffic congestion."

"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 Augusta area include:

- \$4,000,000 to widen SR 4 between Milledgeville Road and Government Street;
- \$3,000,000 to construct a frontage road in Warren County that will run parallel to I-20. The road will help create jobs by providing for the development of an industrial park; and

- \$400,000 to help purchase new clean-diesel buses for the Augusta Transit System.

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