

Congressman Rothman Votes for Economic Stimulus and Recovery Package – a Boon to Area Transportation Projects

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– Congressman Steve Rothman’s (D – Fair Lawn) vote for the American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Plan (H.R. 1), which passed the U.S. House of Representatives yesterday in a vote of 244 - 188, included much needed funding for area transportation projects, including the long awaited new Hudson River commuter rail tunnel, the Access to the Region’s Core (ARC) Tunnel.

“The ARC Tunnel is a perfect example of the kind of shovel-ready transportation project that will benefit Northern New Jersey and that will now move forward because of this economic stimulus and recovery package,” said Rothman. “We can now move immediately to create jobs, make commuting less time consuming, raise local housing values and reduce our impact on the environment.”

The ARC Tunnel will be a 9.2 mile commuter rail extension and tunnel under the Hudson River from Secaucus, NJ to Midtown Manhattan. It will allow additional commuter rail service to Manhattan from Bergen, Hudson, Passaic, Morris and Union counties in NJ and Rockland and Orange counties in NY. The ARC Tunnel is the first new rail tunnel under the Hudson River in 100 years and will more than double commuter rail capacity to meet trans-Hudson travel demand to New York City.

“As a member of the House Appropriations Committee I will continue to work to make sure New Jersey’s road and rail network receives the federal funding our region deserves,” said Rothman.

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