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## ROTHMAN BRINGS HOME \$16.8 MILLION FOR HIS DISTRICT

--Transportation Bill To Spur Economy, Improve Quality of Life, & Save Taxpayers Money;

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Washington, DC -Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn) succeeded in getting \$16.8 million for his district in a massive transportation and job creation bill that was approved by the House of Representatives by a vote of 412 to 8 on July 29th. The Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (TEA-LU) will send federal money to the 9th Congressional District of New Jersey for highway and mass transit initiatives, including an allocation of \$9.6 million to relieve traffic congestion on Route 17. Rothman said the passage of this measure will benefit the residents of northern New Jersey because of the money it will save local property taxpayers and the jobs it will create by updating the area's transportation network.

"The TEA-LU bill will provide a boost to New Jersey's economy by creating new construction jobs and an enhanced transportation network that will help reduce gridlock to improve the quality of life for residents and save them money on their local property taxes," Rothman said. "Every \$1 billion invested in transportation infrastructure yields 47,500 jobs. We need to put people back to work in America and at the same time fix our nation's aging transportation infrastructure. I believe one of the best ways to accomplish both important objectives is to pass a robust, long-term highway and mass transit bill and this is what the Congress has now done."

Most of the money from the transportation bill gets sent to the states, where the funds are later allocated for specific projects. Certain high priority transportation initiatives, however, are specifically listed in the bill. Rothman was able to secure \$16.8 million for high priority projects in his district. These projects include:

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\$9.6 million for Route 17 traffic congestion relief

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\$1.6 million for the Hackensack River Walkway

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\$1.6 million to help relieve flooding at the intersection of Route 46 and Main Street in Lodi

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\$1.2 million to improve the flow of traffic at the Route 46 roadway circle in Little Ferry

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\$2 million for biking, jogging, and fitness trails along Riverbank Park in Kearny

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\$800,000 for the replacement and reconstruction of the Route 7 Wittpenn Bridge over the Hackensack River in Jersey City and Kearny.

The measure will now go to the White House where it is expected to be signed into law.

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