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Conference report ensures transportation infrastructure improvements and economic development in the 13th District

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(Washington, D.C.) - Today, Congressman Albio Sires voted for the Fiscal Year 2008 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations conference report, which includes funding that will ensure the safety and security of thousands of passengers and pedestrians in New Jersey's 13th congressional district. The agreement reached by the House and the Senate was approved by a vote of 270-147.

"The projects that I was able to include in this conference report are timely and necessary," said Congressman Sires. "Transportation is an essential part of the lives of working families that need to commute safely and know that our transportation infrastructure is sound. This funding also provides safety for thousands of pedestrians that would otherwise be at risk of injury by vehicular traffic."

H.R. 3074 includes:

- \$300,000 for the construction of the Hudson County Intermodal Station Pedestrian Bridge in Union City;
- \$1 million for improvements to Essex County bridges including Bridge Street, Clay Street and Jackson Street bridges;
- \$268,000 for the redevelopment of the Koppers Coke Brownfield Site in Kearny;
- \$55 million for the construction of the Hudson Bergen Light Rail;
- \$15 million for the construction of the NJ Trans-Hudson Midtown Corridor Tunnel.

H. R. 3074 includes more than \$40 billion for the construction of new roads, repairs, and addresses deficient bridges across America. This bill also renews all current housing vouchers and provides 15,500 new vouchers for veterans, the disabled and low income families. A 500 percent increase in funds also aims to alleviate problems caused by the sub-prime mortgage crisis.

H.R. 3074, the Transportation-Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill, will now go to the president's desk for his signature.

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