

Washington, D.C. - Rep. David Price (D-NC) announced today that he has secured over \$13 million to aid Triangle-area economic recovery and job creation efforts through critical transportation, community development, and military construction investments. The funding is included in the annual appropriations bills for military construction and the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, which the House Appropriations Committee approved late yesterday.

In the military construction bill, Rep. Price secured \$8,815,000 in federal funding for the North Carolina National Guard (NCNG) to design and construct a new Army Aviation Support Hanger in Morrisville. The new facility will provide support and maintenance for the fleet of helicopters and planes used by the NCNG, which has outgrown its current facility as the Guard's mission has expanded in recent years.

"Our National Guard units have been at the forefront of our military efforts over the past decade, and their continued readiness depends on having adequate facilities." Rep. Price said. "This investment comes on top of Recovery Act funding already invested in building a new North Carolina National Guard headquarters in West Raleigh. Both projects will create and sustain good jobs—my highest priority in Congress."

Rep. Price recently spoke at a welcome home ceremony for members of the NCNG's 1-130th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, a 420 soldier unit based in Morrisville. The unit was the first Reserve component Apache Longbow helicopter battalion to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Rep. Price also secured federal investments in several local transportation projects, including \$2.5 million for new fuel-efficient hybrid and clean diesel buses for the Chapel Hill Transit, Triangle Transit and Capital Area Transit systems.

"Our local transit systems are integral to their communities, providing low cost transportation, alleviating traffic congestion and providing a greener way to travel," Rep. Price said. "This investment will help ensure that our local transportation systems meet the needs of Triangle residents as the region continues to grow."

Other local transportation and community development projects for which Rep. Price secured federal investments include:

- \$1,500,000 to support the North Carolina Department of Transportation's planning, design and environmental work along the Western Wake portion of the Raleigh Outer Loop (NC-540).
- \$500,000 to support the North Carolina Department of Transportation's railroad-highway traffic separation studies in Durham and Wake County. The studies will allow the Department to ensure that local communities are prepared for the expansion of high-speed commuter rail between Raleigh and Charlotte, which recently received over \$500 million in federal Recovery Act funding.
- \$500,000 to support the City of Durham's planning work on its Fayetteville Street Corridor Project. The project near North Carolina Central University would revitalize a distressed area of the city as a commercial hub and promote a safe, livable environment for the surrounding community.

Rep. Price stressed that these investments come in a context of overall fiscal restraint. President Obama proposed a freeze on non-security discretionary spending, and House appropriators have produced bills that spend \$7 billion less than the President requested.

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