

Below is a list of projects for the 4th Congressional District that was included at my request in the Fiscal Year 2009 Transportation and Housing & Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. That bill eventually formed part of the end-of-the-year Omnibus Appropriations Act (Public Law 111-8).

### **Department of Housing and Urban Development**

*Economic Development Initiatives (EDIs) allow states, localities, or nonprofits to invest in their communities through revitalization and affordable housing projects. Examples of EDIs include: the renovation of blighted buildings to provide for new commercial opportunities and the construction of housing for homeless veterans. These projects increase the economic vitality of struggling urban areas, provide for safer living conditions, and generally improve a community's quality of life.*

#### **Project: Fuquay-Varina Streetscape Project**

Funding: \$ 190,000

Description: Funding for pedestrian and lighting upgrades on Main Street (US Highway 401) to improve safety and regional traffic while promoting downtown revitalization.

**Project: Regional Value-Added Shared-Use Processing Center (Hillsborough)**

Funding: \$ 237,500

Description: Funding as a HUD Economic Development Initiative to establish a facility for small farmers to add value to local agriculture products. The processing center will serve Alamance, Chatham, Durham, and Orange Counties and surrounding areas, helping preserve rural land against population growth and encourage entrepreneurship while making it easier to produce and eat local food.

**Department of Transportation**

**Project: Capital Area Transit (CAT) Operations and Maintenance Facility (Raleigh)**

Funding: \$ 1,425,000

Description: Funding through the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) Bus and Bus Facilities account for design and preliminary engineering for a new CAT facility. The city of Raleigh's current facility is over 30 years old and stores 85 buses -- even though it was designed to accommodate only a 50-bus fleet.

**Project: Durham Area Transit Authority (DATA) Bus Engine Replacement**

Funding: \$ 475,000

Description: Funding through the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) Bus and Bus Facilities account to replace defective engines. The city of Durham has 32 buses in their fleet with failing engines that must be upgraded to maintain DATA bus services.

**Project: Hopson Road Grade Separation (Durham)**

Funding: \$ 475,000

Description: Funding for the City of Durham to replace the existing two-lane, at-grade rail crossing at Hopson Road with a new roadway bridge across the rail line. The project, which will accommodate five motor vehicle lanes, is needed because a significant increase in commercial and industrial activity in the area is expected to contribute to a significant increase in traffic volume on Hopson Road.

**Project: Walker Street Grade Separation (Downtown Cary)**

Funding: \$ 950,000

Description: Funding for the Town of Cary to extend Walker Street and construct a bridge over the railroad tracks in downtown Cary. Currently, both crossings along the railroad tracks in the downtown area are "at-grade," forcing motor vehicles to stop and causing major delays when the several daily passenger and freight trains pass through downtown.

