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Mr. Simon St. Laurent
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Dear Mr. St. Laurent:

Thank you for contacting my office to request information on the Transportation Equity Act. Enclosed is a copy of the Press Release dated March 2, 2005 from my office.

As you will note, the bill contains \$4.5 million for transportation projects in Tompkins County, which includes \$2 million for pavement and roadway improvements to Peruville Road, and addresses a safety issue in the Village of Groton where fatalities have occurred. \$2.5 million for rehabilitation of bridges in Tompkins County on the Ithaca Secondary Line is also in place. This will assist with increase of train service.

Additionally, significant funding will be directed throughout the mid- state region through formula grants, which is channeled through the New York State Department of Transportation.

Please review the press release and feel free to contact me if you have any questions which may not be addressed. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Sherwood Boehlert
Member of Congress

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PRESS RELEASE

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BOEHLERT: \$4.5 MILLION FOR TOMPKINS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Sherwood Boehlert (R-New Hartford), a senior member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, today announced the House Transportation Committee passed the Transportation Equity Act, A Legacy For Users (TEA-LU) legislation, which provides **\$284 billion** in funding over six years for highway and transit projects nationwide.

The bill contains **\$4.5 million** for transportation projects in Tompkins County, in addition to the hundreds of millions directed throughout the mid-state region under formula grants, channeled through the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT).

“A sound transportation and infrastructure system is critical to the safety and economic well-being of any community,” Boehlert said. “As a senior member of the House Transportation Committee, I have dedicated staff, time and resources to fighting for our communities return on our federal investment. We developed our list of specified projects after extensive input solicited from state, county and local officials. This funding will go a long way toward creating more jobs and increasing economic development opportunities in Tompkins County.”

The bill includes **\$2 million** for pavement and roadway improvements to Peruville Road, as well as creation of an overpass to address intersection safety concerns in the Village of Groton, where a number of fatalities have occurred.

The bill also contains **\$2.5 million** to rehabilitate bridges in Tompkins County on the Ithaca Secondary

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Line. The rehabilitation will increase the productivity of train service.

In the last highway reauthorization bill, Rep. Boehlert was able to secure more than \$50 million in special projects for the vast 24th Congressional District's 11-county region, in addition to the hundreds of millions directed throughout the mid-state region under formula grants, channeled through the NYS DOT.

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