

WASHINGTON- Congressman Spencer Bachus is pleased to announce that the Federal Highway Administration has approved emergency funding requested by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

“Due to prompt action by the Riley Administration, this funding was approved within 48 hours of the accident that destroyed the I-59 overpass at Malfunction Junction,” said Bachus.

Last Thursday, Congressman Bachus announced that the Federal Highway Administration would be authorized to pay up to 100% of the reconstruction cost if the work was done within 180 days of the accident.

“The delays and inconveniences caused by this accident show why we must continue working on the Northern Beltline. It just doesn’t make sense that we don’t have a northern bypass around a city the size of Birmingham,” said Bachus.

He continued, “This emergency funding will ensure that not one penny of Alabama transportation dollars will have to be diverted from other highway priorities like the Northern Beltline and Corridor X.”

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