

WASHINGTON – The Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority is receiving a \$1.1 million federal grant to continue work on developing transportation alternatives that reduce congestion. Three priority corridors are to be evaluated in an Alternative Analysis study that will focus on compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), said U.S. Rep. Spencer Bachus (R-AL).

The three corridors to be studied are as follows (1) a 5.5-mile corridor in central Birmingham identified as the Birmingham Downtown Street Car Corridor; (2) a corridor along I-65 identified as the I-65 Bus Rapid Transit Corridor; and (3) the U.S. 280 Bus Rapid Transit Corridor. In each corridor a Locally Preferred Alternative will be analyzed in each corridor.

"A better transportation system is fundamental to our economic future and the livability of our communities," said Bachus, who serves on the House Transportation Committee. "I support this major effort designed to reduce congestion, improve our air quality and move people more quickly through Birmingham."