

WASHINGTON- U.S. Rep. Spencer Bachus (R-AL) today announced the Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority was to receive a grant of \$1,768,722 for the Job Access Reverse Commute program.

The grant, awarded by the Federal Transit Administration, will extend the hours of operation for city busses participating in the welfare to work program. The funds will also be used to expand current bus routes in an effort to reduce the increased congestion in metro Birmingham. A brand new route on Highway 31 connecting Hoover and Vestavia Hills will be introduced. According to a spokesperson for the Transit Authority, "We are very pleased with what is being done."

Congressman Bachus, a member of the House Transportation Committee, is committed to giving Birmingham a first class transportation system. According to Congressman Bachus, "We are experiencing growth in the metro area, and we must make sure that we take the necessary steps to keep pace. This grant is a step in the right direction."