

BIRMINGHAM – U.S. Rep. Spencer Bachus (R-AL) announced today that more than \$7.7 million in federal highway funds are being released to add a new lane on the off ramp from southbound I-65 at Valleydale Road.

"There have been terrible accidents as a result of exiting traffic backing up and coming to a standstill on the interstate through lanes. The improvement envisioned by these funds should go a long way toward eliminating some of these horrific chain reaction accidents," said Bachus, a member of the House Transportation Committee.

"Adding this extra lane at this very busy location will not only improve safety but also relieve heavy congestion during rush hours. This is good news that will help commuters travel more easily, quickly and safely from work in the city and back home," Bachus said.

The funding from the Federal Highway Administration Interstate Maintenance Program totals \$7,772,857.