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WASHINGTON, D.C.- U.S. Congressman John B. Larson (CT-1) today issued this statement following yesterday's unanimous passage of the Transportation Equity Act, H.R. 3, by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The bill is expected to be taken up by the full House next week.

"This bill authorizes millions in funding for transportation projects critical to Connecticut and the First Congressional District," said Larson. "However, I remain concerned that the bill overall still underestimates the true level of investment needed in our transportation sector. The amount we invest in our transportation infrastructure is directly tied to job growth in our communities, and it is estimated that for every \$1 billion invested in federal highway and transit, 47,500 jobs are created or sustained."

Funding for First District projects in the bill includes:

- \$6 million for buses and bus related facilities for the New Britain-Hartford Busway
- \$4 million for buses and bus-related facilities for the Hartford Downtown Circulator
- \$2 million to upgrade Mark Twain Drive, Hartford
- \$2 million to undertake road improvements associated with Coltsville Area Redevelopment, Hartford
- \$2 million to construct bus-related facility for the Northwestern Connecticut Central Transit District, Torrington
- Authorization for Final Design and Construction for the New Britain Hartford Busway
- Authorization for alternatives analysis and preliminary engineering for the New Haven, Connecticut-Hartford, Connecticut-Springfield, Massachusetts Commuter Line

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