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Herger Touts Provisions in Highway Bill

Bill includes funding designated for critical projects in Northern California

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) - Congressman Wally Herger today voted for the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Conference Report. The bill, which the House passed by a vote of 412-8, authorizes funding through fiscal year 2009 for maintenance and new construction projects for highways, bridges, and transit.

"Today's passage of a comprehensive highway measure is a significant step toward upgrading our nation's transportation infrastructure in the coming years," Herger stated. "This legislation will improve the quality of our nation's roads, make traveling safer, create new jobs across broad sectors of our economy, and ensure that California will receive a greater percentage of transportation money than under current law. Improving our roads in Northern California will strengthen our economy by allowing goods and services to be transported more efficiently and safely. On the whole, I'm satisfied that most of the provisions of the House-backed plan were maintained in the conference report."

The Senate is expected to pass the measure today, after which it will go to the president's desk for possible signature.

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