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Shuster Congratulates AMTRAN on Critical Transportation Grants

Washington, D.C. – **Congressman Bill Shuster**, a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee congratulates the AMTRAN on their being awarded two high dollar grants from the Department of Transportation.

“The announcement of these two grants is welcome news for AMTRAN and the people who use its buses every day throughout Altoona,” said **Congressman Shuster**. “This funding will be put to good use to improve our area’s transportation infrastructure, improve AMTRAN’s already stellar service record and keep the residents of Altoona moving.”

AMTRAN was awarded a grant in the amount of \$823,000 which will be used for renovations including the replacement of the authority’s 17 year old bus wash system. In addition the grant will be used to improve energy efficiency and to cover the cost of one of three new buses AMTRAN will purchase in 2012.

The second grant is in the amount of \$270,000 and will be used by AMTRAN to help complete Phase III of the Altoona Multimodal Transportation Center Parking Garage. This grant, along with \$1,056,000 in funding already secured by Congressman Shuster will complete the renovations to the garage.

“The Altoona Parking Authority has been working diligently for the past four years to complete the reconstruction of the Multimodal Transportation Center Parking Garage,” said **Pat Miller, Executive Director of the Authority**. “The garage is a critical component of our downtown infrastructure and the importance of the facility in providing necessary parking is even more critical now as Penn State Altoona continues its commitment to its downtown campus and the Altoona Regional Health System continues its growth and investment at Station Medical Center.”

“We are very grateful for Congressman Shuster’s continued support,” said **Eric Wolf, AMTRAN’s General Manager**. “These grants serve area citizens strengthening our local transportation infrastructure.”

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