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Forbes announces over \$5 million in funding for Chesterfield

Washington, D.C. – Congressman J. Randy Forbes (VA-04) announced that Chesterfield County would receive **\$2 million** in federal funding for the **I-295/Meadowville Interchange** as part of the 2004 Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for 2004. Chesterfield County will also receive **\$3.1 million** for continued **operation and maintenance of the James River** as part of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for 2004.

“Funding for these two projects is wonderful news for Chesterfield and for the entire Fourth District of Virginia, especially during the tough times we are in as a nation and amidst tight budgetary constraints across the Commonwealth,” Forbes said.

Forbes: “Interstate 295 at the Meadowville Road intersection has regional significance in that the Route 10/I-295 area is growing into a large industrial hub for the region. Two million dollars will go a long way in constructing an interchange to accommodate freight access into and out of this area of Chesterfield.”

Lane Ramsey, Chesterfield County Administrator, commented “We are delighted Congressman Forbes was able to obtain \$2 million for the I-295 / Meadowville Interchange. The Meadowville Technology Park’s 1,600-acre site along the James River is a superb location for a wide range of businesses, including pharmaceutical and semiconductor manufacturers. The interchange is critical to the park’s success.”

“The Energy and Water Development bill would appropriate \$3.1 million in federal funding to continue the necessary maintenance and operations for the James River. My fellow Virginia colleagues and I have been working hard to secure that funding remains intact for this vital regional waterway.”

Administrator Ramsey stated, "The James River continues to be an important economic development resource, a recreational asset and historic gem for the Greater Metropolitan Richmond region, and for all the people of Virginia."

On behalf of Chesterfield County, Forbes requested funding for these important projects from the House Appropriations Committee. Last week, the 2004 Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies Appropriations Bill passed out of the subcommittee level, and included funding for the I-295 Interchange. The bill will now be reviewed by the full Appropriations Committee, and then proceed to the House Floor for consideration.

Today, the House of Representatives passed the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for 2004. Funding for the James River was part of this bill, which will now be reviewed by a conference of members within the House and Senate to determine its final provisions.

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