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BOYD ANNOUNCES \$8 MILLION FOR CAPITOL CIRCLE

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Congressman Allen Boyd (D-North Florida) today secured \$8 million for the widening of Capitol Circle with the passage of the Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (TEA-LU) Conference Report (HR 3). This legislation authorizes \$286 billion over five years for highways, public transit, and safety and research programs.

"The funding for the widening of Capitol Circle is a tremendous development for the city of Tallahassee," said Congressman Boyd. "This funding will help alleviate congestion in the city and provide for more efficient means of travel for area residents. It is also our hope that the widening of Capitol Circle will promote economic development efforts by bringing more industry to this area."

In 2003, Congressman Boyd first requested the funding for Capitol Circle be included in TEA-LU because of the difficulty of traveling to and from the airport and Interstate 10. Capitol Circle serves as the main artery from the local airport to Interstate 10 and is currently only two lanes. Widening Capitol Circle will alleviate traffic and promote economic growth near the airport.

"One of my top priorities in Congress is to ensure that North Florida receives a fair share of federal funding to improve our infrastructure and promote economic growth," Congressman Boyd stated. "This legislation will allow area residents to travel through the county safely and with greater ease, and it is my hope that the President will expeditiously sign this bill into law when it reaches his desk."