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MILLER WINS FEDERAL FUNDING FOR LOCAL PROJECTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. George Miller (D-Martinez) today announced that Congress has approved funding for several local projects as part of a large federal spending bill agreed to over the weekend.

“Congress has approved funding for some very important projects in Contra Costa and Solano counties, from transportation, to public safety, to health care,” said Miller. “These initiatives will help improve the quality of life in our community and I am grateful to have been able to secure funding for them.”

Local projects that Miller helped secure funding for include:

- \$1.25 million for the Vallejo Baylink Ferry Intermodal Center, which will help provide congestion-free transit for 15,000 daily transit riders. The center will support both the Baylink Ferry system and regional express bus networks by providing 1,200 off street parking spaces for passengers, a relocated and improved bus transfer facility, roadway access improvements, and bicycle and pedestrian connections between downtown Vallejo, the Vallejo Intermodal Center, and the Vallejo waterfront area;
- \$425,000 for the creation of a Virtual University program through Cal-State Hayward at its Concord campus; and
- \$250,000 for the Fighting Back Partnership in Vallejo for a comprehensive strategic plan aimed at combating drug use by children. Fighting Back is one of the largest substance abuse prevention coalitions in the country and is dedicated to creating and strengthening local partnerships as well as helping young people resist using alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

In addition, working with Rep. Ellen Tauscher (D-Alamo), Miller secured funding for the following projects:

- \$1 million for the Nut Tree Airport rehabilitation in Vacaville;
- \$625,000 for the Contra Costa County ARIES Integrated Justice Project, which will provide criminal intelligence information to first responders from local law enforcement agencies. Rep. Richard Pombo (R-Tracy) also helped secure this funding;

- \$500,000 for the Fairfield/Vacaville intermodal station, which will include site improvements for a bus transfer facility, parking for 200 vehicles, and railroad improvements. The station will have a multi-level structure for commercial and office uses and parking for 600 vehicles when ultimately completed;
- \$500,000 for Solano County for radio interoperability upgrades to improve communication between the County's various police, fire and emergency service agencies; and
- \$250,000 for the Contra Costa Community College Health Care Collaborative's Medical Laboratory Technician Program, which will develop solutions to address current and long term health care worker shortages by training and filling the over 6,000 available medical and clinical lab technician positions in the region.

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