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CONGRESS APPROVES FUNDING FOR COLORADO TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS *ALLARD CALLS FUNDING GREAT NEWS FOR COLORADO*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congress gave final approval to more than \$16 million in funding for Colorado highway projects when it approved the 2005 Omnibus spending bill last Saturday, U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) announced Wednesday.

“This is great news for every Coloradan who uses these roads. It will make our roads and highways smoother and safer,” Senator Allard said. “I requested funding for these projects because they are high-priority items for the Colorado Department of Transportation. Work will now proceed on schedule.”

Provided with funding for FY 2005 were:

- * The Wadsworth/U.S. 36 interchange in Broomfield – \$1.25 million
- * State Highway 145 from Dolores to Stoner – \$500,000
- * I-25 through Colorado Springs, maintenance – \$750,000
- * I-25 through Colorado Springs, reconstruction – \$1.688 million
- * I-70 at the State Highway 58 interchange reconstruction - \$1.5 million
- * I-70 tunnel, C-470 to Glenwood Springs – \$2 million
- * I-76 between Fort Morgan and Brush – \$1 million
- * I-76, Northeast Gateway – \$1.5 million
- * Broadway Bridge, Denver – \$1.2 million
- * C-470 and U.S. 85 (Santa Fe Drive) interchange – \$1 million
- * I-225 Alameda Bridge – \$1 million
- * I-225 Yale overpass – \$750,000
- * I-225/Colfax Avenue/17th Place interchange – \$2 million

Funding for these specific projects is being provided in addition to Colorado’s share of FY 2005 highway funding under T-21 (the 1998 Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century). That share is expected to total in excess of \$400 million.

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