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Shuster, Alloway Announce Major Investment to Improve Exit 3 along I-81 in Greencastle

Washington, D.C. – Earlier today, **Congressman Bill Shuster** joined **State Senator Richard Alloway** and local officials at a press conference announcing \$3.4 million in federal funding that will be used to improve Exit 3 along I-81 in Greencastle.

The funding secured by Congressman Shuster will enable Franklin County to improve access for travelers and business traffic merging on and off Interstate I-81 at Exit 3 in preparation for major economic enhancements to the area, especially the upcoming Antrim Commons Business Park. The funding specifically will go towards improving safe access to the business park on and off the Exit 3 ramp for I-81 and improving the southbound I-81 off ramp.

“I am pleased this funding will be available to contribute to the continued growth and economic expansion of Franklin County,” **Congressman Shuster** said. “The Antrim Commons Business Park is expected to generate as many as 2,000 new jobs and \$14 million in state and local tax revenues. Improved access to the business park and upkeep of the busy interchange will allow traffic to flow steadily through the area and encourage continued investment and development.”

“The Exit 3 development project will provide a much-needed boost to our local economy, and I am pleased that this investment will help create jobs for local residents,” **Senator Alloway** said. “Coupled with the recent \$1.25 million grant to expand water treatment facilities and the \$520,000 grant for water system improvement and consolidation in the area, this funding will be a vital tool in promoting private investment in our communities.”

Bill Gour, Executive Director Greencastle-Antrim Chamber of Commerce, discussed the importance of the project to the economic development of Franklin County.

“Improvements to Exit 3 are a crucial factor in guaranteeing continued economic development in Franklin County,” **Gour** said. “Congressman Shuster and State Senator Alloway have long recognized this fact and we are grateful for their leadership on this issue at the federal level and in Harrisburg. At the Chamber, we look forward to working with all stakeholders to continue to enhance the community's quality of life.”

L. Michael Ross, President of FCADC, praised the funding; “Exit 3 of I-81 is arguably the premier site in the Commonwealth for industrial and commercial development over the next decade. The interchange improvement funds secured by Congressman Shuster will ensure that future development is realized in a manner that is consistent with local planning.”

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