

MOBILE - Congressman Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, today issued the following statement following passage of the Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (TEA-LU), a six-year surface transportation reauthorization which cleared the House of Representatives on a vote of 417-9:

“I am pleased the House has once again passed this important legislation, which would reauthorize funding for crucial surface transportation and infrastructure projects for the next six years. South Alabama has numerous highways, county roads, bridges, and other infrastructure needs requiring urgent attention.

The funding provided by this reauthorization will go a long way to ensuring that Alabama’s drivers have access to the safest and best maintained roads in the country, and I hope the Senate will take quick action on this measure.”

The TEA-LU legislation, which was passed by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on March 2, 2005, provides \$284 billion in federal highway, transit, and road safety projects through 2009. The funding would be distributed among such agencies as the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, the National Traffic and Highway Safety Administration, and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.