

MOBILE - Cong. Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, today announced a rural bus tour of the First Congressional District on Thursday, February 3, 2005. This tour is being held in order to promote the upcoming Regional Public Transit Summit being held at the Arthur R. Outlaw Mobile Convention Center on Friday, February 25, 2005.

The bus tour will consist of stops in Washington, Clarke, Monroe, and Escambia Counties, and a press conference will be held at each stop to discuss the February 25 summit. In addition to members of Bonner's district staff, attendees on the bus tour will include representatives from Envision Coastal Alabama, the Mobile Wave Transit System, the Baldwin County Public Transit Coalition, The University of South Alabama, and the Greater Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce.

"The regional transit summit being held on February 25 will be a valuable tool in helping political and community leaders from southwest Alabama develop ways of improving our regional infrastructure," Bonner said. "An improved transit system will be crucial in the coming years as we work together to strengthen our regional economy and encourage further business growth and investment in our area."

The schedule of stops is as follows:

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. - McIntosh Town Hall (press conference)

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. - Jackson City Hall (press conference)

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. - Courthouse Square Café, Monroeville (press conference and “Dutch treat” lunch)

3:00 – 3:30 p.m. - Community Cup Coffee Shop, Atmore (press conference)

For more information on the bus tour or the Regional Public Transit Summit, please contact Bonner’s Mobile district office at 251-690-2811 or 1-800-288-8721 or Kyle Greer with the office of Envision Coastal Alabama at 251-431-8621.