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# Congressman Rodney Alexander

## 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Louisiana

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### **ALEXANDER URGES FINAL PASSAGE OF HIGHWAY BILL** **OVER \$20 MILLION SECURED IN FEDERAL FUNDING**

*Washington, D.C.* --U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman, said that passage of the HR 3 -- H Rept 109-203 (Highway Bill) will tremendously impact the 5th Congressional District and is "long overdue."

The bill contains significant funding for the following 5th District projects:

Kansas Garrett Connector (Monroe)	\$12.35 Million
Hwy. 820 (Lincoln Parish)	\$2.8 Million
Third Street Renovation Project (Alexandria)	\$2.8 Million
Transportation Corridor Program (Lincoln Parish)	\$5.5 Million

**"The 5th District has been in need of federal funding for these projects for years,"** Alexander said.

**"I know that this funding will ultimately lead to a shot in the arm for the 5th District's economy. I want to thank Sen. David Vitter for protecting these numbers in conference and also for adding dollars to these projects."**

The Highway Bill, which would renew federally funded infrastructure projects, will continue through the 2009 fiscal year.

The bill currently authorizes funding at \$286 billion.

The Conference Report passed the U.S. House of Representatives by a vote of 412-8. Alexander said the that the Senate will most likely approve the Highway Bill today or tomorrow.

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