

**News from U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC)**  
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### **SC Delegation Wins Funds to Refurbish Mass Transit Fleet**

WASHINGTON – The South Carolina congressional delegation last week secured \$7 million to refurbish the state's aging bus fleet. The funds were included in a spending bill Congress passed February 13.

U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC), the top Democrat on the House Budget Committee, said the benefits from mass transit are great. "It means less traffic, decreased pollution, and improved convenience. This funding will by no means refurbish the entire South Carolina mass transit fleet, but it is a start."

Spratt credited U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn (D-SC), a member of the Appropriation Committee's Transportation subcommittee, for his work in securing the funds.

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) supports 18 mass transit systems throughout the state. Recent data has shown a large increase in rider-ship in recent years, but budget limitations have prevented the purchase of new buses to keep up with demand. The \$7 million in federal funds will allow South Carolina to buy new buses for the busiest routes and replace old ones.

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