

Mahoney Delivers Funding for Hendry LaBelle Regional Park

Mahoney Supports Appropriations Bill For Hendry County Park

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(Washington, D.C.) - Congressman Tim Mahoney (FL-16) today announced that an appropriations bill approved by the U.S. House of Representatives today included nearly \$300,000 in funding to build recreation facilities at the Hendry LaBelle Regional Park, as a part of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Conference Report. The bill funds our nation's highways and bridges, affordable housing programs, and makes other investments in our critical infrastructure. Recently, President Bush threatened to veto this legislation. "Our nations bridges are crumbling and our roads are clogged with congestion. Like with the WRDA bill, the President threat to veto this funding is clearly out of touch with the critical needs of Florida and the wishes of the American people," said Congressman Tim Mahoney. The money will be used to build recreation facilities at the 126 acres park. "I am proud to have secured funding to help our community meet their critical needs. This funding will help Hendry County build recreational facilities at the Hendry LaBelle Regional Park for our community to enjoy." said Mahoney. "Building a sound infrastructure is the first step in building a strong economy and creating opportunities for our children." The appropriations bill is awaiting final action in the Senate. Florida's 16 District Transportation/HUD Appropriation

\$1,000,000 - Indian Street Bridge Project Martin County, FL will use this funding for right of way acquisition of land for the much needed Indian Street Bridge.

\$750,000 - Palm Beach County AVL/APC & Fare boxes Palm Beach County, FL requested this funding to improve and expand their public transit system by acquiring an Automated Vehicle Location and Automated Passenger Counter system in their mass transit vehicles. \$500,000 - US 41 Enhancements - Charlotte County, FL sought this funding for improvements to US 41 in order to expand this vital South West Florida regional hurricane evacuation route. \$300,000 - Hendry LaBelle Regional Park - Hendry County will use this funding for starting the development of the planned recreational facilities at the Hendry LaBelle Regional Park.

\$200,000 - Charlotte County Family Services Center - Charlotte County, FL will use this funding for capital improvements to the Family Services Center, which provides vital community services. Funding will allow for the expansion of the building to include space for additional children's programming including Boys & Girls Clubs, Police Athletic Leagues, After School Programs and 4-H. The funds will also be used to retrofit the Center so that it may serve as a temporary shelter in the event of a natural disaster and will allow for the replacement of aging and damaged flooring and equipment damaged in Hurricane Charley in 2004.

\$200,000 - Evacuation Route Widening / Burnt Store Road Project - Charlotte County, FL requested funding for widening Burnt Store Road to expand this vital South West Florida regional hurricane evacuation route.

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