



# Congressman J. Randy Forbes

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## **Forbes Secures \$250,000 in Federal Funds for Transportation Improvements at Fort Lee Access Points**

**Washington, DC** – Congressman J. Randy Forbes (VA-04) announced today that \$250,000 has been included in the House-passed FY08 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill for transportation improvements in Prince George County.

“As a result of the base realignments that will expand the number of Army personnel at Fort Lee, Prince George County and the surrounding communities face significant changes in traffic patterns and congestion. This funding will enable the county to start making the necessary transportation infrastructure improvements to ease congestion and aide in motorists’ safe travels through the area. The additional jobs will be an economic benefit to the region, but appropriate steps need to be taken in advance of the expansion to ensure local residents are not adversely impacted by the increased traffic,” Forbes said.

The funding will begin to address the transportation demands at the Fort Lee Army Base access points. The funds may also be used for the addition of turn lanes on Jefferson Park Road for traffic traveling north and south on Jefferson Park, turn lanes into Fort Lee from Jefferson Park Road and the addition of a signal at the intersection of Shop Road and Jefferson Park Road.

Forbes requested funding from the House Appropriations Committee for the transportation infrastructure projects. The House passage of this legislation is the first step in the process to secure federal funding. The Senate will now consider its version of the bill and then the two legislative bodies will then meet in conference to reconcile differences in the bill. Finally, the legislation will be sent to the President to be signed into law.

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