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Washington D.C. - Congressman John P. Murtha, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, announced today that the U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded Westmoreland County Transit Authority a grant of \$1.2 million for the purchase of replacement buses for their transit fleet.

This funding will assist Westmoreland Transit with their plans to begin the replacement of 22 buses over the next three years. These buses will continue to provide fixed-route transit services throughout the county and commuter service to Allegheny and Cambria Counties. In recent years, Westmoreland Transit has experienced an increase in commuter ridership because of rising fuel and parking costs.

"Public transportation is essential to the economic vitality of our communities and for providing residents of Southwestern Pennsylvania with access to jobs and other essential services," Murtha said.