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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 Fayette Area Coordinated Transportation a grant of \$1,485,000 for the purchase of replacement buses for their transit fleet.

Fayette County intends to use these funds towards the purchase of six replacement buses with wheelchair lifts. The current buses have reached the end of their life span and these vehicles will continue to service public transit routes.

"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.