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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) today announced that the New Castle Area Transit Authority would receive more than \$2.3 million in funding from a grant provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) to purchase 12 hybrid-electric buses. The funds for this award were made available under the Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction (TIGGER) Program at the USDOT.

"The rural areas that are serviced by the New Castle Transit Authority are going to see a great benefit from these new, energy-efficient buses once they are put into service," Congressman Altmire said. "With gas prices continuing to strain family budgets across western Pennsylvania, these new vehicles will allow the Transit Authority to keep costs low for the people who rely on their services, while providing an updated, more comfortable riding experience."

Funding for the TIGGER program was included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. ARRA provided \$100 million for transit agencies to be used for capital investments that will assist in reducing the energy consumption or greenhouse gas emissions of public transportation systems.