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HOUSE APPROVES \$650,000 IN FY08 TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Washington, D.C.—Last night, the U.S. House of Representatives approved \$650,000 for two projects in the FY08 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

“We should be looking for ways to expand and improve transportation options for Chicagoland residents,” said Rep. Peter Karafotas (Ill., D).

“The Black Ensemble Theatre has been providing African-American artists with a place to showcase their talents,” said Rep. Jesse White (Ill., D).

The following projects were included in the House-passed version of the FY 2008 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill:

\$500,000 CTA Yellow Line Extension, Skokie, IL.

The funding would be used to extend of the CTA’s Yellow Line public transit train from Dempster Street to Skokie, IL.

\$150,000 Black Ensemble Theatre, Chicago, IL.

The funding would be used to construct a new 300 seat theater to further professional development, employment, and education for African-American artists.

The FY08 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations must be passed by September 30, 2007.